

「グローバルリレーションズ・プログラム (GRP)」参加者の声 (April 2020)

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Kon'nichiwa!

We are doing a research enrichment program which is a vital portion of our doctoral dissertation on Natural Products Chemistry. We are grateful to be under Dr. Shinji OHTA's laboratory at Hiroshima University. To be able to do this in Japan is a remarkable opportunity for us and even more so by being Global Relations Program members.



It is our first time to travel to and live in a foreign country. Making use of public transportation, learning important Nihonggo phrases to get by, and the Japanese technology seemed so scary and overwhelming for us. Our apprehensions were eased by participating in the activities organized by the HIC. Each one made us discover and appreciate the differences of Japanese culture from ours. Introducing our country and playing with cute Japanese schoolchildren gave us a sense of happiness. The locals were sympathetic when we related our plight during the Marawi City siege in an activity that ended on a heart-warming note. We interacted with Japanese junior high school students and learned that they share the same interests with Filipinos of the same age. They are as eager to know about us and our culture.

Living in HIP made our stay very comfortable as this had been our first winter experience. We cooked, shared food and had fun parties at the cooking events room and played badminton together with other GRP members. We are also charmed by the beautiful autumn and winter sceneries of Hiroshima (and Japan as a whole) and picked-up Japanese food favorites along the way. We treasure every moment here and we'd love to come back soon!