



# STUDENT MOBILITY SCHEME REPORT

This form should be completed by **EVERYONE** participating in the SMS program and returned to the ACUCA Secretariat.

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**How did you hear about the ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme?**

Your University's International Office Website From Fellow Student Others(Please Specify)

A staff member at Keimyung University's International office recommended this ACUCA program to me.

**What did you study and what kind of activities did you take part in while abroad?**

Since my major is Japanese I was dying to go to and study Japanese in Japan. Thanks to this program I could travel to Tokyo, saving a lot of money. At ICU I took part not only in academic classes but also in KOTO club, which is Japanese traditional instrument club. At the school festival I participated in a KOTO performance. It was such fun and I'll never forget that time.

**Was it difficult adjusting to life abroad, and if so what were some of the difficulties?**

I made so many good friends at ICU; I didn't have to worry about that. With those friends I could adjust to life in Japan quite easily.

**What was the most positive experience that you had at your host institution?**

Thanks to Keimyung University and the International office staff, I could find a good dormitory in Japan.

**What advice would you give to fellow students at ACUCA universities who are thinking of taking part in the Student Mobility Scheme?**

I strongly recommend that it is a very good chance to study abroad through ACUCA since you can choose among many universities and you can learn not only English but also other foreign languages, like me. (I studied at international university in Japan so I could learn both English and Japanese too.)

**Have you been changed in any way by the experience, and if so how?**

Yes, my Japanese ability has definitely improved. Teachers at ICU were great and thanks to them I could enjoy and learn Japanese more easily than in Korea.

**How do you feel about other Asian Cultures now?**



I enjoy learning about and experiencing new cultures, and since I now have an experience in Japan, I am more confident than before. If there is a chance to visit another foreign country, I want to try it again.

Below please attach a **more descriptive account** (300-400 words) of your experience with the SMS for possible publication to allow others to find out about the ACUCA SMS Program. Include such information as the type of study you did as well as the cultural experiences you had, and any other things you would consider interesting. Photos are welcome.

I went to ICU last autumn through the ACUCA SMS Program. Before going to Japan I had lots of worries and things that I had to prepare for. I was a little bit nervous before leaving, but after arriving in Japan everything was fine. I chose ICU because my major is Japanese literature and I also wanted to go to a Christian university. Furthermore, I thought that since ICU is an international university I could learn English too. And my choice was not wrong. I am very satisfied with my experience. The most interesting experience was “KOTO Club”, which is a Japanese traditional instrument practice club. I joined this club and I practiced in my spare time, with not only Japanese friends but also other foreign friends who were participating in the school festival. There was an autumn school festival in October. Most of our club members took part in KOTO performance. We practiced very hard and I was covered with blisters because of KOTO practice. However, thanks to our effort we performed successfully.

Next, there were many opportunities to participate in Japanese society. ICU put on a lot of events for exchange students. Through these programs exchange students were absorbed into Japanese society very easily. For example, there was a Halloween party with Japanese kids at a local community center. All exchange students could participate in these events and we made Halloween clothing with Japanese kids and communicated in Japanese. The next example was our NIKKO trip. I and other exchange students of ICU went to Nikko, which is a very famous sightseeing place in Japan, with the Lions club. This club is a kind of community club in Tokyo. Because the Lions club paid all travel costs for us, we didn't have to spend any money to travel. Since we looked around traditional places in NIKKO with friends and club members, we could learn lots of things about the Edo period also.

Though there are so many things that I want to talk about, I recommend that you experience it for yourself. I sincerely believe it is such a great experience and I want many university students to take the challenge of this ACUCA SMS program too.

