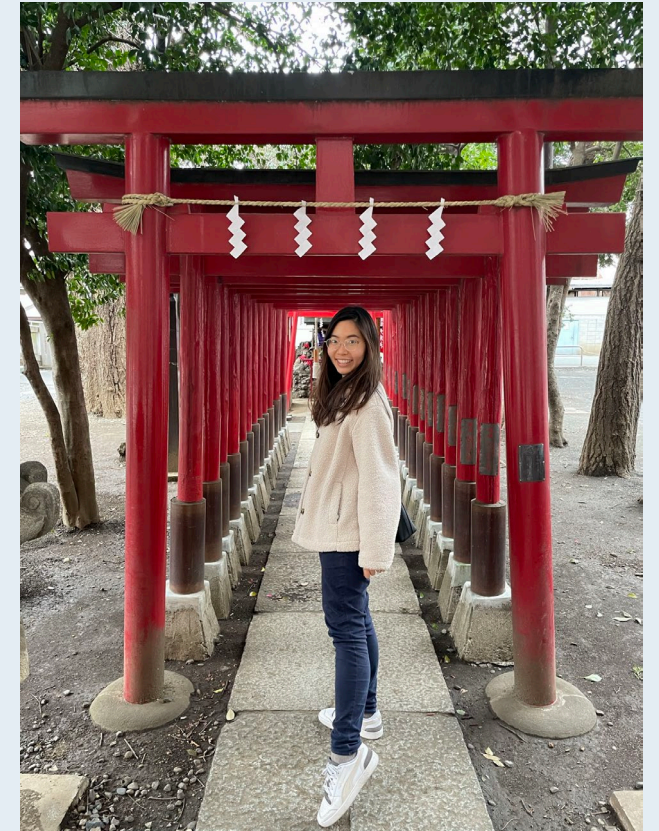


MY EXPERIENCE AS AN ADB-JSP SCHOLAR IN TOKYO TECH

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The first time I learned about International Graduate Program (IGP) in Tokyo Tech was three years ago. I always knew that I wanted to pursue a master's degree but I didn't know when would be the right time to resign from my current job and if I have enough saving to support myself. Fortunately, I could apply for ADB-JSP Scholarship and I was already working for more than 2 years at that time. I decided to apply to Cross Laboratory and after two rounds of online interview and document screening process, I was accepted as a master's student in Tokyo Tech with ADB-JSP Scholarship.





As it was in the middle of Covid-19 pandemic, I could not go to Japan directly before the academic year started. I spent my first month joining online classes from my home country before flying to Japan. It was a bit lonely taking classes alone and staying in front of the computer all day long. Thankfully, the break out rooms could provide opportunities to talk with other students who experience similar situation and to keep each other updated with the current travel regulation. ADB-JSP also held several online events such as welcome gathering and thesis workshop where we could interact with fellow scholars from different universities and countries. It was also a great opportunity to meet scholars who have graduated years ago and now are professionals in their field of work.

My two years of studying at Tokyo Tech has passed in a blink of an eye. I have done my final presentations last month and now wrapping up my experiments' results while trying to spend my last days here to the most. Lately I often travel around Tokyo with my lab mates to try legendary restaurants, have picnic, or just strolling around.

Nonetheless, one of my favorite memories that I will miss a lot is when the Sakura trees bloom and all Tokyo Tech's ADB-JSP scholars gather to take group pictures together. It was such an honor to be one of the recipients of the most prestigious scholarships in Japan and I will use the knowledge that I have obtained to develop my country in the future.

