

【国際交流 PR アソシエイトからの発信～インド人の友人について～】

バングラデシュ人の留学生マムンさんは、この10月に博士課程の学生として入学してきたインド人学生・Vitalさんが日本の生活に馴染めるよう、色々と手助けをしたようです。今ではすっかり日本の生活を楽しんでいるというVitalさんですが、来日当初は苦勞することも多かったようです。同じ研究室の先輩であるマムンさんはどのようにVitalさんの手助けを行ったのでしょうか。ぜひ、マムンさんの記事をお読みください。英語での発信です。

He is Vital, My Indian Friend!

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Traveling in different countries is always an amazing experience, but it becomes more thrilling when we decide to leave our home country for a long time. Still now, I can remember the time before leaving my home country. How excited I was!

Today, I am not going to write about my story. I am going to tell about one of my Indian friends. He is Vital Kumar Yadav, but I call him as Vital. He is a very simple person with smiling face but has a lots of question in his mind to know the unknown thing. Before coming Japan, he firstly contacted with me through the Facebook. I can remember that he asked me several type of questions about Japan, Japanese people, culture, environment etc. Interestingly, he asked me a thousand bundles of several question again and again. I told him many times that don't be too excited, take everything as simple as possible. I suggested him to come first and receive the air of Japan. 'Hopefully you can keep your smiling face more illuminated after coming here, so don't be worried, just enjoy the change' I told him.

Finally he reached at Japan on 1st October, 2018. I saw him for the first time at the Morioka station. I felt he was very much excited to come in Japan. One question may come in everyone's mind that, why did I go to the station for receiving Vital? Vital also came here for PHD degree like me under my professor Funazaki Ken-ichi. Actually he gave me the responsibility to help Vital for making him easy in Japan. Thus I took the responsibility very eagerly. However, there was another reason in my mind too. Actually, I love to make new friend and it's a great opportunity to add new name in my friend list.

From the first day to till now, he has been always with me. In his first day of Morioka he was at my room. I offered him hotchpotch and chicken curry but he told that he was vegetarian, so he only ate hotchpotch. From then, when he demands I cook hotchpotch for him. Actually, he

loves my cooking whereas, I love the appreciation about my cooking from his mouth. Now he stays near my dormitory, so we can easily meet at any time. In second day of Morioka, we visited our own campus, visited our lab and introduced him with other lab-mates. Interestingly, Vital was very upset because of seeing only two female lab mates. Although he hasn't told me directly, I could understand by observing on his face. He said only 'it's ok...' Ha ha ha....

At the beginning, he was very uncomfortable with the new place, culture, people and environment. Vital has been living at Morioka more than five month in Japan. 'How do you feel in Japan, are you okay?' I asked him. Vital simply answered me that he is now enjoying a lots in Japan. 'Japan is really a very peaceful country, there are lots of rules here but these rules make human life easier and secure than many other countries' he said. He loves the natural beauty of Japan too. The most surprising news is that recently he is planning for getting marriage and staying here with his life partner for a long time.

As a friend of Vital, I can only pray for him to Allah for his successful and cheerful life.

