

Two Weeks In Japan

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This was my reward for being an English teacher. I couldn't believe it when I heard that I had won a scholarship to attend the workshop in Japan. This was the compensation for such a long time hard working and I am extremely proud.

I set off on August 6 to begin the workshop at LIOJ (Language Institute of Japan) Shiroyama, Odawara, Japan.

LIOJ is at Asia center in Odawara, south of Tokyo. The workshop at LIOJ is primarily for Japanese teachers. There were about 86 participants from all Junior High Schools and Senior High Schools in Japan and 12 scholarship winners from Korea, Japan, Philippines and Thailand. There were famous guest speakers from many countries. The workshop had the same process and types of activities as the Thai TESOL workshops. We had regular morning sessions from 8:30-12:15 and in the afternoon until the evening (1:30-8:45). We could choose to attend the classes in which we were interested. The duty of the scholarship winners was to present the project or session for which we had won twice alternative groups.

For me, the most valuable part of the workshop was being able to exchange experiences with Japanese teachers and teachers of English from other countries. This has helped me to acquire a worthwhile perspective on English teaching in Thailand and a clearer picture of what needs to be done.

At this time I would like to extend my gratitude to Thai TESOL and LIOJ who donated this scholarship to me.

All this could happen to you. Don't hesitate, send your proposal for a presentation to Thai TESOL today!