

Affiliation	Country	Check Box	Goals	Impressions	Reflection on Your Country
Nagoya University	Philippines	Excellent	As a part time tour guide, tours like this helps me gain more information about Japan and relay them to my guests.	It was great. It was a perfect mixture of lectures and hands on experience such as finding crystals and digging fossils. The organizers and sensei were also knowledgeable on minerals and fossils. It was also my childhood dream to become a Paleontologist. This tour gave a glimpse of that dream as I found small topaz and quartz crystals as well as some petrified shells.	Yes. The Philippine government needs to support more local museums that showcase the rich geological make up of the Philippines. As an archipelago, the country has a diverse plant and animal species. Some notable archaeological finds include a species of human called the Homo Luzonensis that have existed 67,000 years ago as well of the remains of a butchered rhino that can be traced 700,000 years old.
Nagoya University	Philippines	Very Good	I have been very much interested with fossils and precious stones. That is my first reason for joining. The people (students and facilitators) were also another reasons why I joined. Everyone was accommodating, and it was a good time away from academic life.	I learned about fossils and precious stones again. It was like relearning them and appreciating Japan from a geological perspective. Although it rained, I particularly loved the precious stones and fossils hunting we did.	Indeed. We have this kind of research in the Philippines as well. I hope that, just like in Japan, researchers in the Philippines will be given the proper funds, equipment, and recognition they deserve.
Nagoya Daigaku	Madagascar	Excellent	Related to my previous major.	I really appreciate looking at the minerals since it reminds me my geological course; the mineral and fossil hunting was very fun.	

Nagoya University	Vietnam	Very Good	<p>I was interested in finding rock crystals and learning how they form deep in the earth. I also wanted to see how Japan promotes fossil studies, especially how it has sparked children's curiosity even decades ago.</p>	<p>The event was interesting, especially seeing various forms of rock crystal up close and appreciating their natural beauty. While I knew of them regarding chemical structure, observing them directly helped me understand why the discovery process is so exciting and why these minerals have great economic value.</p> <p>I also found the visit to the fossil museum very educational. It introduced me to fossils of ancient sea creatures, mammals, shells, amber, and even sharks. Although dinosaur fossils are rare in Japan, learning about the country's fossil record was interesting and meaningful.</p> <p>Finally, I enjoyed digging for and keeping souvenirs like crystals and shell fossils. This hands-on experience helped me see how such activities can inspire Japanese children and how they serve as a fun and effective way to spark interest in science and archaeology from a young age.</p>	<p>This event gave me much to reflect on as someone from a developing country. In Vietnam, geology and fossil research are still quite underdeveloped. I began questioning whether this is due to our natural conditions or a lack of technological capacity and trained experts. While minerals often receive attention due to their economic value, fossil research does not offer immediate returns. However, it can inspire young people to study natural science and archaeology. By cultivating that interest early on, we can build the next generation of researchers who may discover scientifically significant fossils someday. This experience reminded me that, beyond economic benefit, promoting curiosity and long-term investment in education is just as essential.</p>
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Nagoya University	Colombia	Excellent	I always want to learn more about Japan, these types of activities are perfect for this purpose.	I really enjoyed it. All the university staff were very friendly. The schedule was carefully planned, I always felt comfortable and safe, and finally, the museum we visited was interesting. I might never have met them in another setting. I'm grateful for that.	Off course, actually I talked to professor about my country's geological during the excursion
名古屋大学	中国	Excellent	My daughter saw the flyer for this Mineral Museum last time when we participated in the Japanese paper-making activity. She has always wanted to visit a fossil museum, and she said she wants to be a scientist	It was very interesting. It was my first time excavating real crystals and fossils, and it felt amazing.	
Nagoya University	Colombia	Excellent	To learn about Japan form different perspectives	It was an excellent opportunity to learn about Japan and it's geological history. I enjoyed to see the fossils of prehistoric animals.	Yes, I could think about the geology of my country.
Nagoya University	Cambodia	Excellent	I would learn about Japanese mineral management and how they share the knowledge to people.	The first impression is the fresh of the museum and the detail of miners information.	Yes, exactly. In my country also has miners and heritages, but we still lack of management for those. Especially, the special library on miners.

Nagoya University	Philippines	Excellent	I was very interested in fossils and crystals here in Japan. For me, it was very educational and led to discoveries.	I found the event very hands on and I liked it. It was just one day yet very fulfilling, and I enjoyed the activities especially the hunting for crystals and the geological map was very enticing, educational and sparked curiosity in me. I really enjoyed the museum adventures and the learnings that came along with it. Thank you for the experiences. I am looking forward to engaging activities in the future.	Yes. Absolutely, because I have not explored the geological map and history of fossils in my own country.
Nagoya University	Indonesia	Excellent	I was very interested in rocks and fossils.	I enjoyed this event a lot!! it was very interactive. Despite the rainy weather, we managed to do all of the activities.	Yes, I checked what fossils are discovered in Indonesia. I was surprised to find that no dinosaur fossils were found in Indonesia because the islands of Indonesia formed after dinosaur extinction.
Fujita Health University	Pakistan	Excellent	To explore Japan from a geological perspective and to find friends.	I really enjoyed this trip. Digging a soil to collect fossils was very interesting to me.	Exactly yes. Even, It reminds me of everything that I have studied in my undergrad.
Nagoya University	Indonesia	Excellent	I love fossil and mineral, though I'm not studying it. I want to learn about what Japan has in terms of this.	I really had a good time from this event. I basically got a chance to experience a fossil hunting experience, something that I want to do it since I was a kid. I also found a beautiful smoky quartz!	Yes! it induces my curiosity even more and interested to see more research on this topic from my country's perspective.
Nagoya University	China	Excellent	Firstly it is to see the natural view in Gifu, also, I want to learn more about crystal stones	Since I'm a chemistry major, some of the knowledge about crystals was already familiar to me, which helped deepen my understanding. I also collaborate with other friends to collect fossils, which was a very interesting experience.	

Nagoya City University	Pakistan	Excellent	I wanted to learn about Japan's geology, explore museums, and enjoy hands-on experiences like crystal and fossil hunting.	It was a fun and educational event. I enjoyed visiting both museums and learning new things about minerals and fossils. The crystal and fossil hunting were very exciting.	Yes, it made me curious about the geology and fossil history of my country and how it compares to Japan.
Nagoya University	Vietnam	Very Good	My main reason to participate in the crystal and shell hunting program was to explore nature, learn about local geology and and enjoy a hands-on educational experience. It was also a great opportunity to relax, connect with other participants	The event was a memorable experience. I enjoyed the opportunity to explore nature, learn about crystals, history, geography and interact with other participants in a fun time. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to join this trip.	