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I have always wanted to study for a Masteral Degree in Japan. When I heard about the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by the Japanese Grand Aid, I did not hesitate to apply for a Master's course in English program at Rikkyo University.

It was a lit experience to receive a letter of acceptance from the university. However, our batch was greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We were not able to come to Japan as scheduled. I experienced attending online classes in our home country for ten months. One of the problems I encountered was no conducive space for learning at home.

Nonetheless, Rikkyo University, together with the MPMA staff, is proactive in the needs and welfare of its students. The university provided us with financial assistance to improve the learning environment at home. In addition, we received lots of orientation to support our studies, such as how to access the library remotely. Further, the university also quickly adapted to have a hybrid class where some students can attend online and in-class simultaneously.

As a student of Rikkyo University, I have a more meaningful learning journey because of the strong support and dedication of the professors and staff. I am proud to be an alumnus of Rikkyo University and always will be.