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### *Living in Sendai: Experience and Advice, Leisure*

*Do you think the program and the educational environment will help promote your research?*

To start with, I really enjoy my life at Tohoku University!!!! Everything goes very well, and I got the chance to travel around the Japan while learning the Japanese language before the official back-to-school in April. I even managed to get from the southernmost (Makurazaki 枕崎) train station in Japan to the northernmost (Wakkanai 稚内) train station in Japan by train! That is very super cool!!



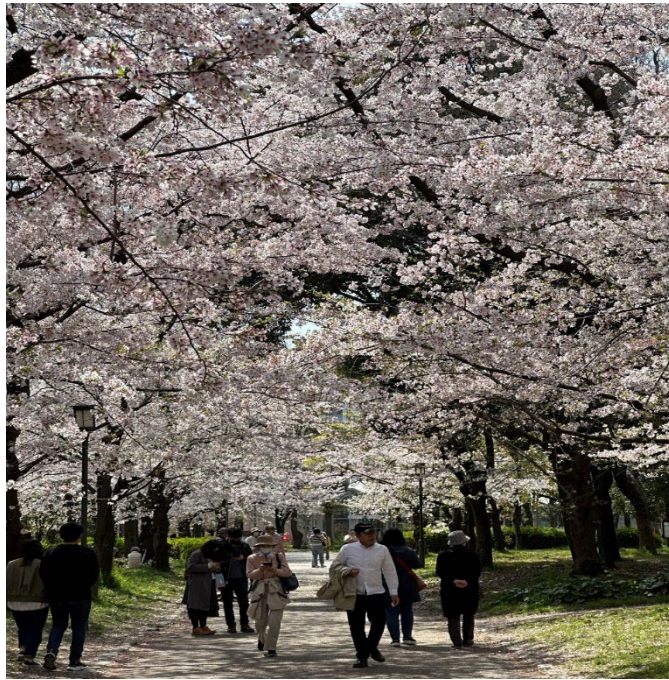
Also, during this period, all the staffs at the international office are impeccable. From the VISA application to the enrollment procedure, the Double Degree Program Coordinator, is always with us, answering our questions with a noticeable fast speed.

*What is the monthly cost of maintenance in Sendai beyond the dormitory?*

Talking about the living in Sendai, in general, it's great! Like we have 711 everywhere, and lots of restaurants open 24h per day, what else can we still expect for? The biggest cost is the public



transport, especially the Shinkansen. So here is the tip: walk as much as you can! The monthly cost of maintenance in Sendai beyond the dormitory is not a lot, if you don't travel around. For me, if I don't travel around, 40000JPY is enough for 1 month, even though I never cook at home. If you do like traveling however, then the cost could be a lot.



The most important to bring with you when you come to Sendai is your credit card. That's it. You can buy everything here, except some foods from your country or something else.

### *Difficulties you may encounter before/after arriving in Japan.*

I encountered a huge problem before my arrival at Japan. For some unknown reasons, I have to fill out a questionnaire for my CoE application, which makes me impossible to arrive at Japan with other students. If you meet the same scenario, just breath, and wait a little bit longer for your CoE.

## ***Career Paths***

After finishing the Double Degree program, maybe I will pursue my study to the PhD level if I find that scientific research is more suitable for me. If not, I will just go get a job, like everyone else, in Japan or other countries.

