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**Kajal (Kaju)**

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- **Activities Joined:**

International Lounge, Cultural exchange programs with High school students, Global Exploration Program, Visits to educational places with Sakura Host Family

- **Comments/Feedback on Your Experience as an Exchange Student:**

Being an exchange student was one of the most enriching experiences of my life. I got to know various things about Japanese culture from a closer look. Studying alongside peers from around the globe broadened my perspective and introduced me to a diverse range of cultures. Despite the limited time, I gained a wealth of knowledge and experiences that have deeply impacted me.

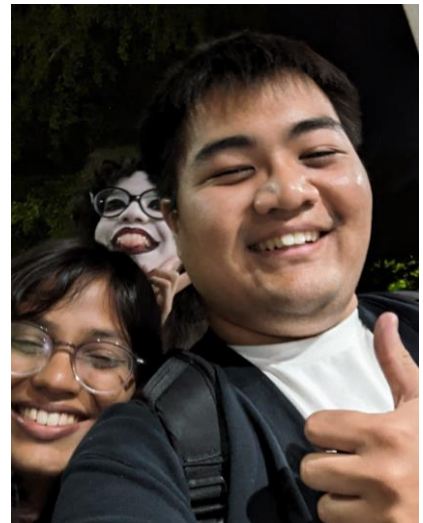
- **Advice to New Exchange Students:**

Embrace new experiences and feel free to share your thoughts and opinions with others. With students from all over the world, you have the chance to explore diverse cultures. Participating in activities organized by the University also offers valuable opportunities to engage with Japanese people on various topics, which can greatly aid in practicing your spoken Japanese.

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**KEOWAN (Puchi)**

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- **Activities Joined:** International Lounge, Tea ceremony (茶道部), Visited Shizuoka Jouhoku high-school (静岡城北高校), Joined High-school student visited Shizuoka university events.

- **Comments/Feedback on Your Experience as an Exchange Student:**

It was my first time leaving my country. I was very anxious about whether I could adapt to living here in japan, but thanks to SuOIC, teachers and friends I made here, I'm able to adapt to it! It was a very good time living here in Shizuoka.

- **Advice to New Exchange Students:**

You might feel time flow slowly living here in the first month. But after that, time flies so fast that when you realize it, it'll be the last month that you can stay in japan and you'll regret things that you left over. So, make sure you don't regret it!

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- **Activities Joined:** I engaged in a lot of activities in the International Lounge, as well as events organized by KASA. I was also happy to participate in several events consisting of cultural exchange with high school students.

- **Comments/Feedback on Your Experience as an Exchange Student:**

It was an extremely enriching experience, since I was able to enroll in a very diverse selection of classes, which became an opportunity to better my Japanese in a lot of aspects. Another thing that I am very grateful for is how Shizuoka University accommodates and engages with its exchange students, providing a lot of opportunities for them to have a smooth life in Japan. I believe the existence of International Lounge and groups like KASA are an example of this well-succeeded effort.

- **Advice to New Exchange Students:**

Having an open mind is the most important thing being an exchange student in Japan. Allow yourself to go through tough times as much as the fun times, and to experience new things, no matter how scary they are. It's an experience full of pleasant surprises and tough understandings, and much of it is beyond your control, so do your best, and enjoy the ride!