



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Bedrijfs- en consumentenwetenschappen
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01/04/23 until 31/08/23
Country (exchange)	Japan
City (exchange)	Kyoto
University (exchange)	Kyoto University
Faculty (exchange)	Graduate school of economics

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To learn about a different country and culture.

What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

Good university, interesting culture, big companies. Japan is a country with a good infrastructure and well managed universities. Also, Japan has produced big international companies and has an interesting history.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

Airplane to Osaka and take the normal train to Kyoto (not shinkansen).

4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	Environmental economics	6	A course where you need to do multiple scientific presentations about papers related to environmental economics	75/100	
2	Environmental economic analysis	6	A course where microeconomics and	85/100	

			econometrics are combined to analyse problems and scientific papers related to environmental economics		
3	Readings on international economics	6	Different international organizations are being analysed and their role in international economics is being discussed	80/100	
4	Economic & Business History	6	Every week you need to read different papers about historical events that had a major influence on the world economy	87/100	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

For these specific courses there was no exam but only assignments and presentations. These included a lot of scientific literature study.

What is the culture of the university? (E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?)

The university has a really nice and open atmosphere, there are a lot of places to get a cheap lunch on campus that are provided by the university. The teachers are really approachable and know a lot about their topics.

What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)

There is a nice gymnasium and baseball field on campus in the middle of the city. Also, the lunch is provided by the university for a low price.

5.Housing-travelling-living

What are the possibilities for housing? (E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?)

International dormitory that is provided by the university. Very good housing.

What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)

Nobody speaks English and it can be expensive. Also, you need to do some reading before visiting Japan because travelling can be hard. However, if you know how the system works Japan has a really nice infrastructure.

Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?

Rent is 150 euros per month for Shugakuin Dormitory. However, other dormitories are more expensive, around 200-300. Also, I would say that in Japan travelling can be expensive and I would guess people spend 1500-2000 euros per month.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)

In Kyoto students use bikes to commute. However, there is a good subway and train system in place. But people need to make sure to not take the Shinkansen all the time.

6. Free time

What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)

Kyoto is one of the most historical and cultural cities in the world, so there is enough to see in Kyoto.

What does not appear in the travel guide, but is worth a visit?

Nagasaki, very rich Dutch history.

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)

Join some of the many sport clubs. Here you learn about Japan and the Japanese in general.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Nobody can speak English in Japan.

What was your best memory abroad?

Travelling alone for 2 weeks, this is easy in Japan if you know how to travel. It will take time to learn this but at the end of your exchange it is a must do activity.

8. Contact details (optional)

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