Voices of JOY students

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**Exchange Semester Experience** 

## American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyz Republic





I am extremely happy to be able to participate in this exchange program and have an opportunity to study at YNU for one semester. It was an amazing experience. Thanks to this exchange program, I got a huge cultural experience, learned a lot about Japan, having lived here for 4 months. I also met wonderful people and made many new friends not only from Japan, but also from many other countries, such as Germany, France, Romania, Italy, Spain, etc. since students from all over the world can participate in this program. To be honest, before coming to Japan, I was not a big fan of this country and didn't really want to come here, because I didn't know much about Japan. However, after living here for some time, I completely changed my mind. Now for me Japan is the best country with a unique culture and super kind people. Additionally, JOY exchange program provides courses in Japanese, so I started learning Japanese when I arrived here. I fell in love with this country so much that I plan to continue studying Japanese in my country and come back to Japan for taking my master's degree. The program also provides courses not only the ones related to your major, but also those that helps you getting to know the culture and history of this country, which is one of the main reasons for being here. Absolutely all the professors were very kind and nice to me, they were always happy to help, the atmosphere in the classes was fun, cheerful and warm. Besides studying, me and my friends traveled a lot. There are so many sightseeing spots in Japan, lots of shrines, temples and parks, so we never got bored. The people here are very kind and polite, always ready to help. During the entire period of my stay here, I have never faced any problem, despite the fact that I did not know Japanese at all. In addition, here is the best food I have ever tried, which I will miss very much.

I am very grateful to YNU and my home university for the opportunity to participate in the exchange program.