

## Shogo's Wonderful Experience in Turkey

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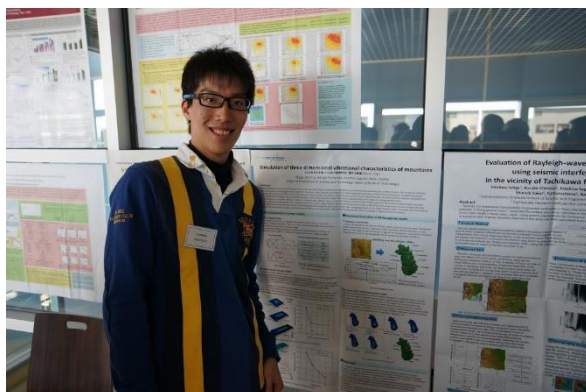
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### What I gained through activities during the program

In this program, I learned and experienced a lot of things in Turkey.



In the poster presentation at Istanbul Technical University (ITU), I was able to touch the people who study other field, and also I could communicate them in English. It was a little hard to explain my research in English, but ITU students heard and were interested in my research. Thank you very much.

In ITU, we have a lesson about Turkish. They taught us Turkish culture and language in Japanese. I was studying Turkish language a little in advance, and I could understand more deeply in this class.

After that, I tried to communicate Turkish people in ITU campus and a street. I was able to make conversations to Turkish people.



In Site Visit: Ersel Heavy Machinery, They explained to me about the Ball Mill and Tumbler screen and so on. Because I had never seen such a huge apparatus in Japan, It was very interesting. And it was also impressive for me that some Device has a Turkish charm called “Nazar boncuğu”.

In Site Visit: Eurasia Tunnel, I visited the site of the undersea tunnel currently under construction. The tunnel has been constructing for heavy traffic jam, which is a problem in Istanbul.

I saw the scene that they were making this tunnel in actual, I felt it was a very huge and important program in Turkey.



We also participated in Bosphorus cruise tour and enjoyed many kind of Turkish cuisine. And I was surprised at the amount of meals. Compared to Japan, I remember one meal has more amount than Japan. So, I was always “Doydum”. Doydum means I am full in Turkish.

Our friends of Turkey guided us to many place in Turkey and we were able to touch the culture of Turkey. I am very satisfied and appreciate them.

And some of our Turkish friends were willing to study Japanese. Basically we used English, but also we communicated in Japanese sometimes. I was very happy that they have been trying to learn and speak Japanese. During stay period, they also taught me Turkish, so I could also try to speak in Turkish. The next time to meet with them, I think that we can communicate more with each other.

Thanks to a lot of people who have supported this program, I could learn many things and enjoy in Turkey. I am very glad that I had a chance to participate in this program.

Thank you very much. Çok teşekkür ederim.

#### Suggestion for improvement / any other comments

Usually, we were having a conversation in English, but I thought it was very interesting to speak in Turkish and Japanese. So I think that if possible in this program in the future, it will be better to increase the opportunities we learn Turkish and they learn Japanese.