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Summer SEA (Study English Abroad) Program Reports from Aidai Students

My Experience on Fair Trade in Wales

- by Suzuka Watanabe
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Hello, I am Suzuka Watanabe. I went abroad to Wales for three weeks. I studied at Bangor University and I experienced many things. In this report, I'd like to tell you about Wales and my interest in fair trade.

First of all, Wales is in the UK. It has a long history and the culture is quite unique. The Welsh speak Welsh and English and they are proud about that. I visited many places on the field trips. My most favorite place is Caernarfon Castle. That castle is a model of "Laputa: Castle in the sky", so I was so excited to see it.



Next, I will talk about fair trade. Do you know what fair trade is? This system supports producers in developing countries by paying a fair price of the products and making sure that workers have good working conditions. We can get such products by checking the fair trade symbol. The UK is well established for this system. I think that it is very good. Actually, I bought chocolates and tea at the supermarket that sells fair trade products. There were many things. Also I saw a poster about fair trade at a primary school, I noticed that there was a big difference between British and Japanese education in terms of ethical and sustainable products. I hope the Japanese will have some awareness about a better society in the future.



Me holding a Fair Trade drink

In short, please visit another country that you don't know but you have an interest. Such experience would be a fortune for you.

Great Experience in Seattle

- by Maki Naito
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I participated in the Short Term English Program at the University of Washington (UW) this summer. This was my second time to go abroad, but I felt this experience was fresh because I walked around a foreign place on my own for the first time.

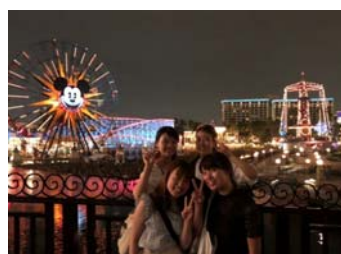
The program was wonderful. The class contents were mainly conversation, discussion, and finally we made presentations. The teacher's stories were very interesting because we could learn difference of cultures or viewpoints. There were three classes on the program. Most classmates were Asian; Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese but there were also Saudi Arabian and Co-



They have a Starbucks on campus!

Study abroad at UCLA (University of California, LA)

- by Miyu Shioume
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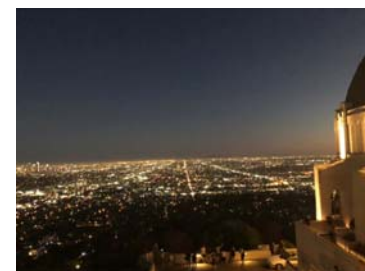


Hello everyone. My name is Miyu. I studied at UCLA in Los Angeles. I was so excited by first experience about culture and people for a month.

I was anxious about living abroad alone. My roommate was an Indian who can speak English. At first I was nervous and could not communicate at all with her. We only greeted, so I was very uncomfortable. I thought that this can't go on like this and I decided to tell her what I had done every day as much as possible. Then we could gradually open up and became good friends. I wasn't worried about grammar. I felt strongly that grammar wasn't important, but actively communicating with her was.

I took classes to improve my English ability on weekdays. I was able to have fun learning English with my classmates. However, during the summer vacation, there were so many Japanese around me. If you want to learn earnestly, you should avoid long holidays.

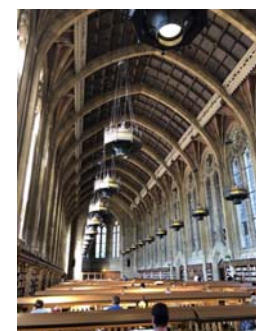
I went to many sightseeing spots with my classmates after-school and weekends. I could go to Hollywood, Disney California, San Diego and other sightseeing places. I was moved by the night view from Griffith Observatory on the last day. Los Angeles has comfortable weather and many sightseeing spots. I want to visit there again.



lombian. I made friends with them and we still keep in touch now!

I did a homestay during the program. My host family was very kind. For instance, they took me to some great places every weekend, cooked a delicious dinner every evening, and welcomed my friends warmly. An especially memorable place was Alki Beach where I enjoyed the beautiful cityscape of Seattle, a breathtaking sunset and the starlit sky.

All in all, while it was only three weeks, I learned many things, not just how to speak English. I think this experience helped me grow up a lot. I made some good friends, new goals and irreplaceable memories.



The famous Suzallo Library at UW

Knitting - by Kristin Armitage

Knitting is a method of making clothes and other garments and accessories using wool and knitting needles. Different types of stitches, colors and textures of wool are used to make original creations. It's something I do everyday and my life wouldn't be the same without knitting.

First of all, it is extremely fun to make your own clothes and it's also a great sense of achievement when you finish knitting something from a complicated pattern. You can feel proud when someone compliments you on something you've made. Although wool might be a little expensive, making something that shows your individual style is rewarding.



Also, it's the perfect way to relieve stress. Knitting requires concentration, so when you are knitting you can forget about your problems. Often people say

the rhythmic flow of the movement and the peaceful sound of the needles clicking together can seem like meditation. Research has shown that knitting is good for the brain and people who knit with others are more likely to feel calmer and happier.



Knitters and their creations

Third, knitting is a hobby you can share with your friends and family. It's often a skill handed down to boys and girls from mothers and grandmothers. My grandmother taught me how to knit when I was seven and I made my grandfather a white, blue and red hat as a Christmas present. It didn't fit very well, but I was proud to give him something handmade and he loved it. I was hooked and have been knitting ever since.

Why don't you come to the knitting club and reduce your stress while creating something original for someone important in your life. It's a great way to improve your English too? I hope to see you soon.



Good-Bye Ehime University - Farewell Messages from 3 Memorable Teachers

Chris Connelly

After five wonderful years teaching at Ehime University, I'm sad to say that it is time for me to move on and start the next chapter of my life.



Working at Ehime University has been an invaluable experience and I will cherish the many opportunities made available to me thanks to this position. I will miss working with the EEC staff and many other staff members throughout the university

who have made my five years here so fulfilling.

Above all, I will miss the students. Being able to teach every day, meeting so many wonderful people, and enjoying our time together in the classroom was the most rewarding part of this job.

I wish you all the best for the future and remember that it is important to be yourself and always give it your best. Hope to see you all again...someday :)

Glenn Magee

I wanted to take a moment to let you know that I will be leaving my position at Ehime University. I will be starting a new position at Gifu Shotoku University.



I have enjoyed working here, and I appreciate having the opportunity to work with many wonderful students and teachers. Thank you for the support, commitment, and encouragement you have given me during my time at Ehime University.

Even though I will miss my students and colleagues, I am looking forward to this new challenge and to starting a new phase of my career.

Thanks again for everything, I wish you all the best.

Andrew Tidmarsh

Things you Should do Before Leaving Ehime

Is it time for you to leave Ehime? Me too! Here are some things to do before leaving - try to do all of them!



1. Find out the names of all the cats who live on Johoku campus.
2. Admire the view of the castle from the top of the ferris wheel above Matsuyama City station.
3. Admire the view of the ferris wheel above Matsuyama City station from the top of the castle.
4. Eat some oranges.
5. Try to return a pink tray upstairs at the cafeteria.

Enjoy and see you!



English Professional Course Invitation

The English Professional Course aims to develop distinguished active users of English in the globalized and local community. We accept up to 30 students every year.

Check out the information session for a detailed explanation. The session is open to anyone who is in his/her 1st year.

Pro Course Information Session

- ◆ Date : Feb 13th, 2019 (Wed)
- ◆ Time : 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm
- ◆ Place : Room M23 (Aidai Muse)

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