

Kanazawa Reflection Journal

It was just three weeks ago. The memories and experience that I been through seems so surreal, just like a dream. Since we landed in the land of the rising sun, we have been treated with such great hospitality. Everyone has been nothing but nice and friendly, trying to make us feel comfortable in their homes and taking us as part of their family.

My host family has taken such great care of me. With every meal so delicately prepared and details of the environment arranged for my convenience. And the times we ate out, they have chosen those restaurants after they asked me what I would like to try in Japan on day one. I will never forget how much they have done for me through the past 10 days.

Surprisingly, the place I look forward to going the most everyday is the school, Kanazawa Technical Collage (KTC). The company of my friends from the trip and how nice the teachers are is very warming.

Through this trip I have learned a bit more about Japanese culture and traditional art. The simplicity in their design is the most beautiful part of their art works. We got the chance to do lacquer plate painting and I got a chance to do gold plating as well. These activities brought me back to my love for art and inspired me to want to create design that is as simple but yet impactful just like theirs.

Now that I am back in Singapore, I am missing the weather, the people and the environment there terribly. I have made new friends and have also experienced their life and culture there which have impacted me and the way I view design and life.

I have come to enjoy life more at a slower pace and live it simply. What I learned is that a simple life is a happy and impactful life just like how simple design impacts people the most.