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# self-introduction

**country:** singapore

**home university:** nanyang  
technological university (ntu)

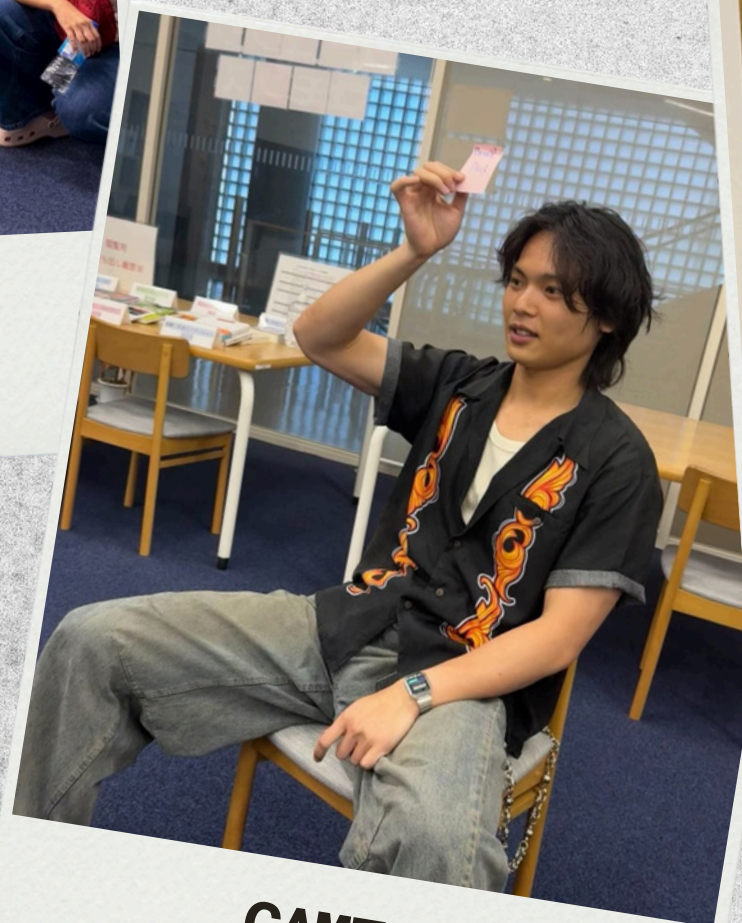
i took mainly english-based  
courses from **taisi, sils, and spse** at  
waseda!







**FRIENDS!**



**GAMES!**



**KOREAN BBQ!**

A red banner with white text hangs from a building. The text on the banner includes "I am an optimist. I treasure life", "WASEDA UNIVERSITY", "EST. 1882", and "Looking to the future with bright hope.".

# campus asia cafes

cross-cultural exchange  
through fun and laughter!

games, snacks, hearty  
conversations!

a great platform to connect  
and make friends in a new  
environment!





GROUP  
PRESENTATION!



LISTENING  
ATTENTIVELY :)



# campus asia alumni workshop 2025

peking university, china

empowering a sustainable  
alumni workshop for campus  
asia

a three day programme  
organised by the Trilateral  
Cooperation Secretariat (TCS)!







AN EXPLANATION OF THE  
INCINERATION PROCESS



IMPROPERLY DISPOSED INCOMBUSTABLE  
ITEMS



DINNER WITH PROF. UPALAT AT  
TAKADANOBABA!

# school life

learning *beyond* the classroom!

apart from attending the insightful classes offered, i had the pleasure of going on various field trips, such as the one to the Toshima Incineration Plant in Kami-ikebukuro.





**BASEBALL !**



**BIG BEARS MERCH**



**AMERICAN FOOTBALL! TOUCHDOWN!**

# school life

早慶戦, Sōkeisen

we were treated to a series of sports matches between Waseda and its historic rival, Keio University! this is similar to the Korea-Yonsei rivalry.

the atmosphere was electrifying every time!





DUMPLING MISSION COMPLETE!



ME BEING EXTRA.



OUR BABIES :))

# school life

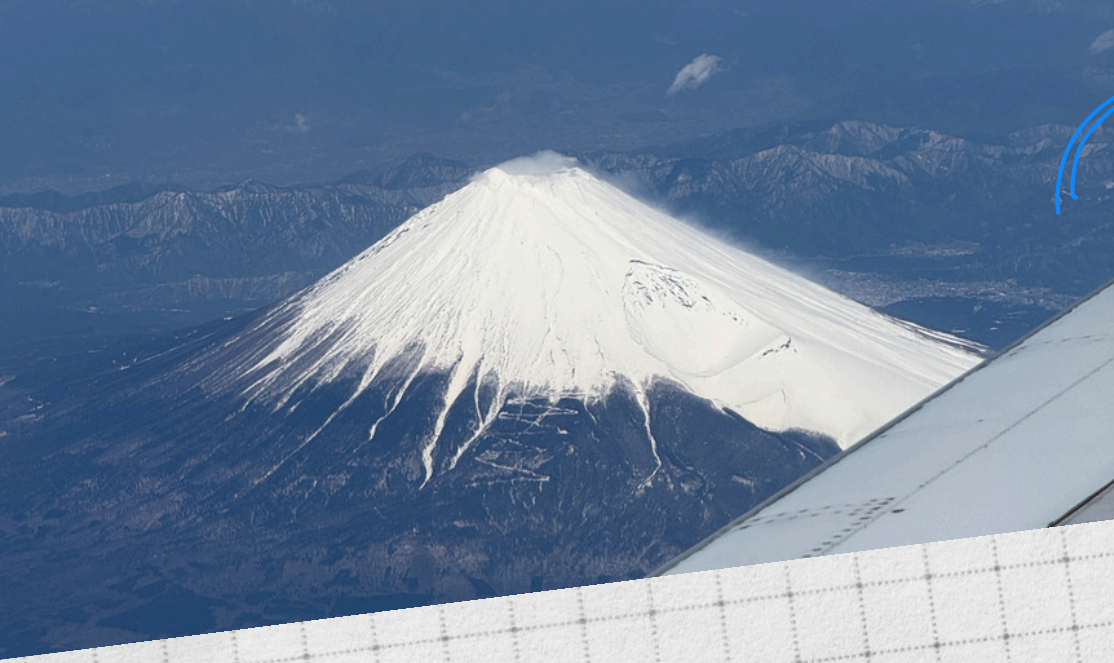
friends i met while on exchange!

waseda students are really friendly! we even went to disneyland together!

us doing the waseda hand gesture!







a stunning view of  
mt. fuji from my  
plane!

# travels

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travel without regrets." - Oscar  
Wilde.

while at Kagawa, i had the rare  
chance to converse with local  
ojisans in the public baths (sento),  
sharing about life in Singapore.

they even asked me if it was true  
that littering costs u \$500 (yes,  
its true). and of course, the  
merlion. HAHA.



A SENTO IN  
KAGAWA, SHIKOKU



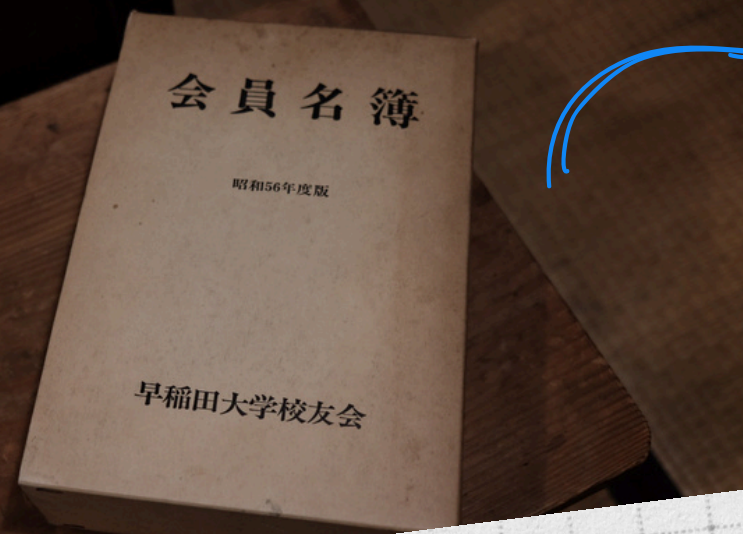
THE RICE PADDIES  
IN NAGISO, NAGANO



COFFEE BY THE  
NIYODOGAWA







low and behold!  
an old waseda student record book from the 旧鈴木邸,  
where i stayed in for a night. it is a 120 year tangible  
cultural heritage property!

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DOGO ONSEN,  
MATSUYAMA



GYOKUZA NO MA



YUMZ





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MIYAJIMA FLOATING SHRINE



OH DEER



OH DEER X 2







**WAKAYAMA FIRE  
FESTIVAL**



**NACHI-KATSUURA**



**HIROSHIMA A-BOMB  
DOME**



**NEMOPHILIA  
@HITACHI SEASIDE  
PARK**



**HIMEJI CASTLE**





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DISNEYSEA



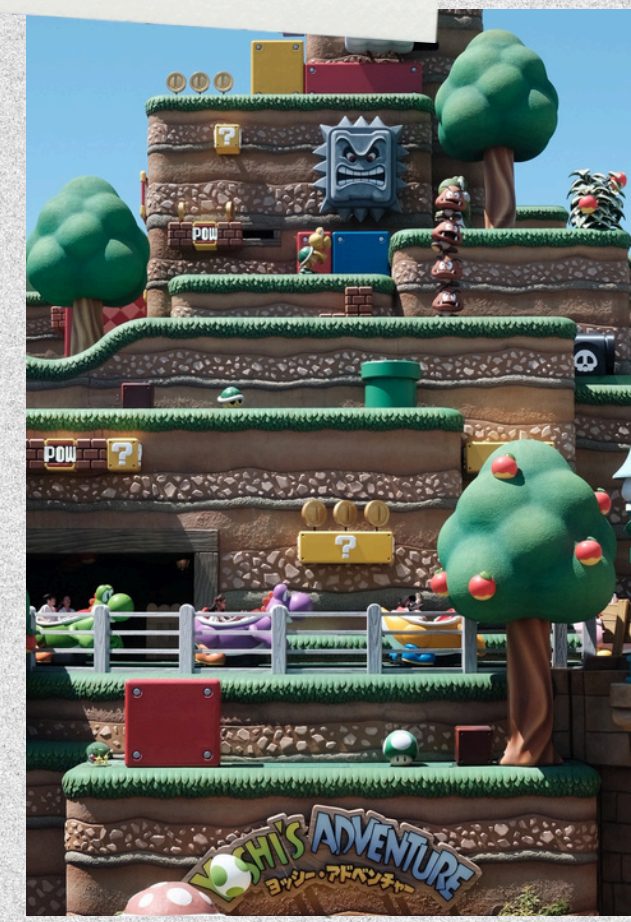
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@EDO WONDERLAND,  
NIKKO



KUMANO HONGU  
TAISHA OTORII



NACHI WATERFALL







**MUSIC HOUSE OTARU**



**OTARU CANAL**



**SAPPORO TV TOWER**



**FURANO, HOKKAIDO**



**SENDAI TANABATA FESTIVAL**



the BEST uni don i had was from the port town of Tomakomai, Hokkaido!



us after facing heavy rain  
and strong winds (26m/s) on  
the summit! our faces say it  
all



SENDAI TANABATA



AOMORI NEBUTA



NEBUTA MUSEUM WA  
RASSE



us climbing with  
the singapore flag!



# Tohoku, Mt. Fuji

i got to see  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the tohoku  
summer festivals!

this was perhaps one of the  
best matsuri (festivals) i  
saw my life!

we also climbed Mt. Fuji as a  
finale to our exchange! on  
Singapore's National Day! (9  
August)



# what i learnt

the following was true in my case. i hope this helps!



- shortlist an alternative accommodation early! because a waseda dorm is not guaranteed (at least for my year).
- apply for a shikansen travel discount, which offers 20% off.
- for campus asia students, non-taisi modules are only available in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of course bidding unless they are 'open' courses. plan accordingly!
- a little bit of japanese goes a loooong way! especially when you are settling administrative things, like your residence card, bank account etc.



**Thank you Waseda  
University and Campus Asia  
for the unforgettable  
opportunity to do my  
semester abroad in Japan!**

