

JSPS PRE-DEPARTURE SEMINAR



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MY JAPANESE JOURNEY

- Summer 2001 – Monbukagusho Summer Programme (now JSPS summer programme)
- July 2006 – July 2008 – JSPS long term fellowship
- June 2009 – Furusato Award
- January 2011 – Visiting Lecturer at Kyushu University
- January 2013 – Visiting Lecturer at Kyushu University
- July 2014 – JSPS London Symposium Award
- January 2016 – Visiting Lecturer at Kyushu University

FIRST DAYS IN JAPAN



- Kyushu University
- Friendly Welcome
- Administration



IMPORTANT ARRANGEMENTS

- Housing
 - Banking
 - Registration
 - Mobile phone
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- Illness
 - Power adapters

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

- Excellent facilities
- Plenty of proof reading
- Longer hours
- Meetings you don't understand
- Friendly, understanding colleagues



SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

- Different social culture
- Opportunity to show British culture



MY ATTRACTION TO JAPAN

- Many new hobbies to try
- Martial arts / Surfing



FOOD AND DRINK

- Don't be afraid to try new things
- Japanese won't be offended



FESTIVALS

- Yamakasa
- Dontaku
- Tamaseseri
- Hanami
- Hanabi



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Many shrines, temples and castles
- Amazing architecture
- Variety of beautiful countryside



WHAT JAPAN HAS TO OFFER

- Excellent research opportunities
- Friendly people
- Delicious food and drink
- Incredible surroundings



OPPORTUNITIES TO RETURN

- JSPS Alumni Association
- BRIDGE Fellowship
- Symposium Scheme
- Other opportunities