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Kyushu University Bachelor of Engineering Seekers

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Iran



**Pej**

Aerospace Engineering  
Enrolled in 2016

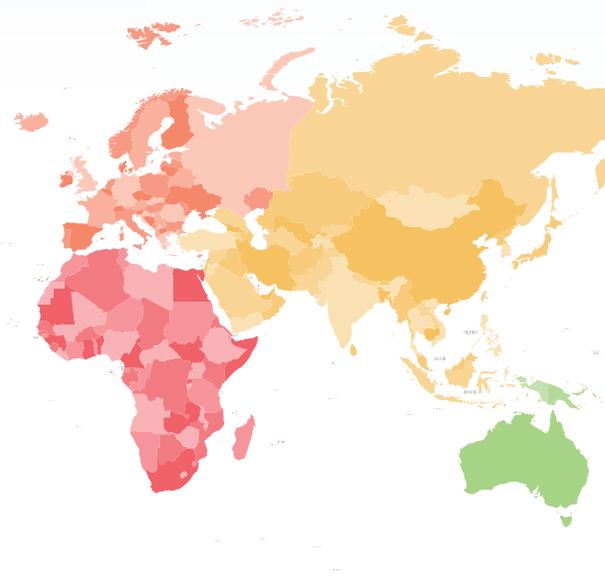
### What are your thoughts about Fukuoka's weather and seasons?

I've always liked autumn and winter, even when before I came to Fukuoka, so naturally I like both autumn and winter. However, what I like about Fukuoka's cold weathers in particular is that it is not cold to the point of discomfort. You get all the benefits of cold weather with almost no drawbacks from them. In addition, Fukuoka also has a lot of seasonal events, be it traditional events or sales from stores, so that is also another huge plus for me (:



# STUD VOIC

Currently 68 students from different part of the world while making new friends and experiencing the rich



Malaysia



**Haw Ren**

Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
Enrolled in 2017

### What are your impressions on the festivals that you have attended?

It is really worth the time you spend there! The foods can be slightly pricier than everyday foods, but they are worth every penny. They are filled with interesting performances, people wearing festivity clothes, and share a happy, festive vibe. Plus, they are Japanese festivals; where else would you get something similar? I'd highly recommend joining at least once during your stay in Fukuoka or Japan in general (:



Bangladesh



**Raad**

Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
Enrolled in 2017

### What places would you recommend to hang out at in Fukuoka?

Fukuoka is a really beautiful city, with a good distribution of areas, having something everyone will like. You have the bustling city centers in Tenjin or Hakata, more residential neighbourhoods, the country areas, mountains, rivers, seas, temples etc. Katae Observatory in Ropponmatsu gives a beautiful view of the city at night. Kego Park in Tenjin is a nice place, right next to the station so easily accessible, and also close to many shopping and eating areas. Momochi beach is also a great place to relax, the view is amazing, and there are some nice cafes as well. The banks of Momochi river is also very scenic, and stretches out for quite a few kilometers, provides many places to hang out at.



Vietnam



**Thi**

Applied Chemistry  
Enrolled in 2017

### What are some of the most challenging aspect of studying in Kyushu University, or studying abroad in general?

I think this is a problem that everyone experiences when they enter university life, but I personally have quite a lot of problems with time management, both in what I do daily and also juggling with deadlines from school (in addition to keeping my grades optimal). When it comes to living on your own, it is often a challenge to not waste time every day, scheduling things that needs to get done, which is now not limited to only schoolwork, but also includes house chores, grocery shopping, etc. So, to sum it up, it's the challenge of time management that comes with living independently.



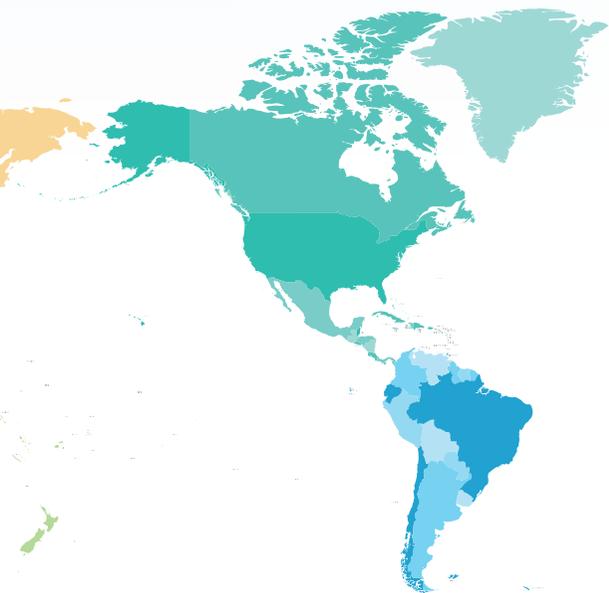
# STUDENT'S

# EXPERIENCE



**Kyushu University**

joined our IUPE program, living together in Japan culture of various countries. This is our life now.



Sri Lanka



**Hansi** Civil Engineering  
Enrolled in 2016

### What do you think about housing situation in Fukuoka?

For the first two years, I had the opportunity to stay in the dormitory of Kyushu University with all of my friends. It was a really nice place to stay as the ambience is peaceful and cheerful. After that, I moved out and rent a single room apartment which is similar to the dormitory. The pro of dormitory is that it is cheaper and you could easily interact with many students from different nationalities. Also, dormitory do provide all the necessary items such as bed, refrigerator and so on. The dorm manager would also happily help. However, when you move out, you have all of the responsibilities since you have to fully manage your own housing. On the other hand, shopping and transportation become very convenient. Moreover, you could improve your Japanese skill though interacting you're your neighbor whom most likely to be Japanese. I like both ways of living as you get different experiences.



Taiwan



**Sean** Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
Enrolled in 2018

### What was your expectation of your life in Kyushu University?

Before I came to Japan, I thought I would only make non-Japanese friends because I cannot really speak Japanese. Also due to that, my interaction with Japanese students would not be much. Basically, language would be a barrier. However, after 3 months of my arrival, my Japanese proficiency improved faster than I thought. I have also learned many Japanese custom and culture which I would never be able to learn back in my country. Importantly I manage to join archery club in Kyushu University, despite my low Japanese proficiency. Seniors there have helped me a lot which I appreciated a lot. Now I really enjoy my life now as a student of Kyushu University.



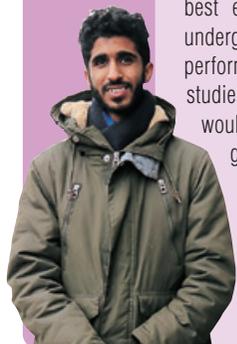
Tanzania



**Abu** Civil Engineering  
Enrolled in 2018

### What do you expect to gain during your four years' studies?

I think it would be fair to say that I expect it to be the best experience that I could ever hope as an undergraduate student. In my mind, my academic performance would be at my best, I would excel in my studies and gain many engineering knowledge that I would use in my career. While for personal life, it is great so far and seems to get better every day. Living alone is not as hard as I initially thought, even I find it interesting and fun all around. With that said, studying abroad in Kyushu University is and will always be a wonderful memorable part of my life.



Indonesia



**Lisa** Civil Engineering  
Enrolled in 2016

### How does your non-academic life look? What do you do in your spare time?

My time outside class is mostly occupied with private studying, organizations, part time job and personal time. Studying period is the time that I allocated for assignments and personal studying. For organizations, I have joined quite a lot since first year. Currently, my focus is on creating content for QUBES magazine, organizing and actually joining a traditional dance team of Indonesia Student Association (PPI). In the weekends, half of it is usually passed by my part time job. Sometimes I have performance but it also not regular. Lastly, I make sure to have some time for my personal needs. That includes cleaning up my room, cooking my foods, spending time with my love ones and most importantly taking care of my inner wellbeing.



CONTINUE

India



**Anvi** Aerospace Engineering  
Enrolled in 2016

### What have you learned in Kyushu University?

Kyushu University offers a perfect balance between academics and extracurricular activities. Along with the core engineering subjects, they also offer liberal arts subjects, which has helped me to broaden my perspective and tackle real life engineering problems with discipline. Moreover, Japanese classes conducted during the first year make it easier to communicate with the native people and carry out everyday activities. In addition to this, all professors are approachable and friendly, and are always ready to give advice on student life, be it research oriented information or just a daily life query. Besides academics, Kyushu University also offers various clubs and student organizations to take part in.



Mongolia



**Zaya** Civil Engineering  
Enrolled in 2018

### What do you think of food and culinary in Fukuoka?

There are a lot of interesting cities and towns in Japan that are famous for their local dishes, and Fukuoka is no different. Ranging from the very famous tonkotsu ramen to sea food, motsunabe, mentaiko and more. All the seafoods are fresh and I had an amazing experience eating fresh abalone. Fukuoka has many other delicacy or specialty to offer. I found that the city should be praised for its food culture. Walking around the city, there are many old and new restaurants where traditional and modern food create an amazing culinary experience. Since there are so many good foods around the city, I don't have that many trouble finding foods that suit my taste buds. The only trouble I find is choosing where to eat.



South Korea



**Jayce** Applied Chemistry  
Enrolled in 2018

### What was your first impression of Kyushu University?

The first time I came to Kyushu University was for the interview. Before, I have not heard much about the campus. When I saw it, my first thought was that it looked like a palace. The size, facilities and the building design is truly beautiful. In addition to all those elements, Kyushu University's building is new and clean, which makes it comfortable for the learning environment. Ito Campus of Kyushu University surely amazed me. It was just after I entered the university that I heard the campus is the largest one in all of Japan. Once again, I was really impressed.



China



**David** Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
Enrolled in 2018

### What do you think about people in Fukuoka?

Everyone I met have been very friendly. My seniors are quite supportive in helping me to settle down in Japan. The teachers are also really helpful, and they are trying their best to make us understand the knowledge that we need. The most impressing thing is that the staffs are really kind. I still remember the first day I got here, the staffs at the dorm were waiting for us in a room. They were really friendly and tried their best to help us understand the information we needed. Now everyday whenever I leave the dorm for class, every time I meet them, they would greet me in Japanese. The staffs are really treating us like family and that makes me feel warm-hearted.



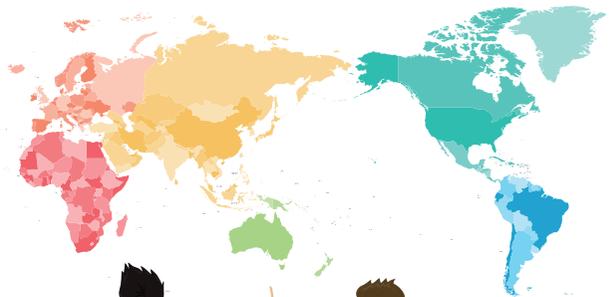
Thailand



**James** Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
Enrolled in 2018

### How do you feel living with Japanese students in dormitory?

Currently, I am living in dormitory 3 which means I am sharing living space with Japanese people. I was a bit worried at first due to the language barrier and the different culture. Before coming to Japan, I did not know what to expect and thought that Japanese people would be really shy. However, my roommates proved me wrong. They are very welcoming and fun. They can also speak English really well and they helped me with my Japanese homework. Also, they share household appliances such as pans, rice cooker, oil, and dishes with me, so I did not have to buy new ones since I first came to Japan. They also have TV and we sometimes watch movie together. It is a really fun experience.



# Pratoy's Journey to Japan, China, USA and UK

**Bio-data**

**Pratoy Mitra**



Mechanical Engineering  
Class of 2014

2010-2014: Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering, Kyushu University, Japan

2014-2016: Masters in Power Engineering & Engineering Thermophysics, Tsinghua University, China

2015: Internship, Built Environment & Energy track, Clinton Global Initiative, USA

2017-Present: Research Assistant / Ph.D. candidate, University of Bath, UK



Japan: Farewell party held at the international student dorm

## Q1. What did you do after graduating from Kyudai?

**A**

After graduating, I moved to China to pursue a Master's degree in Power Engineering and Engineering Thermophysics, followed by an internship at Clinton Foundation, New York where I worked in their Built Environment and Energy department. Finally, I am now working at the University of Bath designing power-dense engines for McLaren Automotive and also doing my Ph.D. part-time.



China: At the Department of Automotive Engineering

## Q2. How did you choose your current career path?

**A**

I have always been passionate about renewable energy and automotive engineering. I started learning about it in-depth at Kyudai and just seized every opportunity I could get to work in the field and learn more about it.

## Q3. What is your most memorable experience from Kyudai?

**A**

The day I first entered the hydrogen utilisation processes lab and got my first desk/ workspace has a special place in my heart, although, I always enjoyed an all-night session (free-time from 11pm-5am) at the karaoke with my friends.

## Q4. What advice would you give to your 1st-year self, if you could do so?

**A**

Make the most of support/ opportunities provided by the university, learn the language, enjoy and treasure every moment and lastly, the ebi-mayo onigiri (shrimp-mayonnaise rice ball) at 7-Eleven has the best shrimp:rice ratio.



USA: Volunteering on Thanksgiving Day to repack rescued fresh produce and non-perishable food into meal boxes for those in need



UK: Celebrating a friend's birthday

2018

Winter

1

January

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February

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March

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April

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May

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June



Cool futuristic car in our campus



Deep thinking near the ocean



Last dinner with senpai before they leave



Mandatory picture during cement factory visit



I'll just stand here and pretend to be cool



Culture exchange with Japanese high school students



Friends can warm up cold weather



Precious time with close friends



Row of flowers to calm cluttered mind



\*squeak squeak\* Mop the floor till it's squeaky clean



Blooming sakura tree near our house



Out of the class, it's time to show out talent!

One Year of IUPE



Congrats senpais! Keep aiming the top!



IUPE Student giving speech in the Graduation Ceremony



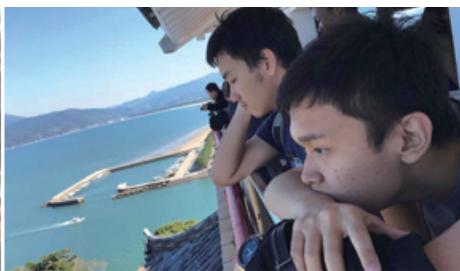
Experiencing Kendo and meeting new Japanese friends



Game night with new mates!



University festival? Time to sell food!



The wind surely feels nice here...



Fighting August-heat with a refreshing trip to the beach



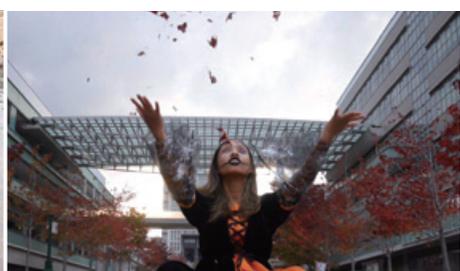
Here we proudly present our hometown delicacies ☺



The Christmas Party that brings us closer together



Well-spent holiday with friends



The autumn wind has changed the color of the leaves



Warming ourselves up with strawberry picking trip

# INFORMATION

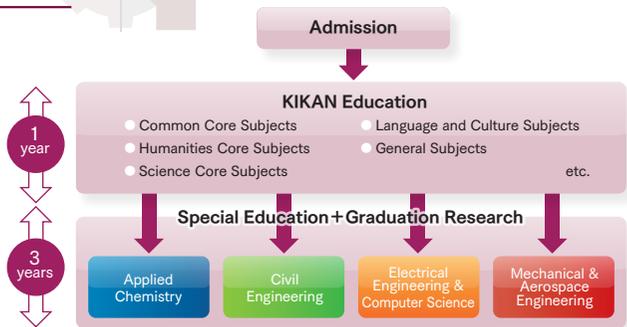
## About Kyushu University

Kyushu University was founded in 1911 as one of the seven imperial universities in Japan. Since then, it has distinguished itself as a highly-reputed research university, not just in Japan but throughout Asia. The university is a large comprehensive university, covering a wide range of disciplines. However the university's main strengths lie in the field of science and engineering, through active and innovative research.



## International Undergraduate Programs in English: IUPE

The School of Engineering aims for students to acquire a solid foundation in engineering and develop the ability to understand and explain a broad range of issues, based on the principles and laws of basic sciences including physics and chemistry. In accordance with their individual aptitudes and needs, students each select from the following programs: Applied Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering.



For further details, please visit the program's website:  
[https://www.eng.kyushu-u.ac.jp/e/u\\_international.html](https://www.eng.kyushu-u.ac.jp/e/u_international.html)



## About QUBES website

The Kyushu University website for Bachelor of Engineering Seekers (QUBES) was designed for students to be able to share their experiences in the International Undergraduate Program in English. It is primarily managed by a student team, who provides and manages the contents of the website.



Members 2018-2019:  
Lisa (Civil Engineering), Nam (Applied Chemistry), Gaby (Applied Chemistry), Aldo (Applied Chemistry)

To learn more about our experiences in IUPE, please visit QUBES' website:  
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