

Good day

Students of the program for the development of next-generation leaders had a special program in Brisbane before we left Australia. We did all activities in English such as comparing the feelings we had when we came to Australia in January and those before we came back to Japan in December. I unexpectedly realized that some of them experienced almost the same things as mine in several aspects. We gave presentations about what we learned to be leaders. I had never been a leader in Australia, but I found my new image of the ideal leader. I once thought leaders should lead and take care of team members. Now I do not think they need to do them and can grow with their members.

I was surprised by the temperature in Japan when I got off the airplane because it was around 30 degrees in Gold Coast as summer. I wore T-shirts as usual. I am relieved because I see and hear everything in Japanese wherever, but I am worried about losing my English and the Australian sensibilities at the same time. I would like to continue speaking and listening to English every day.

I had imagined that almost all people in Australia were born and nurture in the country like Japanese before I went there. However, friends in the school were born and grew up in different countries and also have different nationalities. I could feel diversity naturally and come into contact with different cultures.

I had researched on the internet and got information by people who had been studying abroad. However, there are much more differences and wonderful things than I had expected. And I had more difficulties than happy moments during my days in Australia, but it was such a great experience on the whole.

I am grateful to each and every one who provided us with the opportunity to go to Australia and supported us before and during the studying abroad program. Thank you so much. I'm going to contribute to society with my experience and make the most of this opportunity in the future.

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