

**Study Abroad Experiences Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering,
Materials and Ocean System Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Education 1st Year
Master's Student I.M**

• **Study abroad Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)**

It is classified as an Old IIT school and is considered to be a difficult school among IIT.

• **Reason for studying abroad**

I was interested in India due to the activities of tutoring Indian students in the laboratory and the recent rapid growth of India. Until now, I had only traveled abroad as a tourist and longed to study abroad. I applied for SXIP because I have heard from a professor about it and my interest in India, and what is more I was dreaming of doing thorough research at a very difficult school, through which I could improve my English skills and deepen my understanding of different types of writing.

• **What impressed upon me**

I was shocked by the difference in distance between students and professors drinking coffee in a nearby cafeteria during breaks and keeping in touch by phone. I heard from students that in addition to respect, a relationship of mutual trust is essential for good research and activities, and I felt that such close hierarchical relationships are one of the reasons for India's rapid growth.

At the airport, I was able to talk to people just because I was a Japanese person, and I was asked to take a picture with them, and I was very impressed by the interaction with the local people outside of research.

• **Those who are thinking of studying abroad**

You may be worried about the dangerous image of India and whether you can understand English with an Indian accent, which was also the case with me before studying abroad, and in fact, the first few days were shocking. However, looking back, I really appreciate this program which enables me to improve my English skills as well as learn a lot of things, so I highly recommend that you apply if you have any interest.

However, those who do not like spicy foods or those who have germaphobia may have a hard time.

