

Joint Supervision

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Japanese Household Home Visit for Research Data Collection (Norul Hajar Nordin)

During my attachement at University of Tsukuba, Japan, I visited two type of houses. The first house at Moriya is categorized as landed house while the second house at Tsukuba city is an apartment. The objective of the home visit was to observe and while at the same time to experience the Japanese household situation especially the way they manage their household waste and recycling activities.

Normally Japanese people will separated their waste into 8 categories, but formally, it only categorized into 3 main grouping. They are Combustible waste, Non-combustible waste and Recyclable resources. Each household will be guided by a determined separation booklet given out by each municipal authority where they live.

Both families welcome me well. I got so excited because rather than collecting data for my research study, I was able to enjoy the precious time as my personal life time memories. I got to share their behavior, attitudes and culture toward the guest. Lastly I would rather say that, the most interesting part was, when one of the household respondent allowed me to wear her traditional Japanese dress Kimono.



Infront of Masuda san's house together with his mother and also his dog after the homevisit at Moriya, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan.



With 2nd household respondent at Tsukuba city, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan. Experienced the feeling like a true Japanese by wearing Kimono with Ayumi san's mother.