

The Letter from Caroline Victoria

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- **What is your studying area?**

I am currently studying medicine at Greifswald university. I will hopefully finish my study in May 2023. Currently I am doing a practical year rotating through different fields of medicine.

- *** Why did you choose our University or Hospital?**

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I chose Nara medical University because I read an experience report which told great things about the surgery ward. I want to become a surgeon that's why I wanted to experience it for myself and learn new things. I already went to Nara five times so the area was familiar for me

I found it through a list my university provided. I looked up the website and searched for an email contact for the international office.

- *** How is your studying circumstances?**

It was a very interesting experience while seeing different procedures than in Germany. I am glad that I was able to meet so many kind people.

I learned new things at the operation room and was able to train bypass sutures or heart valve replacements at the simulation room.

And sometimes we enjoyed going out to eat for lunch and dinner too.





*** What is the impression of Japan, Nara Pref.?**

Since living in Osaka some years ago I had some knowledge of the area around and had also taken some trips to Nara. Kashihara is more on the countryside but I loved the natural beautiful scenery it provided. While sitting on the train I always wanted to take pictures out of the window. On the other side many famous city are nearby so one can have a look around many different Japanese cities.

*** Please give a message for the coming Students in future !!**

Please do not be afraid to follow your dreams and experience new and foreign things along the way. Try and work hard for what you want to achieve and then I am sure everyone can reach the goal they wished for. You can learn from winnings and failures alike.

I will recount a line from an anime here which I loved and memorised: If you got time to fantasize about a beautiful ending, why not live beautiful until the end?

*** How is your private life here?**

*** have you been staying at our Guest House? Yes • No**

I have been living in the guesthouse and spend wonderful time there. The owner and his family were very welcoming and helped me the whole time.

I had a nice space and was provided with everything necessary.

I could experience local food, events and meet many nice people while staying there. This also included trips to Osaka to visit a friend's cafe or learning how to make mochi in Yoshino.

I was also allowed to invite some friend so we could all celebrate new year at the Kashihara shrine together.

I was really included in the family and hopefully can visit the next time I come to Kashihara.