



Before coming to Japan and especially Tokyo, I was worried of where I was going to stay. I knew I would find a good place in Tokyo but I didn't expect a place as good as TIEC (Tokyo International Exchange Centre) in Odaiba, Koto-ku! The place is a collection of several international students with a mixture of Japanese students. The Japanese students help in coping with Japanese lifestyles and introduce one to the different Japanese lifestyles. The exposure to the rest of the international community around TIEC is immense and among them are senior members who are quite familiar with Tokyo and Japan at large.



The 50 minutes train ride from Odaiba to both of my campuses (Hongo and Komaba) is worthwhile and full of sweet experiences! Of course going over the Rainbow bridge everyday and beautiful seaside scenery is marvelous and not common anywhere else in Tokyo. Several entertainment avenues as well as convenient shopping centres exist within the vicinity of TIEC, and of course a 24hr open Daily Yamazaki convenient store. The serenity and quietness around, equally provides a great reading environment. The rooms are adequately spacious and well furnished. I would describe TIEC as a home away from home!



A magnificent view of the Gundam (a famous anime character) at Diver City, a few metres from TIEC

At one of the summer parties on one of the floor buildings!! Parties and get together are part of the lifestyle of the residents of TIEC. They are an opportunity to make friends and also get to know more about people from different nationalities



A farewell party or two of our friends who had finished their academic journey while in Japan and staying at TIEC. Occasionally, birthday surprise parties held for different individuals.

One of the weekly dinners and floor parties; they are called “potluck style dinners” and everyone prepares an individual meal and we all share at dinner time. It is an opportunity to taste foods from different parts of the world



Odaiba (TIEC), Feels like home away from home!!!!!!