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<p>Before coming to Japan you will have to prepare a lot of things. The most important thing probably is to check if your passport is not expired or when you would have to renew it. You might have to renew it in Japan at an embassy of your country. The next thing is to stay in contact with the university you are going to study at. Will you stay at a dorm or a private apartment? How much is the rent? Can you afford it? Keep in mind that living expenses in Japan might be higher than in your home country, e.g food, transportation fees, clothes etc. And, of course, book a flight early enough, so you will arrive before classes start.</p> <p>Japan is a country where most people only speak Japanese. Even at University. It can cause often times miscommunications when not understanding what the other person is trying to explain you. That is why it would be best if you learn Japanese. Start with simple phrases like, konnichiwa (Hello), genki desuka? (How are you?), or ... dock desuka? (Where is...?). This will make things a lot easier.</p> <p>Another thing that will make the start of you life in Japan easier is to know people who already made the same experiences. Maybe your university will give you contact datas of some of your senpais who came to study from abroad before you. They can give you many useful tips about life and studying in Japan. Your Japanese university might also offer you a tutor program. A Japanese student of you department will help you not only with applications and registrations at the university, but also with everyday life struggles, like opening a bank account or making an internet contract.</p> <p>From my experiences, Japanese universities are very well organized. They always support their students as best as they can.</p>							
<p>7.Advise to others (international students)</p> <p>I am very thankful to have gotten the chance being supported through the JASSO scholarship. It enabled me to concentrate on my studies and research. Education is very precious. And the majority of people of the world do not have the chance to go to University or even to study abroad. We should use education and the skills we learn in Japan to help those who are the most vulnerable and who do not have as many chances in their lives as we do.</p>							

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<p>The bold decision to study abroad and come to Japan is comparable to going for a fancy plate of pasta at an expensive Italian restaurant. You will have many doubts about the quality of food and service, and whether it will be worth the price you pay after you decided to eat there. Likewise, anyone who has decided to study abroad in Japan will have to deal with numerous doubts in the upcoming future: the cost of living, language barriers and adaptation to the culture.</p> <p>The first concern most students have before coming to study in Japan is the cost of living. The cost of studying abroad in Japan for international students, especially from Southeast Asian countries such as Thailand and Vietnam, is more expensive than studying in their own country. In order to manage this problem, most students work part-time and plan to live frugally when they arrive in Japan. In reality, it is possible to do so if they apply for a student visa and working permission from the Japanese embassy before going through the immigration process at the airport in Japan. However, one problem you have to be aware of is that working hours are limited to 28 hours per week when classes are held. Furthermore, the cost of living depends on how you organize your money and you can earn extra income if you are awarded scholarships such as JASSO that are usually provided by governmental organizations and universities. In short, the cost of living in Japan is flexible and manageable.</p> <p>Accordingly, the second concern about going abroad is Japanese language skills, which is the most crucial part about surviving in Japan. Most people have taken Japanese classes in preparation for daily usage before coming to Japan and it is a wise decision. Indeed, students who are able to converse in Japanese find it easier to make new friends and interact with local people. On the other hand, some students who did not study Japanese beforehand can easily end up confused and panicked soon after arriving in Japan because most of the signs outside the airport are written in Japanese. For this reason, despite the time and money Japanese language classes would cost, the lessons will guarantee most international students that they will enjoy their years in Japan.</p> <p>The third concern is whether you can adapt to traditional Japanese culture. It is inevitable that the experience you will receive from studying in Japan will be much more authentic than travelling as a tourist. In my home country of Thailand, our culture is generally more outgoing compared to Japanese culture. People are usually open about their opinions and express themselves more freely. Whereas Japanese culture is usually more reserved and Japanese people tend to be more timid. Considering this contrast, Japanese culture is unique and interesting. You will be able to enjoy exploring those aspects of Japanese culture.</p> <p>In conclusion, there are several concerns every international student must face before coming to study in Japan such as the cost of living, language and cultural correspondence. In preparation, it is advised to organize your money accordingly, study Japanese beforehand and be open to new cultures. Similar to the fancy pasta you saved up for in the Italian restaurant, you will end up loving your experience in Japan and always wish for more.</p>						
7.Advise to others (international students)						
Preparation is the key to success. First, study about the place you are going. Second, organize your things and how you are going to use them. Lastly, enjoy!						

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<p>As a foreign student with minimal background in the Japanese language and culture, it is rather difficult to start studying the Japanese language as limited time, however, I was enthusiastic about learning as much as about Japan possible. Therefore, to prepare for coming to Japan, I studied the Japanese language by taking Japanese courses, I tried to study as much as possible about Japanese history and culture through books about Japan. By learning more about the Japanese culture, I can be better prepared when I came to Japan.</p>							
<p>7.Advise to others (international students) It is better to learn as much as possible about Japanese culture as well as familier yourself with the Japanese language.</p>							

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<p>Alexander Graham Bell ever said "Before anything else, preparation is the key to success" and he had proven to the world that, his proper preparation could successfully make him as the inventor of the phone. As well as Graham Bell, In order to achieve our success in Japan, the preparation before coming to this wonderful country is very important. I believe that future planning, mental toughness, and knowledge about Japanese culture is three main points that one should prepare in advance.</p> <p>Based on my experience as the student in Japan, those mentioned points have several reasons why those are necessary. First is about future planning or setting up our goals. Success in the study is probably the main reason for many people who want to go to Japan. To achieve success, we need to plan our goals and dreams early, so that we can decide things that we should focus on and determine our desire. For instance, make several plans of research that we want to do, list some competition that we want to join in, planning an organization that we want to involve in and much more. As the result, we can overcome our confusion, and also keep us always on the right path to success. The next is about mental toughness preparation, a study in Japan is not only interesting but will also very challenging. The experience of studying in Japan and our mother country will be quite different, which is why there might be many unpredictable problems that we never faced before. For example, the difficulties of studying the foreign language or other student life problems. In the similar situation, mental toughness will help us to keep up our spirit, face and solve all future challenges. In addition, in Japan we are going to study with many great and amazing people, that is why, mental toughness can encourage our spirit of study, self-confidence, and the challenging spirit so that we can able to collaborate and compete with other students.</p> <p>Last but not least is knowledge about Japanese culture. Regarding my experience, one year ago, before I went to Japan, I prepared myself with studied about Japanese people habit, history, and culture. Surprisingly, I could get many benefits from this way of preparation. I found myself can immediately engage and adapt to Japanese social environment as well as friends and professors in my university. Learn about Japanese culture is really necessary in order to overcome with culture shock, survive and adapt to a new circumstance.</p> <p>To conclude, before coming to Japan, preparation such as projecting our future goals, prepare our mental and knowledge about Japanese culture are things that we should arrange because it will hopefully bring us to success in our future career. However, other specific preparation such as bring up some useful books, favorite foods from home country or even traditional clothes will be very beneficial for our upcoming life in Japan.</p>							
<p>7.Advise to others (international students)</p> <p>For other international students, my advice is first, keep contributing to people around you. There are many ways that we can do to spread benefit for many people around us, for instance, keep studying, create several projects and innovations that could solve various problems in society, and also establish an enormous network with many people around. Secondly, as a student, we need to balance our time for study and socialize. Means that, we have to keep the focus on the study in school but do not forget to find other experiences outside the school as well. For instance, finding work experience or even having fun and sharing with the local community by involving in voluntary programs.</p>							

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