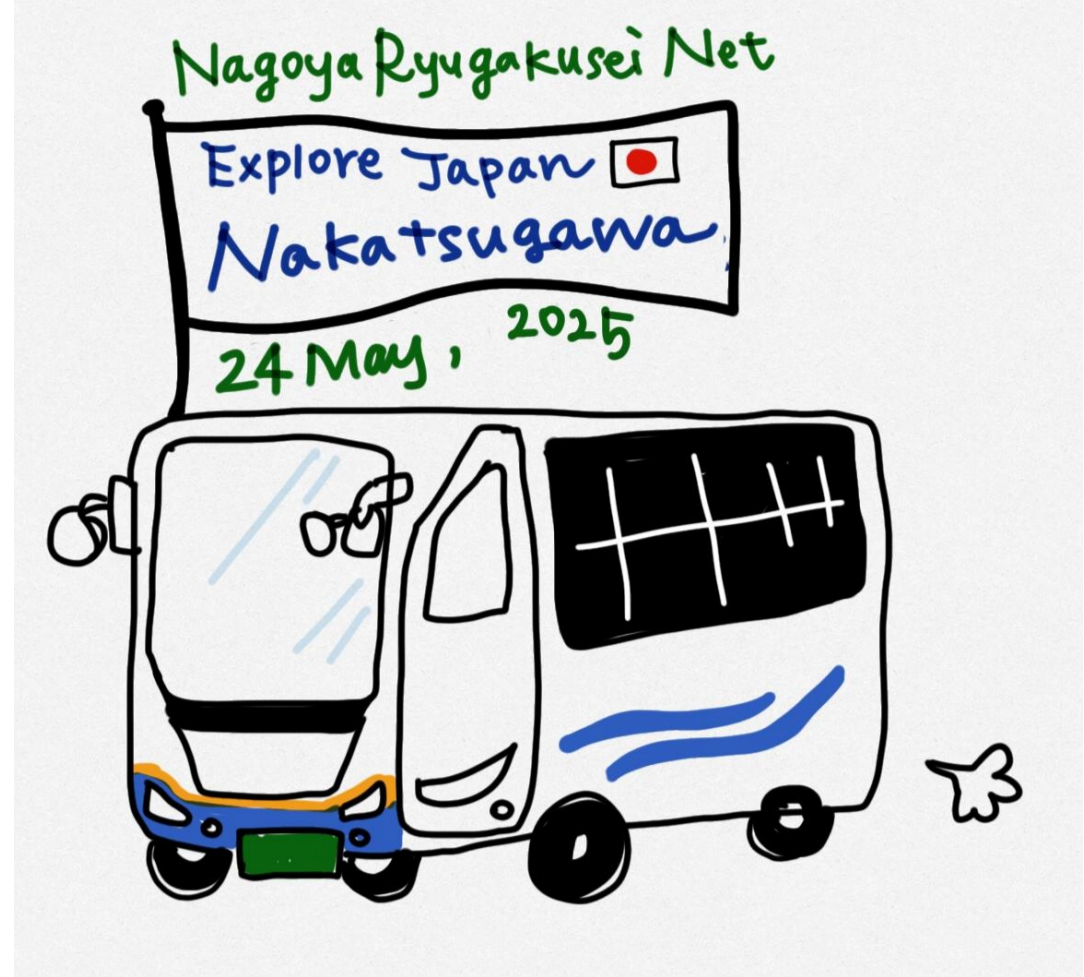


Voices from "Explore Japan" Tour to Nakatsugawa (24 May, 2025)

What kind of day was it? Here are some comments from the international students who participated!
In parentheses () is the country of origin of the participant.

Explore Japan: Why did you join?

- To explore Japan from a geological perspective and to find friends. (Pakistan)
- 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. (Vietnam)



How was the day?

- I enjoyed this event a lot! it was very interactive. Despite the rainy weather, we managed to do all of the activities. (Indonesia)
- I really enjoyed it. All the university staff were very friendly. The schedule was carefully planned, I always felt comfortable and safe. (Colombia)

Learning the Japanese Geology

- 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. (China)
- I enjoyed the opportunity to explore nature, learn about crystals, history, geography and interact with other participants in a fun time. (Vietnam)



Digging the earth: Crystal and Fossil Hunting!



- 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. (Phillippines)
- 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. (Pakistan)

After the Event, How Did You Think About Your Own Country?



- 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. (Phillippines)
- In my country also has miners and heritages, but we still lack of management for those. Especially, the special library on miners. (Cambodia)
- 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. (Indonesia)

