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Study Abroad guidebook

I am now beginning my own project, which focuses on the theme of regenerative medicine.

Natural Science

How did you choose the school where you would study?

The biggest reason was the location of the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application at Kyoto University (CiRA). I graduated from the faculty of medicine and the faculty of mathematics and natural science at the University of Bonn in Germany. It was in that very year that Professor Shinya Yamanaka won his Nobel Prize. This is when I felt that I really wanted to do research on iPS cells at the world-famous CiRA. While I was at the University of Bonn, I studied at Kyoto University as an exchange student for a year. From that time on, I really came to love the traditional culture of Kyoto such as Japanese tea ceremony, flower arrangement and Japanese traditional dancing. This also played a role in

What kind of study are you involved with at CiRA?

Beginning this spring, I have been working as a research worker at the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application in Kyoto University. iPS cells offer many kinds of functions and possibilities. I'm interested in the differentiation and transplant of heart cells. This is why I am working to support the research activities in the regenerative medicine research laboratory, under my instructors and senior researchers. Although now is a time of preparation, this summer I will begin my own project focusing on the theme of regenerative medicine. I've really been looking forward to this, so it's very exciting.

What things have you been glad about or felt moved by, in regard to coming to study in Kyoto?

There's a shared space in the research laboratory called "Open Lab". The floor is an open space, where researchers can freely communicate with each other. It's very comfortable. When I go there I feel glad that I came to study at CiRA.

How do you want to use your experience studying in Japan in the future?

For now, my goal is to enter Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University next year, and earn my doctor's degree by doing iPS cell-related research. This is what I'm studying for now. After I finish graduate school, I'd like to return to Europe where I will continue my research on iPS cells at a research facility run by a university or by a private company. I want to serve people. When I was seven years old, I wanted to become a doctor. Although my dream now is to become a researcher in regenerative medicine, through my interest in iPS cells I work towards my dream to contribute to society through medicine.



Universities in Kyoto have turned out POINT many Nobel laureates, such as Professor Shinya Yamanaka, who is well known for iPS cell research.

Kyoto has many schools to support a wide variety of studies in the areas of natural sciences, including medicine, pharmacology, science, engineering, IT, agriculture and so on Kyoto is also an active center in environmental research, being the birthplace of the Kyoto Protocol.



Julia Junghof from Germany, Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University

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Japanese Language Schools

I want to pass the level 1 JLPT before I graduate.

What kind of things have you studied thus far?

This year, I'm studying Japanese and Kyoto culture at the Kyoto Institute of Culture & Language. My studies are focused on Japanese grammar, conversation, reading comprehension and listening. I took the level 2 JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test). I'm still waiting for the results. I want to pass the level 1 JLPT before I graduate In the Japanese culture course, I'm learning about the history of Japan from the Heian period to modern times. I'm really looking forward to taking my bike to Kyoto's historical spots that remain to this day, like Nijo Castle, Ikedaya and so on.

What things have you been glad about or felt moved by, in regard to coming to study in Kyoto?

Kyoto is surrounded by mountains on three sides, and the Kamogawa River flows through the city center. The most attractive part of Kyoto is the striking beauty of the natural scenery. Since there are few tall buildings, the sky seems so wide and the sunsets are very lovely. This place also offers a convenient lifestyle, since I can get to school or go shopping by bike. Lately, I've had some opportunities to interact with ese university students, and walked along Kamogawa River in a yukata. I was exposed to the Kansai dialect and language used by the younger generation here,

How do you want to take advantage of your experience studying in Japan in the future?

Actually, the Taiwanese company that I worked at for six years imported water power generation turbines and motor systems from overseas businesses, and then sold them to power companies in Taiwan. I was able to put my English that I'd learned at my university to use when importing from Astralia. Similarly, Japanese manufacturers like Hitachi, Ltd., Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, and Toshiba Corporation are strong players in this field. After graduation, I'm thinking of going back to Taiwan and puttingmy six years of professional experience along with my Japanese skills to use at a Japanese company there, to sell water power generation equipment to Taiwan.

Kyoto is home to around 20 different Japanese language schools, where nearly 2,000 students from overseas come to study for the purpose of entering a university or a company, or to improve their linguistic skills.

At these schools, diverse cultural experiences and regional exchange programs within the scope of the entire city of Kyoto are popular. In the Kyoto region, there are many activities held to support job seekers, such as job placement fairs and seminars that Japanese language school students can also attend



CHEN, YING-HAN from Taiwan, studying at Kyoto Institute of Culture & Language Social Science

It's fascinating to see how Kyoto companies are managed.

How did you choose the school where you would be studying?

When I was young, my father talked about how Japan's economy is well-developed and how Japan is such an excellent country in a cultural sense, which stirred my interest. I resolved while I was in high school to go to Japan to study. I felt that while I was there. I should be in Kvoto, the center of Japanese history and culture. While I was in Tokyo, I studied at a Japanese school for two years; but I visited Kyoto several times during that period. I discovered many wonderful things about Kyoto, including its beautiful tourist spots and natural atmosphere. The fact that I was living in Tokyo probably attracted me even more to Kyoto. The fact that Doshisha University's MBA program was completely in English also appealed to me.

What kind of things have you studied thus far?

As I had studied about banking and finances at the university in Vietnam, I wanted a broad education in economics, so I have been studying at Doshisha University Graduate School of Business starting last year. In order to deepen my understanding of Japanese companies, I visited Shimadzu Corporation, Gekkeikan Sake Co., Ltd. and so on. Here I've had the chance to listen to what the management has to say. It's fascinating to see how Kyoto companies are managed, considering their long history. The theme of my master's thesis is "Laws of Etiquette in Japanese Companies". intend to research the roles that interpersonal relationships and manners between customers, senior employees, and colleagues within a company play.

How do you want to take advantage of your experience studying in Japan in the future?

My goal is to join one of the Japanese companies that are doing business in Vietnam. Although I've thought about going back to Vietnam, I'd first like to gain a variety of business experiences. There are many different Japanese companies that are now doing business in Vietnam, such as automobiles, personal computers, manufacturers bution, and service-related companies. I have a list of over 400 companies, and plan to apply to around ten of those for an internship. Even a small to medium-sized business might be all right, if the company has a base in Vietnam.





Kyoto has many schools to support a wide variety of studies in the areas of law, economics, business management, international relations, social studies and so on.

There are over 1,000 long-standing businesses, shinise, in Kyoto that have been in business for a century or longer. Much research is being done on these businesses and on the management of traditional industries There are also many courses offering degrees in the universities of Kyoto that can be taken in English, Kyoto offers many internships and research opportunities in practical settings



NGUYEN THI PHUONG TRANG from Vietnam,

studying at Doshisha University

My dream is to be a Japanese instructor.

Humanities

How did you choose the school where you would be studying?

I was born in Changchun, Jilin Province, and studied Japanese as my major at the local university. I heard my aunt, who had worked in Japan, talking about how Japan is "a fantastic place". This stirred my interest. The reason why I came to Kyoto is because a graduate from the Kyoto University of Foreign Studies was teaching at the Japanese school there.

What kind of things have you studied thus far?

At the Graduate School of Foreign Studies, I have been studying to become a Japanese instructor. During the first year, my goal was to work hard at using the Japanese grammar I had learned up until then, and build enough conversational skills to properly express myself. This year, I'm preparing for my master's thesis, under the guidance of an advisory instructor. The theme for my thesis is "Incorrect Usage of Possible Expressions by Native Chinese Speakers". While referring to my previous research, I'd like to complete this thesis by the end of the year.

What things have you been glad about or felt moved by, in regard to coming to study in Kyoto?

During my first year, I had no confidence, and I was practically unable to speak Japanese. It was around that time that a fellow student that was older than me said, "Come on, HaoRan, youll do just fine." She took the time to listen to what I had to say, and gave me encouragement. I'm really grateful that she said that, because that gave me the motivation to improve my Japanese. I also felt moved by the view of Arashiyama from the window of the research laboratory. I realized that Kyoto is a city that's abundant with nature, where both traditional and modern things coexist.

How do you want to take advantage of your experience studying in Japan in the future?

My dream is to return to China and to become a Japanese instructor. If I can, I' d like to teach at my alma mater, the College of Humanities & Sciences of Northeast Normal University. I'm studying to take the test in order to acquire my doctor's degree in Japan. I want to be a Japanese instructor that offers Japanese language training with a good balance between grammar and conversational skills. There is a high level of interest in Japan amongst the younger people in China, so I'd like to build bridges between the two countries by helping them to continue to develop their communication skills



POINT

As the former capital of Japan for over 1,000 years, Kyoto has passed on the ancient traditional cultures of the tea ceremony, flower arrangement and so on to the modern-day world.

With this kind of abundant cultural heritage background, students can learn deeply in a wide range of areas regarding Japanese culture, such as literature, history and religious studies, with the ability to mix in field work with the entire city for their exploring.

∠hang HaoHan from China, studying at Kyoto University of Foreign Studies



Design and Arts

How did you choose the school where you would be studying?

Ever since I was a child, I loved manga, borrowing books from the library and reading to my heart's content. I found out that "Doraemon" and "Slam Dunk", which were my favorites, were created in Japan. I made the decision during my high school years to visit Japan and to become a manga artist. I attended a high school that specialized in art, but I wanted to study at Kyoto Seika University, where some of my teachers and senior colleagues had graduated from. That's why I came to Kyoto.

What kind of things have you studied thus far?

I entered the university in 2011; but as I had to serve in military duty, so now I'm in my fourth year of the manga course. Up through my second year, I learned the basics of drawing manga, like drawing lines and circles and creating tone s (light/dark). From the third year on, I started working on my expressive abilities as a manga artist. Right now, I'm mainly working on my graduation project, which involves producing an actual manga. I'm working on this at least eight hours a day. My work about a soccer player called "Boff Soccer" went over well with the editors when I brought it to a major publisher, and I won an award for it in a manga contest.

What are the positive things you've experienced by coming to study in Japan?

I really love Kyoto, which I think is the most beautiful city in the world. Traditional and modern elements blend together, and the people who live here have been so kind and polite. I'm just amazed every day I live here.

How do you want to take advantage of your experience studying in Japan in the future?

I've always thought that I want to leave behind some kind of footprints in my life, for people to remember me by. For me, that means drawing manga. People who want to be fashion designers go to Paris or Milan. For me, I want to be a manga artist in the world's kingdom of manga, right here in Japan. There are three elements that are important to manga, the style, production, and story. I feel rather confident about my ability to create a production that draws people into the work. I want to keep studying, and create interesting manga that people will remember.

POINT

As one of the foremost cities in Japan for arts and culture, Kyoto offers many universities with curriculum focusing on the arts, where students can learn about Japanese art, music, traditional crafts and more.

In recent years, the fusion of the arts (such as design, architecture and video) and engineering has become more prominent. Education in pop culture such as manga and anime has become more popular as well .Kyoto is alive with art. The city has over 200 museums and other facilities featuring art and other areas, as well as international art-related fairs that are frequently held.

Gu Youngchan from Korea, studying at Kyoto Seika University

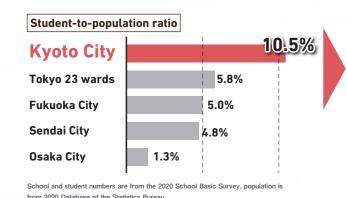
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University Capital of Japan



No.1 among Japanese cities
Approximately 1 out of 10
is a university student!

Leading academics in various fields





1000 year history as capital of Japan

Kyoto was the capital city of Japan for over 1,000 years. Numerous cultural assets cultivated throughout its long history remain all over the city, while traditional artisan techniques and traditional culture, such as the tea ceremony and flower arrangement, have been passed down through the ages to the modern era. Kyoto is a city where you can come into contact with and learn about Japanese cultural history in your daily life.

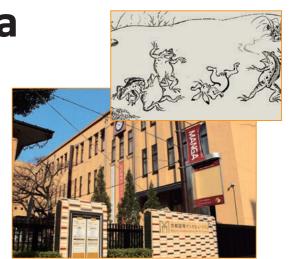


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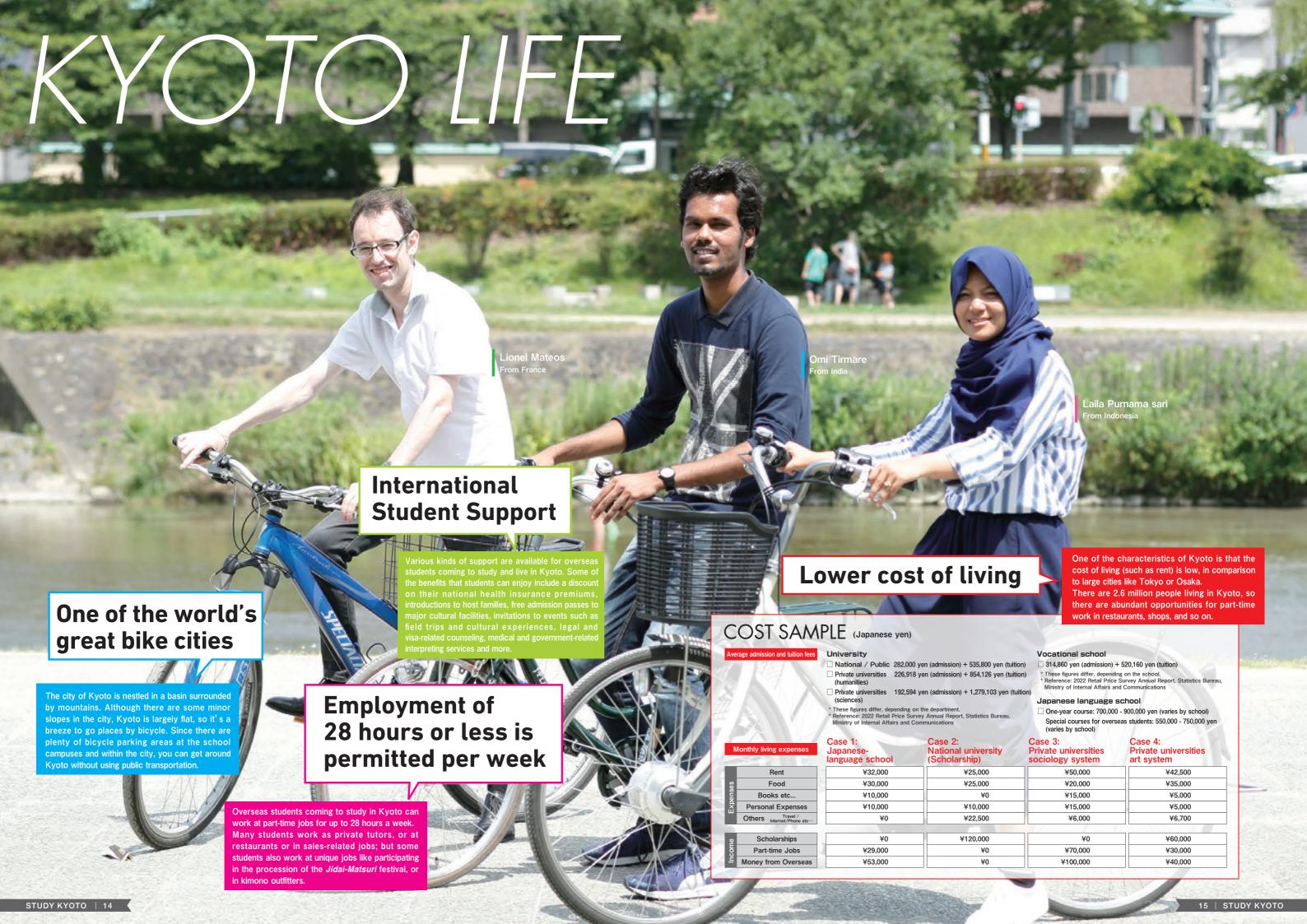
Nara 74 years

Birthplace of manga

Japanese manga and animation is highly regarded internationally and it is said that Japan's first manga was actually born in Kyoto, with the "Choju-giga" which was drawn 800 years ago being handed down to Kosanji in Kyoto. In addition, approximately 50,000 issues of manga are stored in a "Manga Wall" which extends over a total length of 200 meters in the Kyoto International Manga Museum in the city, allowing anyone to browse and read them. There are also many universities and vocational institutes which offer manga and animation-related courses.











Coming to Kyoto to live, I'm discovering fascinating things about Kyoto every day.

Edouard Decaen from France



There are many shrines and temples, as well as buildings like the Kyoto-style machiya houses here where you can feel the history of the place. I feel like I'm always a tourist here. Rivers with plenty of nature such as Kamogawa and Katsuragawa River are close to the city, so going down to the river and reading a book helps to relieve stress.

Fitriana Puspita from Indonesia



river to going to o-hanami events. The area between Sanjo and Shijo is a popular dating spot for young couples.

Chonlada Charoenviriyakul from Thailand

Read more from students who came to Kyoto to study from overseas



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Employment Support



Paid internship program for students from overseas

The "paid internship program" is designed to help students from overseas to become employed and active in the Japanese workplace, by building up experience doing paid work in companies in Kyoto and by understanding Japanese corporate culture and how to move forward with work.

The program offers p articipants the opportunity to experience the real working situation at a company and to get paid for it.





Placement Support and Exchange Community for Students from Overseas : KyoTomorrow Academy

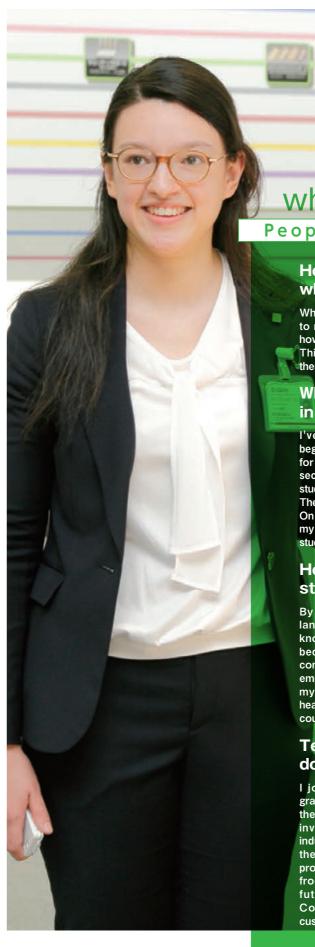
KyoTomorrow Academy is a community in which students that come from overseas to study in Kyoto can think about job placement in Kyoto and take action! This community offers unique and varied programs that can only be experienced here, such as Kyoto traditional cultural experience events, workshops with company employees, Japanese language support for job placement, job placement seminars and internships! Participants can interact not only with other students from overseas, but with company employees and Japanese students to make new connections. KyoTomorrow Academy helps you as a student from overseas to become more connected to society and to lead a more fulfilling life!

We are also involved in placement support for students from overseas, in cooperation with universities and the government.

A wide variety of placement activity support services from general companies are also available.

Kyoto Job Park service for students from overseas

www.pref.kyoto.jp/jobpark/ryuugaku.html



An International Company which Headquarters in Kyoto

People in the Workforce

How did you choose the school where you would be studying?

When I was majoring in Japanese at the University of London, I happened to meet a Japanese student who had come from Kyoto. I learned about how great Kyoto was from them, such as the traditional culture and history. This made me decide to go to Kyoto to continue my Japanese studies there.

What kind of things have you studied thus far in Kyoto?

I've actually studied in Kyoto twice. The first time was for one year beginning in 2012 as an exchange student, and the second time was in 2014 for one year, after I'd graduated from the University of London. During that second time, I studied at Doshisha University as a self-funded international student. The first time in Japan, I studied the Japanese language and culture. The things that I learned during my life in Kyoto really helped me to grow. On my second time to Japan, I decided to get a job in Japan, so I focused my efforts on studying business Japanese and on a job-hunting program for students from overseas.

How did you connect your experiences studying in Kyoto with finding a job?

By living in a culture different from my own and communicating in a language other than my mother tongue, I was able to gain different knowledge about things like Japanese history and culture, in addition to becoming familiar with the Japanese language. I feel that this gave me confidence, which ultimately connected with finding a job here. Although my employer was recommended to me by the university, the biggest factor in my decision was that the company was an international company, with headquarters in Kyoto. Since Kyoto is a special place for me, the fact that I could live and work there was an important part.

Tell us about the details of the job you're doing now, and your future ambitions.

I joined Kyocera Corporation in October 2015, the year in which I graduated from Doshisha University. Currently I'm working as a member of the European sales group of the fine ceramics sales division, where I'm involved in the sales of fine ceramic materials and parts to general industries. This has been one of Kyocera Corporation's businesses since they started as a company. Although it's a big job to learn about the products, I'm working hard by traveling to the factories for study, as I learn from senior employees and managers in the same business area. In the future, I want European businesses to know how good Kyocera Corporation's fine ceramics are, and I want to bring in more new customers.

INTERVIEW

Sophie Arenas Gutierrez from Belgium. Now employed at Kyocera Corporation; studied at Doshisha University



Kyoto brings together many unique global high-tech companies such as Nintendo Co., Ltd., Kyocera Corporation, Omron Corporation, Rohm Co., Ltd., and Nidec Corporation.

The tourism business is also popular in Kyoto, as it is world-renowned as a tourist center. This includes many tourist businesses, hotels, cultural facilities and more. There are many avenues of support for students from overseas seeking a job, including internships and career fairs. Many students who graduated after their studies in Kyoto have moved on to becoming employed in Kyoto as well.

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Universities and Junior Colleges in Kyoto



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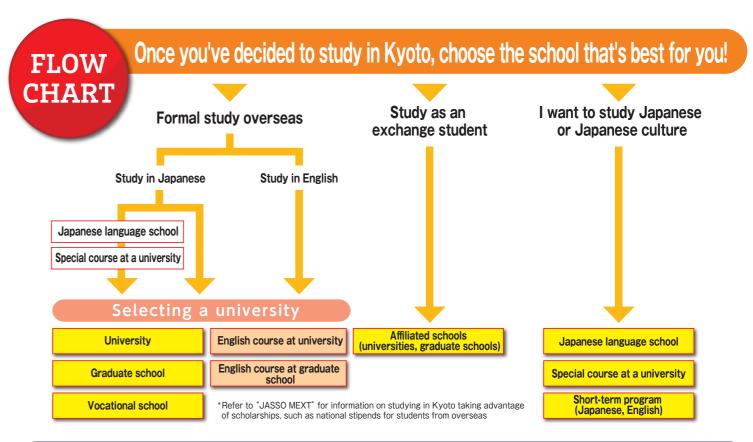
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Vocational Schools

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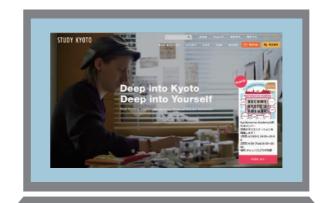
Japanese Language Schools

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For those who are still not sure whether to study in Kyoto…

Check out the following website for information on study in Kyoto. We're keeping this site up-to-date with the latest information on life in Kyoto, what to do to prepare, and what to do if you run into trouble.



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