

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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1. What I learned in terms of training and language at the host university

Research activities

- I carried out structural simulation. Even though it was my first time, I could pick up necessary expertise with the help of local students. I would like to apply it in my own research in the future.
- I visited various laboratories with similar research themes as mine and I got some hints like experiment method, which I trust can apply to my research activities.

Language

- I was not good at hearing and speaking, and I couldn't communicate well at first. After I learned response expressions and conversation methods and took every chance to apply them in real conversation scene, I could improve skill of communication in English.
- I was not used to the local accent when I arrived but a few days later, I became able to communicate sufficiently. My intentions being expressed clearly, the local students understood it well.

2. What I learned about the lifestyle, culture, and society of the host country

- There are many gods in India like Japan, and it was interesting for me to learn about the various types of gods.
- The biggest difference I observed was the food culture, and I was surprised that there were so many vegetarians. Meals served in the dormitory were also mainly for vegetarians.
- They were kind toward those with whom they were in rapport and were willing to arrange various activities for them.

3. For students who are thinking of participating in next year's program

- This was my first time to study abroad or go to India, but I was able to have a good time. I can imagine you may have some worries about English, food, habit, etc. However, there are many things that you cannot experience in Japan. I can say YOKOHAMA-SXIP is worth participating in.
- Through this program, I was able to experience not only good language training, but also learning of different cultures. I was nervous at the beginning, but once I entered, I could enjoy the life there. I can say YOKOHAMA-SXIP is worth participating in.

