

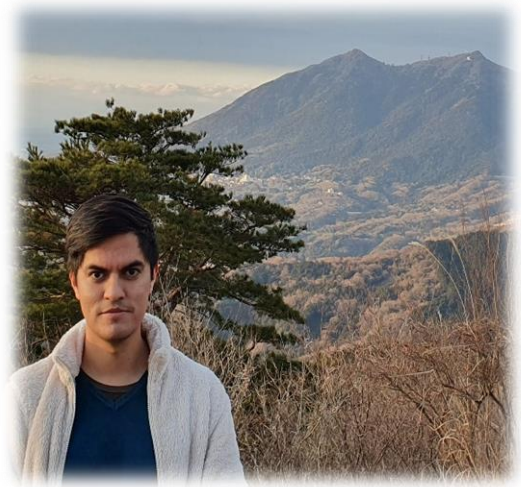
The experience of our students Alumni Network Tsukuba Trans-Pacific Program

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I had already had the opportunity to visit the university before the stay and I had liked the abundance of nature, the large size of the campus and the state of the facilities. On the other hand, being in a small city, the atmosphere was very quiet, but it was connected by train and bus to Tokyo, which was very convenient. As a student of a master's program focused on Japan, I was struck by being near Mount Tsukuba, which was an important religious site and was mentioned in the literature. If you are interested in culture or history, the whole area around the mount is full of interesting places: temples, shrines, castle ruins, houses from the early 20th century, ancient megalithic tombs, etc. It is possible to travel all this by bicycle thanks to the existence of the bike path and the fact that there are few people on the streets.



*** With Mount Tsukuba in the Background**



*** At the Omochi welcome party**

As an exchange student, it was nice to find various circles and clubs that allowed you to socialize with other people. Especially recommended are Omochi, which functions as a space to practice Japanese and English, and Campur, which is dedicated to promoting the culture of international students through entertaining activities. In both, it is possible to meet other foreigners, but also Japanese students and make friends. It gave me the impression that the University of Tsukuba has a large international community and that you can meet people from all over. Also, in general, the people are friendly.

The only problems I had were the cold in the winter, since the air conditioning in my room seemed not to work, and the attitude of the staff who did the bedding. From there on out, I found flexibility and support. The library is a very comfortable space to read and do homework, especially the upper floors. In addition, it has very interesting books in its collection. However, it seemed to me that compared to the Waseda library, for example, it does not have as many specialized humanities materials.

Finally, although the city is small, it has very good restaurants, both Japanese food, and many other regions of Asia. Similarly, it has a variety of supermarkets, bookstores, etc.