

KCP eZasshi 雜誌 July 2010

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July, summer, daydreaming (in off moments). Here's some KCP stuff to fuel your dreams.

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What happens when I get there?

"Yes, the program sounds great . . . costs are in line with my budget . . . I'll come out really knowing Japanese . . . but what about that first touchdown moment when I get off the plane? It'll be another world for me."

No worries. Here's what happens.



If you arrive at Tokyo's Narita International Airport on the official program starting date, a KCP staff member will greet you.

At Narita, you'll first proceed through immigration, collect your luggage, and pass through customs. Stay near the customs exit so that someone from KCP can find you. We'll have a photograph of you.



International flights usually arrive at Narita in the afternoon, between 1 pm/13:00 and 4 pm/16:00. If your flight arrives earlier, please be patient until someone from KCP arrives.

If you can't connect with a KCP staff member, don't panic. Wait 20 minutes, and while waiting, listen to the paging announcements: our staff may be paging you. After 20 minutes, you can either call KCP directly or call your study coordinators' cell phone. You'll have those numbers before you leave the U.S.

When all students have arrived, we usually escort each of you directly to the home of your host family or take you to your dormitory.

[The KCP Program](#)

Leisure-time tips

Recent KCP student evaluations contained a wealth of leisure time ideas.

Henry Kim, Summer 09

If you have the money, go out and tour. **Eat everything you want to eat.** Learn the metro system to save on cost.



Allison Gower, Winter 10

If you want to do some exploring outside of Tokyo, **leave extra time at the end** of the semester, or just come back later.

Daniel Huber, Fall 09

I loved walking the streets and **trying out the new Japanese I had learned just that day.** It was a wonderful, unforgettable experience.

Sarah Miles, Winter 10

Don't be afraid to do things **on your own.** I recommend Lonely Planet Tokyo and Eyewitness Travel's Top Ten Tokyo.

Minh Chu, Summer 09

Make the most out of your time. **Plan your weekend trips beforehand** and have a good map with you. KCP staff can really help you with trip planning resources. Weekdays, you'll find your time full with studying and

doing homework. Budgeting leisure time with studying time is difficult but manageable. Just plan ahead.



Travis McTighe, Fall 09

My leisure time was a mix of exploring the many areas of Tokyo, going to festivals, and spending time with friends. Save yourself the hassle and **get a Pasma or Suica card** for the trains. It's much easier to put money on those cards and not worry about figuring out tickets (especially when switching lines).



Riana Lewis, Winter 10

Get involved in lots of things-volunteer work, join a church, Japanese traditional arts (kabuki for example). Go to the movies. Travel, to Osaka, Kyoto, Niigata, Hiroshima, and so on.

Casimir Ninichuk, Fall 09

Go see the **Japanese countryside**. It helped me see a more friendly side of Japan. Great Japanese practice with the locals.

Cree Molina, Fall 09

Leisure time? You mean when I was sleeping??

[KCP Student Life](#)

The Tokyo commute

The commute on the Tokyo Metro is famous--or infamous. A little exploration of the topic yielded some very fun stuff.

A couple of glimpses--

Matthew Messmer's photo essay, on [vewd.org](#)--



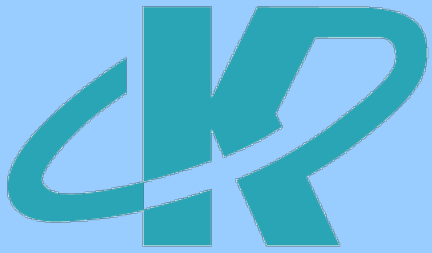
A cute pair of subway sleepers--



We collected our findings into a post at www.kcpinternational.net. Enjoy!

Upcoming program deadlines

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Always think ahead!

For the **2011 spring extended program**, you have until **July 8** to apply.

The application deadline for the **Winter 2010** semester is **September 12**.

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Happy July, fun in the sun, and dreams,
Mike and the KCP International team

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