

Once at Kitakyushu Kosen

Hello everyone. My name is Ittirit Boonma, nicknamed Phai, and I am a student from the Faculty of Engineering at Kasetsart University.

Looking back to when I had to choose between doing my internship in Thailand or abroad, I spent months agonizing over the decision and consulting with my friends, professors, and family. In the end, I made up my mind and told my advisor, “*Professor, I am going to do my internship in Japan.*” At that time, my knowledge of Japan was very limited—mostly just what I had gathered through anime and music. I knew very little about what the actual culture, lifestyle, or society would be like.

However, from the very moment I arrived at Kosen for my internship, I encountered so many wonderful people, including professors, staff, and students. Every single morning, the dormitory caretaker would stand there and greet me with a warm “Ohayou gozaimasu” (Good morning). This motivated me to manage my time and head out punctually just to return his cheerful greeting.

Regarding my research work, I was incredibly fortunate to be under the guidance of Professor Kushi. He was immensely kind and always responded to my emails remarkably fast! He even gave me the opportunity to attend meetings with private companies twice. Although I could not fully comprehend the entire conversation, I was deeply impressed by their professionalism every time, especially the business card exchange culture, which I found fascinating, even though I do not have my own business card yet (smiles).

As for dining, I often relied on the campus cafeteria. My absolute favorite dishes were the karaage (fried chicken) and curry rice. They were so delicious that I always found myself blabbing out “Umai!” (Delicious!) without even realizing it. Another major highlight of my evenings was visiting the sento (public bath), where I got to chat and exchange cultural perspectives with Japanese students about our mutual interests. We often lost track of time talking, to the point where I almost missed the evening roll call at the dorm.

Once I return to Thailand, I will miss this place terribly. Kitakyushu Kosen has been far more than just an internship venue; it is a place filled with some of the most precious and irreplaceable memories of my life. Thank you very much.

【体験談訳】カセサート大学のイッティリット・ブンマーです。インターン先として日本を選ぶまで悩みましたが、北九州高専で多くの貴重な経験を得ました。到着後は、先生やスタッフ、学生など多くの温かい人々に出会い、寮の挨拶などを通して時間管理の大切さも学びました。研究では指導教員の下で企業との会議にも参加し、日本のビジネスマナーに感銘を受けました。食堂の料理やお風呂での交流も印象的で、日本の学生と文化について深く話す機会となりました。帰国後も、このインターン経験はかけがえのない思い出として心に残ると感じています。

