

## English-Version

Hello everyone, my name is Kaikrathok Kannika. I came from Thailand. Currently I am a final-year undergraduate student pursuing my bachelor's degree of Science and Technology in Department of Sustainable Energy, Hirosaki University. The main reason why I'm studying abroad in Japan is that in my hometown, there are a lot of renewable resources, particularly biomass wastes derived from agricultural industry. However, these wastes cannot be used efficiently. In order to solve this problem, I decided to come to Japan because Japan is well-known for its high-quality educational system and advanced technology in this field.

About my university life, all of my classes are taught in Japanese. It was pretty tough for me to understand at the beginning, but many kind teachers and friends helped me through that hard time. In my first and second years, I mainly studied some foundation courses including math, physics, biology and chemistry, and some core courses including energy management, wind power, photovoltaics, biomass and fuel cells. In my third and final years, I'm mainly dedicated to research.

Living in Hirosaki gave me a chance to speak Japanese everyday beyond the classroom. I learned to live as a Japanese student, participating in extracurricular activities and seasonal festivals, learning and playing traditional sports such as Judo, Kendo and Aikido which I enjoyed a lot. Moreover, in Hirosaki you can have a break from the urban life anytime and see the great nature whether in the Snow Lantern Festival in the winter, the Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring, the Neputa Festival in the summer, or the autumn foliage.

Last but not least, studying abroad in Japan is really a life-changing experience that let me know how to live, laugh and learn. I will never forget these experience.

