

Kawasaki medical school exchange report

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¡Hola!

We are Maria and Paula, two medical students from Spain. We have been studying at Kawasaki Medical School Hospital as part of the IFMSA clerkship exchange program, during the month of August.



研究室での歓迎会集合写真
(最前列左から Paula, 大槻先生, Maria)

We did not know what to expect before coming to Japan and after this month we have to say it has been an incredible experience. Having the opportunity to experience Japan's historical value, delicious food (oishi!) and beautiful places has been amazing. However, what we appreciated the most is the hospitality of Japanese people. Everyone we have met has been kind, welcoming and has tried to help us in any situation.

Our training here has been very complete. The first two weeks we were in the Hygienics department with



実験室での様子
(手前 Paula, 奥 Maria)

Dr. Lee, where we learnt a lot about the research process, and acquired new laboratory skills, such as cell culture, cell differentiation and PCR.

During the following two weeks, we did some clinical rotations in the departments of Pediatrics, Gastroenterology and Dermatology, as well as attending a video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS). In all departments every doctor, nurse and staff member we met were very kind and helpful, with a strong willingness to teach and explain to us everything they could. It has been an enriching experience that has allowed us not only to learn a lot about medicine but also to notice the difference between Spanish and Japanese medical procedures.

Furthermore, we have had many social events with ESS students. They are all amazing and we have had a lot of fun together. They have explained to us about Japanese costumes,



ESSメンバーと浴衣で
(後列左から Paula, Maria, ESSの学生さん)

taken us to restaurants to taste Japanese food and also organized a short trip to visit Hiroshima and see the Miyajima fireworks. We feel very lucky to have met them.

Finally, we want to thank Kawasaki Medical School and IFMSA for this opportunity, with especial thanks to all the doctors, nurses, teachers, students and staff we have met at the Hospital and University. They have made our stay a wonderful and unique experience.

¡Hasta pronto!