

Vet Student in Korea

~Interview with My Friend~

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Self-Introduction!

Hello, My name is Choi hyun-bae(崔炫培). I major in veterinary medicine and in the 5th grade at Jeju national university in Korea. And also member of KVSA and JPO(Japan exchange officer) of this 2013 summer delegation. I love travelling overseas and meeting foreign friends. I'm really interested in Japanese culture like J-Pop, Japanese dishes, Japanese language, sightseeing etc. I always hope to meet many Japanese friends.

Why do you want to be a veterinarian?

I have loved animals and raised many kinds of animals like birds, rabbit, dogs, fishes, hamsters since kindergarten. So I decided to go to Vet school. And I thought Jeju national university(located in Jeju-do) is the best place to study veterinary medicine because there are many chances to see farm animals in Jeju-do. Jeju-do has a lot of wild life and farm animals.(Especially Horses and Pigs)

Tell me about the educational system of Korean vet medicine.

There are 10 vet schools in Korea which consist of 9 national and 1 private. We have 6-years curriculum. But it is divided into two courses. First two years is Pre-vet course(獣医学予科) and the other four years is Veterinary medicine course(本科). So, We call grade like 獣医学予科 1,2年生 and 本科 1,2,3,4年生. At Pre-vet course, we study basic subjects like molecular biology, Organic chemistry etc. At Veterinary medicine 1st grade, we study basic veterinary subjects like Anatomy, Histology, Physiology, and Chemistry.

And 2nd grade, Study Preventive medicine like Pathology, Pharmacology, Epidemiology

And 3rd grade, study Clinical medicine like Internal medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics And 4th grade, Study Veterinary regulations, Public health.

Most vet schools require a paper before graduation

And finally we prepare for the national exam to get a license.

Tell me about Jeju-do(濟州島).

Jeju-do is the small volcanic island and located in the most southern part of Korea. And it is located next to Kyushu in Japan. Hallasan(漢拏山)is the main tourist attraction in Jeju-do which is the highest and beautiful mountain in South Korea. In Hallasan, there live many kinds of wild life and Roe deer is the most famous symbol. And also there are many beautiful beaches. Many people come here to swim in summer. "Gogiguksu" is the traditional and famous dish in Jeju-do which is similar to Donkotsu ramen of Hakata. And "Hukdoeji Samgyupsal" is barbeque made of traditional black pig in Jeju. It is also very delicious.



Hamduk beach, Jeju



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Why do you like Japan?

And tell me the good points of Korea.

I think Japan is very travelers-friendly nation. Transportation system (especially JR) is very fast and convenient. And it seems that most Japanese people are kind and friendly to foreigners. And there are many city attractions to see from old, historic to newest style. Hot-spring is also good. Foods like Ramen, Sushi, Donburi etc. also delicious. Finally the Chinese character words(漢字語)in Japanese are almost same with that in Korean in usage and pronounced similar. So It is easy to understand the meaning of some Japanese words. Therefore I like Japan and Japanese people.

Korea is one of the powerful countries in IT industry. So, nearly everyone has smart phone and access to the mobile internet(3G,4G,WI-FI) is very easy and fast anywhere. It is very convenient. Cultural contents like TV drama, K-pop music are well developed. And there are many delicious foods like Bulgogi, Jijimi, bibimbap. Most Koreans are warm-hearted. We Koreans call it “情”(jeong). So many people are friendly and open-minded with each other.



Gogiguksu



Hukdoeji(traditional black pig of Jeju-do)

Your Dream

Actually I have a role model. He is dooritle(獣医ドイル) you know!! He seems really cool and cold. But genius and warm-hearted to animals. I hope to be like him too.

Specifically, I want to be a specialist in veterinary surgery. Especially general surgery and orthopedic surgery of small animal because it seems quite cool and I think it can save many animals with this skill.

And after graduation, if I had the chance, I want to study veterinary medicine further at university in Japan because Veterinary medicine of Japan is well developed and very specialized in clinical medicine.

Finally, if I had the chance, I hope to travel all around the world.

～編集後記～

今回は、韓国の獣医学生の友達とのインタビューということで、
すごく気楽にいろいろ聞くことができました。
普段からお互いらフでそんなに真面目な話を
したことがなかったので、今回のインタビューは
自分にとっても新鮮でした！

また韓国行きたいなと思いました！

PS. 青は集中力上がるので今回は

青統一にしてみました！



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