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1. Why did you decide to come study in Japan and choose Chukyo University?

I had always wanted to visit Japan because I had been studying Japanese for several years but had never had the chance to come here. I thought going on exchange would be the perfect opportunity to improve my Japanese while also experiencing the culture firsthand. I chose Chukyo University because I wanted to experience life in Japan outside of Tokyo, and I felt that Nagoya was in a great location between Japan's two largest cities.

2. How do you think you have matured through your studies at Chukyo? Please share your experiences, events, or feelings while studying at Chukyo University.

Going on exchange was also my first time living alone, so I was quite nervous at the beginning. As time went by, I gradually adapted to my new life and had many wonderful experiences. The GEC organizes many events for exchange students, giving us opportunities to meet Japanese students as well as talk to other exchange students. These events made it easy to make friends, build connections, and create many unforgettable memories during my time here.

3. How do you hope to make use of this experience in the future?

During my time in Japan, I was able to continue studying Japanese not only through my classes but also by living in the culture every day. This experience has motivated me to continue studying Japanese even after I return home to New Zealand. I made so many unforgettable memories during my exchange that I will cherish for years to come, and I hope to see the friends I made here again someday.

4. Finally, please give a message to juniors who are considering studying at Chukyo University in the future.

The GEC staff and the Voice members at Chukyo University are an amazing team who will make your exchange experience both enjoyable and memorable. The events they organize are one of the best ways to make friends and experience Japanese culture.

One piece of advice: when you buy your commuter pass, remember that you can choose a route that covers multiple stations rather than just traveling between one station and the university. It will make it much easier to explore Nagoya during your stay.

