To be part of an exchange program to Japan has been in my mind ever since my experience as an exchange student in Japan during my gap year. However, this time it is slightly different as I am going to be in Tokyo. Many of my friends in Tokyo were surprised when they learned that I was born in Japan.

My activities, among others, were joining the University boxing team, taking part in a sumo tournament, and reading theses ranging from gender to economics issues.

I have really enjoyed my time during the exchange program and have had incredible experience, and made friends that I will keep for life. It has been arguably all of life’s most memorable and valuable lessons. This is an experience in life that cannot be written in textbook or taught in a classroom.