

Message from an Exchange Student

Firstly, I'd like to address that it is a pleasure to be granted this opportunity to give my impression on this school. Meito is the place I've spent my student exchange year attending but Meito isn't just a school. It is a foreign place which I've grown to love.

My name is Thanapat Pathomkasikul and you may be wondering why my name doesn't sound Japanese and you would be right. I am not a Japanese. I'm an exchange student from Thailand, and I've been studying in Meito High for the past 10 months. During my time here at Meito High, the school put me into the Global English Major Program, 2nd year.

Coming here without any knowledge beforehand and not being a native, I had no expectations, but this school managed to impress me in ways which I didn't imagine were possible. From teachers to friends, who have helped me, all the way from when I didn't understand a single Japanese word, to who I am today, I'm forever grateful. When I first got here, my classmates drew pictures and wrote down messages on the class back board welcoming me into their class, which was and still is pretty heartwarming.

I do not have much knowledge regarding other programs, so I'll be focusing on the Global English Major Program. With that being said, the Native English teachers, who are at Meito, are both knowledgeable. They treat their students with love and respect, giving everyone a chance no matter how well they perform.

Being in the Global English Program, the majority of the classes are conducted in both English and Japanese. I myself who wasn't fluent in Japanese quite yet, didn't fully understand every lesson, but then, I could still say that each and every class was enjoyable.

Meito High also has countless activities during the School year such as school festival, school trip, sports fair and many more. The club activities here are also very diverse, with more than 30 clubs, divided into both sports and culture clubs to choose from academics and activities.

This school also gives exchange students a choice to change classes that are not needed and to obtain different experiences. The exchange student privilege doesn't end there. We also get private Japanese and tea ceremony lessons. We can also try as many clubs as we want before joining.

Thanks to this school I get to experience Japanese tea ceremony, calligraphy, club activities and Japanese high school life. Those are things I couldn't experience in my own country. When I'm here, this school feels like a second home for me and I couldn't imagine being at any other school than here.

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