

## 「グローバルリレーションズ・プログラム (GRP)」参加者の声 (January 2021)

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My name is Fahmida Akhter and I am from Bangladesh. I came to Japan in March 2019 to start my graduate studies at Hiroshima University. After coming here, I applied for the GRP program and got the opportunity to stay at Hiroshima International Plaza (HIP). The first day I came to HIP was the season for Sakura and HIP offers one of the best views of Sakura in Saijo. HIP has some amazing facilities for the students living here including a study room, cooking room, gymnasium, library and music room. My most favorite place is the library, from where one can lend books and DVDs. Their collection of books is versatile including travel guidance books, lots of cooking books, Japanese language books and fiction books from all over the world. I frequently use the cooking room and the gymnasium to organize small get together among the GRP members. HIP also provides free shuttle bus services to go to University as well as going to Saijo Eki.



The best part for me while living at HIP is the different programs that has been organized by HIP. During my first year of stay at HIP, it has offered me the opportunity to participate in different volunteer and cultural events. I would like to mention the program titled "The World Exciting Project" in September 2019 where I met with children from elementary school and talked to them in English to share different aspect of culture of my home country. I also attended another program named "Akitsu B&G Kaiyou Center" in August 2019 where I also met elementary school children and played a game with them.

The Corona Pandemic has changed the way we used to participate in social activities. Most of the students are now having online classes. HIP has also changed the meeting activities to online and we have limited number of outside activities now. This is a unique experience for all of us. Staying at home for most of time could be boresome but I am happy that I have spent this time with my GRP friends around me.

Coming to a different country and living alone is always difficult but this experience has taught me a lot. I am grateful to the HIP staff for making every step easier for me through their cordial help.