

## JAPAN: Fukuoka

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On Monday I went to Fukuoka University and attended one of the classes. After this, I went to eat sushi for the first time in Japan! I was asked if I wanted to go to the “rotating sushi” that was more fun, or if I wanted to go to a regular sushi restaurant that was more delicious. I decided to go to the one that was more fun to try it. Places like these are quite common in Bangkok, but I liked how the one in Japan was all done through technology. It was a touchscreen menu and you could order as much as you wanted. Then, when your order was ready, the machine would make a sound meaning it was yours to take. I had a good time and I enjoyed the food and company.



That evening, Momoe invited me to eat at the local restaurant she works at. It is only a 5 minute walk from where I’m staying so I figured it would be a nice place to go for dinner. Nonetheless, google maps did not help and I got lost on the way but thanks to Momoe she found me and led me to the restaurant. It’s a very small place and has a local feel to it. If it wasn’t for her, there was no way that I would be able to eat there. Everything was in Japanese and it would have been difficult for me to order by myself. Momoe was so kind and explained the menu to me. I told her that I liked okonomiyaki but that I had never tried it in Japan before.



It was such a surprise and a nice gift that she asked the chef to make it for me even though it wasn’t on the menu! Mr. Nakamura made his own special sauce and it was absolutely delicious. I also had green tea and spinach salad. So tasty! I am so thankful for Momoe and for the great attention she gave me. The dinner was really special to me and I appreciate it. She explained that there are many regular customers that go there for dinner; I can see why. The atmosphere is very laid back and the service is friendly and home-style. I look forward to going back to the restaurant

and trying their famous hot pot! It's truly a blessing to be friends with these Japanese students. It gives my month in Japan a more authentic, fun, and memorable experience.

