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I have come back to Japan, my home, on June 23rd. I had spent a very exciting time in Brazil as an international exchange student. Before my visit to Brazil, I had not spent such a long time on foreign country. So, so many things what happened in Brazil led me surprised and excited. For example, the culture, manners, the concept of society, behavior, emotion, and another things what I cannot imagine were differences. Therefore, I must to adapt myself to circumstance and culture although I had not wanted to set my opinion to someone's. In Japan, many people are going to let them to set there's opinion to the others. It is the Japanese culture what respect a group. But I felt Brazil is different. In Brazil, they have their opinions to all things and they always insist on it. So I had had to have and insist my opinion or if I couldn't, they thought my opinion was equal to theirs. It feels like survival, you know.

As I said, there were many different things in Brazil compare to Japan. To tell the truth, I couldn't accept some of it. At first, Brazilian meal culture wasn't good for me. Mainly, almost of them don't have breakfast. When they get up, Take coffee and sometimes pieces of bread. Of course they have lunch at noon. But dinner is taken at late night like 9 pm to 11. So they have a snack at afternoon that called lanchonete. Although, lanchonete taken in Brazil is not Snack we know. It is almost a meal. That is, Brazilian takes three meals in a day actually. Lanchonete is a substitute for breakfast. Of course it make us to wake up until midnight and we should have taken a nap every day.

I have been so tired because the difference of how to use time, how to take meal, and so on.

Although I have tired of lives in Brazil but have loved it. Brazil have large population and races, the same as United States, Canada. Just have looking, they are so likely because all of them have large territory, population, and are immigrant nations. But I feel Brazil is more liberty. They are not racists, are not tied to preconception. In north of America, they insist liberty of races, sex, and lives while Brazil don't insist it. Because they already have true liberty. It is most valuable feeling I got in Brazil and I really loved it.

So, the experience I had in Brazil is so brilliant, so valuable, and was I had been seeking for years. Brazil, the country have many races, unique culture, Love and passion, poverty and difference made me closer to be a global talent. Of course I have many things to reach out to there and importance is

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continuation of efforts. But I'm sure this experience will be a start for my Global carrier.

Finally, I hope many people study in Tokyo University of Agriculture choose to go spend a year or half and get only experience and feeling of them. I can help you if you need. And, the chance of this experience was given to me from international center of university, so I should be deeply grateful to them.