

## The Letter from *Nina Kahsnitz*

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### \* **What is your study area?**

After finishing year four as a medical student in Germany I absolved a placement of 30 days at the Oncology Department in Kashihara. Besides that I was able to visit other departments like radiation oncology, endoscopy or the transfusion lab.

### \* **Why choose our University or Hospital?**

I wanted to learn about cultures and medical systems that are different from the ones I know. I found out that there is a partnership between my university in Bochum and Nara Medical University (Hospital), which I was told is very good. Because of that I applied for a placement and luckily I was accepted.

### \* **How is your studying circumstances?**

I definitively enjoyed my placement at the hospital as well as the whole stay in Japan.

Everyone was very kind and willing to answer questions.

I was shown some practical skills and encouraged to try it myself.

Besides medical information, I was taught in Japanese history, geography and so on.

Furthermore I was shown different cities and places near Nara.

The only little disadvantage was the barrier of language. But somehow we always figured out a way to communicate.





**\* What is the impression of Japan, Nara Pref.?**

Japan, including Nara, is quite different from Germany, but that is not surprising. Although Japan has lots of big cities, there is always a nice temple or beautiful landscape nearby.

I enjoyed travelling around on the weekend. Especially I liked meeting the deer in Nara Park.



**\* How is your private life here?**

**\* have you been staying at our Guest House? Yes or No**

Yes, I have stayed at the guesthouse, which was comfortable. It was only a small walk from the hospital, the supermarket or the train station and it provided everything I needed. Furthermore I visited different cities in Japan during my free time and met new people. We had dinner, did a little sightseeing, made Takoyaki together ...

**\* Please give a message for the coming Students in future !!**

I definitely enjoyed my stay here in Japan and in the hospital. Without a doubt I can recommend this placement to get a different view on medicine and being a doctor as well as learning about yourself and making special experiences.

