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

What you can learn from studying abroad in Ireland

Hello, my name is Gakuto Uesugi. I went to Ireland to study abroad for a month. I learned a lot of things through this experience. Also, I had valuable experiences which can't be experienced in Japan. I would like to introduce you to them.

First, through my daily life in Ireland, I learned about Irish culture. The Irish eat potatoes every day like the Japanese eat rice every day. The main means of transportation is a double-decker bus. However, it was rare for it to come on time. Second,



At the Cliffs of Moher

I visited many tourist areas, for example Giant's Causeway, Dublin castle and Guinness Storehouse. Among them, the most impressive spot is the cliffs of Moher. This cliff is 120 meters high and continues for 8 km. It was a

movie scene in Harry Potter. The view from the cliff was very beautiful and thrilling. If you have an opportunity to go to Ireland, you should go there! Third, in the class of Dublin City University, I studied English grammar and listening in a small



With Classmates

group. I watched English movies and did group work. I no longer feel reluctant to speak English.

In summary, studying in Ireland greatly expanded my worldview. I became friends not only with the Irish but also with people from Spain and Germany. I also felt that things which are common in Japan are not valid in the world. In the future, I want to study more English and learn many cultures around the world.

- by Gakuto Uesugi (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)

My extraordinary experiences in Seattle

Hello, everyone! I'm Mana Sakamoto. I participated in the University of Washington, Seattle, Educational Outreach this summer. I would like to share some experiences with you.

First of all, I could visit The Museum of Flight and Boeing Everett Factory. I had heard Seattle is very famous for Aeronautical engineering, so, I absolutely wanted to go there. When I went there, there were more airplanes outside the factory than at the airport, and the Boeing factory was really big. One of the reasons is that the airplanes are built there. From what the tour guide said, it is the largest building in the world. From looking at the building, I believe that it is true.



The Museum of Flight

Also, I saw the Seattle Mariners baseball game which was at night. At first there were no people interested in baseball, so I thought I would go alone, but I gave it up. One reason was that I considered it would be dangerous to walk alone at night abroad. Fortunately, I was able to go with people who stayed in the same dormitory. This game was a winning match, so I was able to enjoy and watch my first Major league game.

Finally, I was able to do some activities that were rarely done in Japan. A couple examples were sea kayak and bicycle rental using apps. These were easy and a lot of fun to have that I couldn't do back home. This was a great overseas experience.



Sea Kayak

To conclude, I think going overseas is really wonderful because it gives me a lot of new and original experiences. I want to visit more countries and regions in the future to have more valuable experiences.

- by Mana Sakamoto (Super Science Course)

Study abroad in Wales

Hello. My name is Narumi Shiraishi. I studied abroad this summer in a town called Bangor, Wales, in the U.K. It was a short time, but there were many things I could only experience there.

First of all, I was made to think about environmental issues. I feel that U.K. is more active in environmental issues than in Japan. Supermarket bags are paid, and people choose to have no packaging when buying vegetables, At night, they use candles instead of electricity to live an environment friendly life. I thought I had to do something for the environment, so I decided to start with such a small thing. When I came back to Japan, I changed my awareness of the environment, such as choosing something that was not packaged in the store, and getting as few plastic bags as possible.

Also, I enjoyed homestay very much. At first I was worried whether it would work or not, but I got to know my host family quickly. They always cared about me asking how school was, and if I slept well. They talked to me. Besides that, it was fun to talk about a lot about Japan, the U.K., and each other. They made delicious food every day, corrected my English grammar and pronunciation, and did not interrupt me because of my English ability. After school and on holidays, they took me to many places such as English gardens, the sea and movies. It was really nice to be with them.



At Bodnant Garden

It was a short three weeks, but the result was very big. I wanted to study English seriously, and I wanted to try various things more actively. This studying abroad changed my life!

- by Narumi Shiraishi (Faculty of Collaborative Regional Innovation)

Check out the latest SEA Program information on the webpage!



Working Holiday in Toronto

Time flies like an arrow! It was a thought that I had in mind when I had left Toronto. Through a year of my stay, I had such a pleasant time, also tons of discoveries there, literally every day.

Once I came back to Japan, most people asked me, so how was Toronto? Even though it's pretty hard to express all of the impressions of Toronto, I'd like to show some categorized opinions that you would wonder before Toronto visits.



Christmas Market

In the first place, the weather condition is relatively adaptable. Particularly in winter, it is freezing outside, but as long as you get prepared with appropriate clothing, it would be even enjoyable. Also, especially on weekends, lots of events such as TIFF (Toronto International Film Festival), Christmas market and parade, Jazz festival, etc. would come up, so you cannot miss them!



In a class

Furthermore, the mood of people there is open-minded and thoughtful. Honestly, I had never been away from my family since I was born, but it was so comfortable to spend time with those my bosses or the host family. I do remember it made me feel peaceful and smiled that small talks and waves of laughter in the street. Plus, Canada is one of the countries which values cultural diversity and in-

dividual variance, so I'd never felt like a fish out of water.

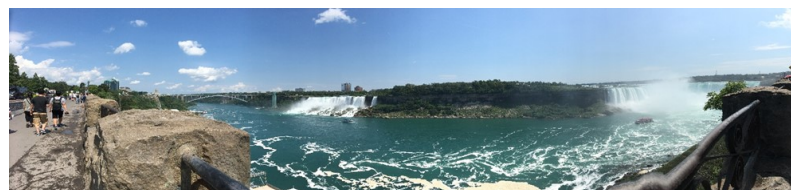
As for the food culture, since Canada is multicultural, it's very convenient and fun to choose meals. It's mainly because there are a lot of ethnic towns everywhere, Cabbage (Ireland), China, Greek, Brazilian, Arabian, Portugal, etc. Ordinarily, people say the quality of meals in Canada is pretty close to the ones in their home countries, so they are kind of like reminders for those, I believe.



Eton Centre
(has huge food court)

Finally, is studying abroad effective to get better in the use of English? Also is Toronto a very place to do that? Hm, I wouldn't say it works for all of you because it depends on how you do. However, that's for sure that it boosts your skills and cheer you up to get more expert by meeting others who speak English as the second language.

In my case, I studied in a language school and then worked in a post office in Toronto, it became an extraordinary event for me! Also, I've been thinking visit there again already, but how about adding Toronto visit in your bucket list? Thanks!



Niagara Falls

- by Fumi Saiki (Faculty of Science, Department of Physics)

Good-Bye Everyone! - Messages from 2 Memorable English Teachers of EEC

ZHOU WEI

Finally, it is time to say goodbye to my dear English students. My 4-year run of teaching English at Aidai is coming to an end by this March. All I want to say is "Thank you!". I could have had a great experience during the last 4 years because of you marvelous students! Thanks for every enjoying moments and peaceful atmosphere you cute students gave me in the classes.

I will be remembering your shining faces when saying "hello!". I will keep the memories of those happy surprises -both big and

trivial- that have brought big joy to me. I promise I never forget your fascinating smiles, your pleasant laughter, your jokes with goodwill, and your fabulous answers full of imaginations.

Above all, I appreciate all your kindness during the interaction and communication with me. I wish you all the best and good luck for the future. Have a dream and fight for it!



Me with a Student
on the Halloween Day

DANIELLE KURIHARA

Dear students,

I enjoyed teaching your classes and discussing many interesting topics with you. I wish you much success in your studies at Ehime University. Thank you for your wonderful efforts.



Danielle L. Kurihara

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.

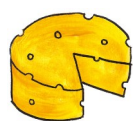
Check out the information session for a detailed explanation. The session is open to anyone who is in his/her 1st year.

English Pro Course Information Session

- ◆Date : Feb 12th, 2020 (Wed)
- ◆Time : 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
- ◆Place : Room M23 (Aidai Muse 2nd floor)



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