



2024 SUMMER INTERNSHIP REPORT

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1 Introduction

My internship was proposed by my Japanese teacher in the beginning of my first year at ENSEEIHT. Indeed, every year, some students go to Japan for 7 weeks to take Japanese courses, visit Tokyo and surroundings and finally take part to an hotel internship near Tokyo or in the Japanese countryside: that was my case.

2 Tokyo and Yokohama

During the first 3 weeks of the journey, we were roughly 40 ENSEEIHT students taking part to Japanese courses at Yokohama (near Tokyo) the morning. It has enabled me to develop my Japanese skills, and learn common Japanese words and expressions in a fun way. Afternoons, Wednesdays and weekends were free, so I was able to put into practice what I was learning by ordering in restaurants, taking in shops, and so on. It also permitted to discover different cities such as Tokyo and Kyoto. We were even invited to a fashion university in Tokyo to meet and chat with Japanese students who were learning French! These 3 weeks in Yokohama allowed me to discover a large part of Japanese culture, which is so different from French culture. I was able to take a lot of photos, including the following one:



3 NasuKougen Volpe

During the last 4 weeks of the journey, I was in the Caro Foresta NasuKougen Volpe hotel, which is a hotel where dogs are allowed and are treated as real clients. We were 3 at this hotel: me and two of my friends. Our task was to clean the hotel by making bedrooms, wash windows, wash bathrooms, vacuum the corridors, wash the dishes and so on. It was tiring, but my friends and I have very fond memories of it. But this internship wasn't just about working and cleaning. Above all, it was an opportunity to chat with the hotel staff and share meals with them every day. With my friends, we were immersed in the Japanese work culture and we were very surprised to see how friendly the Japanese are. The atmosphere in the team was really great!

4 Conclusion

This experience was a complete shock for me. I was finally able to go abroad for the first time. I was able to discover many different facets of Japanese culture: both urban and rural life. I've improved my Japanese thanks to daily communication with native speakers: it's clearly not the same as taking Japanese lessons in France. This internship has really opened up my mind and I've discovered a passion that I'd never imagined: traveling.