

James Guevara (Philippines)

English:

My name is James Guevara. I'm an ambassador of my country, Philippines, under the AKP scholarship program. I was placed in Hokkaido, Sapporo, and was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to study for five months in Intercultural and Technological High School (国際情報高等学校).

When I first got to know that I will be studying for this institution, worried thoughts flooded my mind. I was worried if I would be truly welcomed, if I would be given the chance to make friends, and if I would survive the months being away from my beloved family. However, when I finally came to this lovely school, all of my worries were proven foolish.

Intercultural and Technological High School is a public high school that has university level facilities. It also has understanding, kind, and great teachers. And finally, this school teaches welcoming, humorous, and bright students. This school warmly welcomed me and really immersed me on the life of a Japanese student. It had provided me special subjects that only Japan has. And in addition, this organization had given me a lot of memories that I will truly never forget. I will remember the kind people I had met. I will remember the fun times I had experienced with my friends. I will remember the curious faces of the teachers and students had when I was talking about the Filipino culture. I will remember the Japanese subjects and culture you had taught me. I will remember the clubs and the fun events. I will remember the comfort you gave me as a student and as an ambassador. And I will never forget the warmth my heart felt in Intercultural and Technological High School.

Thank you. You hadn't only treated me with respect as an ambassador or as an exchange student, but you made me feel like I'm part of a huge family. I will be forever thankful for hosting me, and for letting me experience what it is like to study in Japan. With my whole heart, thank you very much!

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Tagalog:

Ako si James Guevara. Ako ay isang embahador ng aking bansa, Pilipinas, sa ilalim ng AKP scholarship program. Ako ay nadestino sa Hokkaido, Sapporo, at mapalad na nabigyan ng oportunidad na makapag-aral sa Intercultural and Technological High School (国際情報公庫学校) sa loob ng limang buwan.

Noong sa unang pagkataon kong nalaman na ako'y mag-aaral sa institusyong ito, aking pag-iisip ay napuno ng pag-aalala. Ako'y nagalala kung ako ba'y tunay na tinatanggap dito, kung ako ba'y mabibigyan ng chansa makipagkaibigan, at kung ako ba'y mabubuhay nang hindi kasama ang aking mahal na pamilya. Ngunit noong ako'y dumating na sa eskwelahang ito, lahat ng aking pag-aalala ay napatunayang mali.

Ang Intercultural and Technological High School ay isang pampublikong eskwelehan ngunit mayroong pang unibersidad na mga pasilidad. Mayroong rin itong maintindihing, mababait, at magagaling na guro. At hindi ko makakalimutan na ang eskwelahang ito mayroong mapupuso, mabibibo, at matatalino na estudyante. Ang eskwelehan na ito'y mainit akong tinanggap at buong pinaranas sa akin ang buhay ng isang Hapon na estudyante. Binigyan ako neto ng mga paksa na sa Japan lang ma-aaral. At ang organisasyon na ito ay binigyan ako ng madaming mga gunita na aking puso't isip ay panghabang-buhay na maalala. Maalala ko ang mga mababait na tao na aking nakilala. Maalala ko ang mga masasayang oras na kasama ko ang aking mga naging kaibigan. Maalala ko ang mga mausisang mukha ng aking mga guro at kaklase noong ako'y nagtuturo tungkol sa kultura ng Pilipinas. Maalala ko ang mga paksa at kultura ng hapon na sa akin iyong tinuro. Maalala ko ang mga club at mga masasayang kaganapan. Maalala ko ang iyong kaginhawaang pinadama sa akin bilang isang estudyante at bilang isang embahador. At di ko malilimutan ang init na naramdaman ng aking puso sa Intercultural and Technological High School.

Salamat. Hindi mo lang ako nirespeto bilang isang embahador o bilang isang exchange student, ngunit iyong pinaramdam na ako'y parte ng isang malaking pamilya. Ako'y habang buhay magpapasalamat dahil ako'y iyong hinost, at iyong pinaranas kung paano mag-aral sa Japan. Galing sa aking puso, maraming salamat!

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