

Joint Supervision Programme

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New Semester (Nurtasbiyah Yusof, January – June, 2015)

April means the beginning of a new semester and the enrollment of freshman students. They undergo orientation and club activities around the university area. It also indicate that the starting of a spring semester from April to September. Let's begin with new spirit!

My friends and I are taking Nihongo classes (basic level) for this semester where we learned how to read *hiragana* and *katakana* character. This class which is held by the International Students Centre (ISC) is free and open to all international students. This is a good opportunity for foreigner like me to understand the Japanese culture well. I attend every day and really enjoyed this class because now I am able to read *hiragana* and *katakana* character. I also have to memorize vocabularies since sensei will be giving a quiz every day before the class started. Furthermore, I have a chance to communicate with other students from Indonesia, Jordan, Iran and etc.

I'm happy to have a chance to spend the weekend with Yano sensei. She taught Nihongo but only for 2 months before we came to Japan. We went to meet her at Shinjuku station and spend wonderful time together. After lunch, we went to Shinjyuku Gyoen National Garden, Ministry of the Environment and enjoyed the nature around the park. This park is very beautiful which blends three distinct styles, French Formal Garden, English Landscape Garden and Japanese Traditional Garden.



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a: Aeyshah chan, me and Yano sensei at Shinjyuku Gyoen National Garden
b: Beautiful scenery around Shinjyuku Gyoen National Garden