

# Report on the study abroad

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## At the beginning

I finished long-term study abroad in Brazil for about 10 months from April 2017 to February 2018. It seems that it was long, this time that was in a flash was truly a truly irreplaceable time for me. I will be pleased if I find Brazilian topics and news in Japan's life. I will look back on the purpose of, activities and what I learned through this long-term study abroad in Brazil.

## Purpose

I have decided two goals for this study abroad. The first one is to know Brazilian culture and life. The second one knows Brazilian business management.

In order to learn about management, I received a university lesson. I also surveyed on the farm. I interviewed 7 farmers. As a result, I found that business management is done in Brazil. The farmers were trying to improve on management. However, the idea differs depending on the percentage of students who go on to a higher stage of education. It was also pointed out that Brazilian prices are not stable as a reason why management is not important. I learned differences and problems on Brazilian and Japanese management and I was able to achieve my original purpose.



Agroforestry

It was the third time I went to Brazil for my study abroad. I have been visiting twice in

about a month's training and 3 weeks of short-term study. I thought that I wanted to know Brazil that I could not know at that time. By studying abroad for about 10 months, I was able to experience seasonal change, how to spend holidays, living in various lands in Brazil.

It is the difference of how to spend holidays that remains strong in impression. I thought that Brazil is a culture that values families more carefully than Japan from usual times. I spent Christmas at my friend's house. It has a large population of Christianity, especially Christmas prepared meals from noon for the evening. Then I waited for the date to change with my friend's family on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks were raised outside when the date changed, and embraced by the people around us. I was surprised at my first time. I knew this was Christmas in Brazil.

I am surprised to hear that it is natural for a Japanese. I lived in a share house with five Brazilians girls. At that time I spread my own in the living room and had cleaned up, roommate said to me, "You like cleaning." When I asked my roommate, "We hire a housekeeper so we do not have to make meals or clean it up". Hiring a housekeeper in Japan is not common. The Japanese are growing up when they clear their own things by themselves. In Brazil I learned that when I was hiring a housekeeper I thought that if I cleaned myself I took away the work of a housekeeper. I thought it was a big difference though it was a trivial thing.



Share house CUPIDO



Christmas traditional dishes

### **What I learned through long-term study abroad**

What I felt most important through my study abroad was to respect individuality and value my own self. This is what I learned from not only Brazilians but also Japanese people who work in Brazil, Japanese people working in Brazil, international students

and other people who talked with various people. Knowing Brazil, I thought that the culture of Japan was strange, and on the other hand I thought it was a good culture. There are still a lot of things I do not know, so I go to places I do not know and want to meet lots of people. Thank you very much for your support at Tokyo Nodai association of Brazil, people from the International Cooperation Center, professors at Sao Paulo University, roommates at the share house, local students, and my family.