



# My Japan Experience

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## Why Japan?



The reason I choose Japan was because I liked the culture and display of traditional customs. I am a Graphics Major so I had an interest in their design. The architecture surrounding Nagasaki was also a plus.





## How did I prepare?

Going abroad for the first time I  
knew nothing about the language:  
(not recommended)

- Since I was a fan of the Japanese Culture I knew little of the language by watching movies and listening to Japanese music
- Another instrument I used in learning the Japanese language before I went was self study with materials that can be found:
  - Books
  - Cds
  - [www.Realkanji.com](http://www.Realkanji.com) for learning to read and write katakana and hiragana



## How did I fund my trip?



- Most of the funding that I used during my trip was my savings, Help from Financial Aid
- EOP Travel Grant



## What did I learn?



Front view of the Fountain of Peace in Peace Park the shape of wings is in remembrance of the people who've passed



I've learned a lot from the 3 months stay in Nagasaki but for a little overview:

- From the experience in Nagasaki, Japan I learned the history of the city
- We had field trips to the museums and historical sites of where the atomic bomb hit.

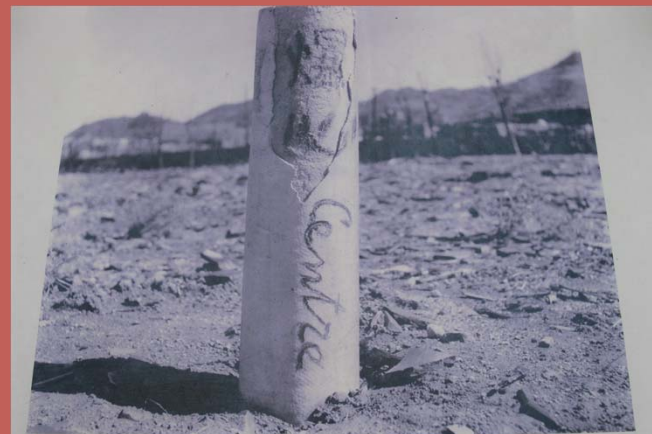






Original Mark planted during the aftermath

Epic-Center of where the atomic bomb (Fat Man) hit Nagasaki



林 重男氏撮影

Photo by Shigeo Hayashi





Their Packaging design and various convenient inventions found throughout the city





# Martial Arts



Kendo



Sumo-Wrestling Competition



Aikido



During my stay at the School of Nagasaki I was able to learn a bit of Aikido and Kendo. We also were able to experience one of the biggest matches in Decades between two sumo wrestlers.





# Home Stay



I was lucky to have an awesome home stay family that taught me a few of the Japanese customs of lifestyle.





I had the chance to meet my Host Mom's English class





# Shinto Shrines



# Gaigo-Sai



🌸 I had the chance to participate in the student festival





# Kunchi Festival



and much more...



# Future Students



My suggestion for future students is just to keep an open mind to everything. Whether it is student activities, extracurricular activities, food, music and places. I've had the unfortunate luck to have met a few students who weren't open minded and therefore didn't get the full experience of being abroad. You'll get to learn new things that are different from your own culture, see things that can be seen only in that country, and best of all get to met new people to exchange your culture with.

