



Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program  
**Welcome Gathering 2020**  
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Join ADB events



Field survey for research, lab seminar



Make new friends



Trips with lab mates



Enjoy sakura in spring



Try new thing: go skiing, wear kimono



# A new chapter in my life begins as I become an ADB-JSP scholar

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- I am very grateful to have been awarded the ADB-JSP scholarship. This opened up several doors for me, allowing me to learn and try out a wide variety of new things. I had the opportunity to not only enhance my research skills while attending Tokyo Institute of Technology as an ADB-JSP scholar, but I also had the chance to meet many people and experience many different things.
- Starting the program when the pandemic is still serious means many things need to be conducted online, including classes and events. However, fortunately, things began to turn better. I was able to meet many new people, attend the seminar in person, and also have fun on the trip with the other people in our lab. In addition to attending classes, I also perform research by going on a survey on a field trip and spending a significant amount of time in the laboratory. It was sometimes challenging and irritating to research, but I was able to solve it thanks to the direction provided by the supervisor. Thanks to these difficulties, I was able to pick up a lot of useful experience. Besides studying and researching, it was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the scenery and nature of Japan during times of holiday and leisure time in Japan. It was the first time I traveled by myself to view the red leaves in the fall or the first time I saw snow and went skiing with my friend in the winter. It was also the first time I saw cherry blossoms and wore a kimono. Everything will be a happy memory for me to look back on.
- Things do not always go according to plan every so often, especially living abroad, such as when I first arrived in Japan and felt new to everything, or when I got stuck with my research. However, I feel very lucky and grateful that there was always somebody nearby to offer support and assistance.
- In the beginning, it might make me excited for the new future, but it might also make me terrified of what I do not know. But up until this point, when I'm ready to graduate, I'm confident that I made the right choice.