

LSE Summer School

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The LSE Summer School proved to be a once in a lifetime experience, providing me with countless unforgettable memories in the short span of three weeks. From the school and the course, the city of London and its various tourist attractions, and just the British atmosphere in general, I am truly grateful to be able to grasp this opportunity thanks to the Tazaki Foundation.

My experiences cannot be described without firstly mentioning the course and study I did at LSE. Renowned in the world as one of the top schools for economics and politics, I was able to fully immerse myself in the discipline of Marketing at LSE, with the tutorials given by the professor, the smaller tutorials aided with discussion and the unlimited resources I had at my disposal. Prior to the LSE Summer School I had never studied Marketing; in fact, the last time I had truly engaged in anything remotely related to economics or mathematics was in high school, a full three years ago. Regardless of my lack of background in the field, however, I was able to slowly absorb the concepts and open myself up to the world of marketing, something I now want to delve deeper in. I truly thank the Tazaki Foundation for acting as the trigger to kickstart my interest in the discipline, something I would not have noticed had I not gone to the LSE Summer School.



Apart from the learning, there was also much value from being able to physically go to the UK and its major city London. Being able to see the city of London and its various sites directly was an awe-inspiring experience. The LSE Summer School gave us ample time to explore the city, in which I was able to look at several key landmarks, visit world renowned museums and go to other famous university campuses. Not only was I able to grow as a learner, I was able to expose myself to



new cultures and truly cultivate a more diverse perspective, something that would be limited if I were to stay in my small bubble here in Japan. Going to London physically also let me see the place I hold half my roots in (due to my partly British nationality), helping me reconnect to a part of my identity I had lost touch with all these years. After going to the LSE Summer School, I have gained a stronger urge to want to study in the UK in the future or take on a career that could help bridge Japan and the UK together.

All of these amazing experiences and realisations were made possible because I was able to travel to the UK and take part in the LSE Summer School, which is all thanks to the Tazaki Foundation. Without the funding, I probably would not have found underlying passions or realised that the UK is somewhere I would like to be in the future. Hence, I am truly grateful for all that was done to make this trip possible. Thank you so much for everything.