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Tokyo is always busy, Miyazaki feels like California, and Osaka people stand on the other side of the escalator! Discovering these small details was the initial spark for my interest in coming and living in Japan.

Throughout the world, you have many opportunities to learn Japanese or research Japanese culture but the opportunity to live and work here, for an extended period of time, truly reveals to you the amazing details of such a wonderful country. Becoming acquainted with a society so completely different from my own is the third greatest treasure I will take home from this experience of being a Labo intern.



My second greatest treasure from my time here is my appreciation for sleep. The work of a Labo intern is exhausting beyond belief but what job isn't. During my weekday mornings, I work in the Labo office planning games, calling Labo Tutors, and helping out with the various Labo programs. In the afternoon, I travel far and wide across my district to visit Labo Parties! My main purpose as an intern is to share my culture, help with English, and share games and activities during Labo Parties! On weekends, I visit many places with my host family or hang out with people I meet at Labo Parties. Being constantly active is extremely tiring but incredibly amazing! Each day is so much fun and I get to make so many new friends!

Labo is a place to make mistakes and grow as a person. This applies not just for the students but for the tutors, staff, and interns, too! I was a very timid and easily intimidated person when I first joined this program but being at the forefront of Labo Parties and activities gave me the chance to improve my confidence. Everyone around me encouraged me and helped me along the way. Having such a wonderful support system from people I would have met only moments previous, is a truly unique component of Labo. This is my number one greatest treasure to take home with me.

The internet provides many opportunities to learn Japanese or read about its society but being able to learn about a country and about yourself in such a welcoming environment is special and very distinctive to Labo. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, just apply and try your best!