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This is a great chance to explain about my academic and daily life in Miyazaki prefecture. Firstly, with regard to my study, I am an assistant lecturer at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Benha University, Egypt. I had a dream to finish my PhD study abroad, especially in Japan. I was so happy to get this opportunity to study at UoM, where I am now in my fourth year as a PhD student at the Animal Infectious Diseases and Prevention lab. Everything is perfect: the staff and students are so helpful, and the laboratory is well equipped. I learned so much and have gained great experiences that I can share with my students once I return to Egypt.

Next let me speak freely about my daily life. Miyazaki is such a beautiful place, which is full of life all year; the nature is magical here which is so different from Egypt. Four seasons are different as you can have fun with the nearby ocean and surfing during summer, view the pretty sakura during spring, and the fall is colorful and the winter is warm without snow. I am a Muslim woman, so I found Miyazaki to be a safe and comfortable place for me and my family. The local people are so kind and friendly. I enjoyed a lot in Miyazaki and outside it as I visited so many places at different prefectures in Japan. So try to enjoy your life with your new friends from different countries during your study at UoM. By the way I am a MUFGA (Miyazaki University Foreign Students Association) member and I will be happy if more and more new students can join us to share a lot of activities with each other. Finally, this year is special due to corona virus so be safe and healthy.



Carla Loverez Dacuba

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This year has been extra tough because of the pandemic but I will always be grateful because it gave me opportunities to see more of Miyazaki.

While doing online classes, I was able to spend time visiting the beautiful spots in the prefecture. Although there were no face-to-face classes, I was given a chance to join the Eigo de Shaberou Kai Program where I got to meet Japanese and international students every Wednesday. I always looked forward to this meeting because I got to interact with other people and had productive discussions and interesting conversations with them about each other's cultures and experiences.

I also joined the Online Exchange Program where I got to introduce myself and my country through a video presentation. I had a lot of fun reading and replying to each of the comments and the feedback from Japanese students. I admired their interest in learning about my country and culture while trying their best to express themselves in English.

GSO had also been very helpful in informing us international students about the current situation and they always made sure that we were well-informed and updated about the latest happenings. Even though UoM is a bit secluded and quite far from the city, it gave us a lot of advantages especially during this whole pandemic. The green environment was always so invigorating, making students focus more on their studies. You will never get tired of looking around the scenic campus and appreciating the surrounding beauty.



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I am a postgraduate student from Timor-Leste. I have been staying here in Miyazaki for almost a year now and I am glad I decided to come here. If you are someone who likes nature, a less dense and quiet city, and who wants to focus on your study, Miyazaki is the perfect place for you.

You can go tramping around and hiking with your friends and visit various places with beautiful natural landscapes. Miyazaki is also a subtropical place so if you do not like extreme cold weather and are from a tropical country like myself, then look no further: come to Miyazaki and you will not regret.

In addition, University of Miyazaki has a good academic environment and comfortable facilities, friendly and responsible staff who are willing to help you when you are in need, and professional professors who are expert in their fields. I have been enjoying myself and am grateful to study here, and I am sure you will as well.



Praveen Nuwantha Gunaratne

Graduate School of Engineering

Sri Lanka



For students who have a passion and interest to pursue their studies abroad, especially in Japan, the University of Miyazaki (UoM) would be a great choice.

Japan is a country with high advanced technology and UoM is mainly focused on the most emerging developments and it would be a good opportunity to acquire knowledge and hands-on experience in different areas and the most advanced and emerging technologies in the field of engineering. UoM provides many opportunities to students to participate in both domestic and international conferences where they can share and leverage their research findings with the research community from all over the world, and consequently get

feedback from different perspectives. UoM focuses on broadening the horizon of students in the field of research in order to create a stable and advanced environment. Further, UoM provides a cozy and friendly environment that helps in achieving the healthy study/life balance that you need to enjoy the experience of studying abroad. So, I strongly believe that UoM is the best choice for prospective students who are looking for advanced university facilities with a great study environment for their study and life.



Andrew L. Makalani

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My stay in Miyazaki has been better than I had anticipated. The people are warm and accommodative, and even open to learn more about various cultures. It has been fun learning a new language at my own pace (for the purpose of communicating outside the university) because in the international course the language of instruction is English.

The professors are available when needed, helpful and with a genuine concern for students' welfare. I think this is very important for every student.

The weather can be dynamic, but the city has beautiful places for sightseeing in every season, so it is worth it. Most importantly, Miyazaki is one of most the affordable cities in Japan. I've been in Miyazaki for 16 months and counting, with no regrets.



Ahmad Aminnin Bin Mat Noor

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I chose Miyazaki at first because I was recommended by my teacher during my preparation school. During that time, I totally didn't know why he said that, but now when I am at Miyazaki, I can understand the reason. Here, during winter, I can go to university for classes without any trouble like extreme cold or snow. So that here is very suitable for me to study. Thanks to my teacher, Ikeda Sensei for your advice and recommendation.

Here, I also can release stress and relax by walking along the beach, river, and paddy fields near my house. Spending my time alone while enjoying nature, really makes me feel calm and fresh, especially in the morning, and the view is so beautiful.

I decided to come here alone in a new and unfamiliar place because I want to challenge myself to be an independent person and improve myself in many aspects. I think this teenage time, is the best time for me to meet new people, and also learn and experience many new things in this world.



ALINE UWINEZA

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I am a master student in engineering who is passionate about environmental protection. Coming to Miyazaki was my dream come true because I wanted to study abroad, and as an environmental engineer, Japan was a perfect choice for me.

UoM is located at a few kilometers from the city center. It is surrounded by nature and the view of mountains always reminds me my home country and makes me feel at home. The campus is calm and has many activities for sports and entertainment. When you are new, the big challenges might be the language and cultural differences, but the students and the university staff are very kind, respectful to everybody and willing

to help you. Especially my tutor has helped me even beyond his duty and I am grateful for that. I admire how politeness and kindness are valued in Japanese culture, and I believe that as foreigners, we get to learn and experience the beauty of kindness.



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I am a second year doctoral student in the public health department. I have been living in Miyazaki for 3 years including my researcher course for one year before I started to join my PhD course.

I can proudly say that University of Miyazaki is a good place to achieve greater knowledge and pursue our life goals. In addition, studying in University of Miyazaki gives me unparalleled opportunity to live, study and explore a different culture. I can learn that modernization and traditional culture walk in harmony. Moreover, people from Miyazaki (including teachers, university staffs, Japanese students and even locals) are nice and helpful to foreigners. I am grateful to study at the University of Miyazaki.

