

留学報告書

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Thanks to the tremendous support of the Tazaki Foundation, I studied international politics at St. Antony's College, Oxford, for two weeks this summer as a GLP-GEfIL program.

I took a "Critical Approaches to African Politics" seminar course, which explored and discussed pivotal topics for African politics, including colonial history, democracy, armed conflicts, international aid, and youth power. This seminar made my research question more specific as my classmates and tutor gave me many new perspectives. It was also a fantastic chance for me to write an academic essay analyzing African peace-building processes and get feedback from a researcher at one of the best universities in the world.

Moreover, the lectures and discussions were fascinating; I could discuss various international affairs with participants from different area studies courses, and then I learned that even the word "democracy" can have different meanings in different political cultures.



In addition, what I looked forward to the most every day was the mealtime. It was fun and happy to have a meal while talking about real international politics with the summer school participants with diverse backgrounds, such as Ph.D. students, diplomats, bureaucrats, UN officials, peace-building related NGOs, oil analysts, etc. My goal in the future is to work with my friends at Oxford, who are my friends and role models at the same time.

I loved the atmosphere of Oxford, where the entire city is full of history and academics, yet each college feels like a home away from home. My ambition now is to get a master's degree here, maybe after I start working, but I will do my best to return.

To sum it up, it was a very luxurious and wonderful two weeks that will enhance my future studies. Once again, I would like to thank the Tazaki Foundation from the bottom of my heart.

