The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sun is partially obscured by a large, bright, orange and yellow cloud formation in the center-left. The sky is a mix of light orange, yellow, and pale blue, with some wispy clouds. The horizon line is visible near the bottom of the frame, suggesting a body of water or a flat landscape.

My fruitful adventure in Hokkaido

Inari Tauriainen-Koper

Classes

- I took classes on a weekly basis
- I was also a visiting guest in some classes
- I was given the possibility to get acquainted to the different majors in HIT
- I really enjoyed participating in them

Laboratory of ice and snow

- I was assigned to the laboratory of ice and snow
- I found it a very interesting major to choose
- It was actually the very first time that I have ever heard of anyone studying ice and snow as their major



Hosokawa sensei's seminar

- Thursdays Hosokawa sensei held a seminar for the 3rd year students
- We made vehicles that ran on solar power



English for OSU

- Friday English class for students that are participating in the OSU exchange program
- I enjoyed having English conversation with the students



English Workshop

- The teacher was Sasaki sensei
- They were held on Mondays and Wednesdays
- I attended as many as possible
- It was a real joy to have English conversations with the Japanese students

Soroban

- Ms. Sugawara taught me how to use one
- Soroban is an ancient calculator
- It was really fun, interesting and easy to use



Interests in Japanese culture

- It's a very old culture
- In time a few things have been adapted from western cultures
- They have still saved some of the old ways
- The possibility to try different things was very exciting

Kimono

- The process of putting it on was really interesting because of the layering you must do
- It reminded me a bit of wearing a corset, even though I have never worn one



Tea ceremony

- I was given the chance to attend a tea ceremony
- It was very interesting and different from anything I have experienced



- They also had a color code for men and women
- Women's tea making tools would be colorful, like red or orange
- Men's would be dark shades, like purple, navy blue or dark green



Kami dana

- I remember wondering what people had on a special shelf in their homes
- I was able to deepen my knowledge of the kami dana during this stay
- I also bought one



Onsen

- I tried onsen before but I didn't really like it
- Now I was able to endure the heat better
- For the Japanese the onsen is like the sauna is for the Finns



Ikebana

- I attended a few ikebana lessons with Miura sensei
- The teacher was Hirata sensei and she was a private teacher
- I made a mini-ikebana for the very first time



Sports

- I was given a chance to watch soccer in a stadium
- I have watched soccer before, but only on TV
- I watched some other sports on TV, like sumo wrestling and Japanese baseball

Sapporo Consadole

- Kudo sensei and his wife took me to two of Consadole's games
- I enjoyed both of the games very much
- The first game was played in Atsubetsu
- The second game took place at Sapporo Dome





Sapporo Dome

Trip to Uryunuma

- Yanai sensei's seminar made a trip to Uryunuma
- The climbing lasted 7 ½ hours!
- It was fun, but very tiring



White Dragon waterfall



Sakinzawa river



Uryunuma marsh

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Minami shokan dake



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Sightseeing

- I was able to do some sightseeing in Sapporo by myself and with the help of others
- I visited a lot of famous sightseeing places in Sapporo

Odori Park

- During my first day I went to Odori Park
- The sakura was just astounding!



Hokkaido jinguu

- I went to see the Hokkaido Shrine festival
- My timing was just right because I was able to see the parade coming up





Historical village of Hokkaido

- Sugawara sensei and his family
- I really loved seeing the old houses and the old way
- The model of the village was taken from the Meiji and Taisho periods



Hokkaido University

- I visited the Hokkaido University school festival
- I have also visited the Museum and Poplar Avenue





Poplar Avenue



Barn model

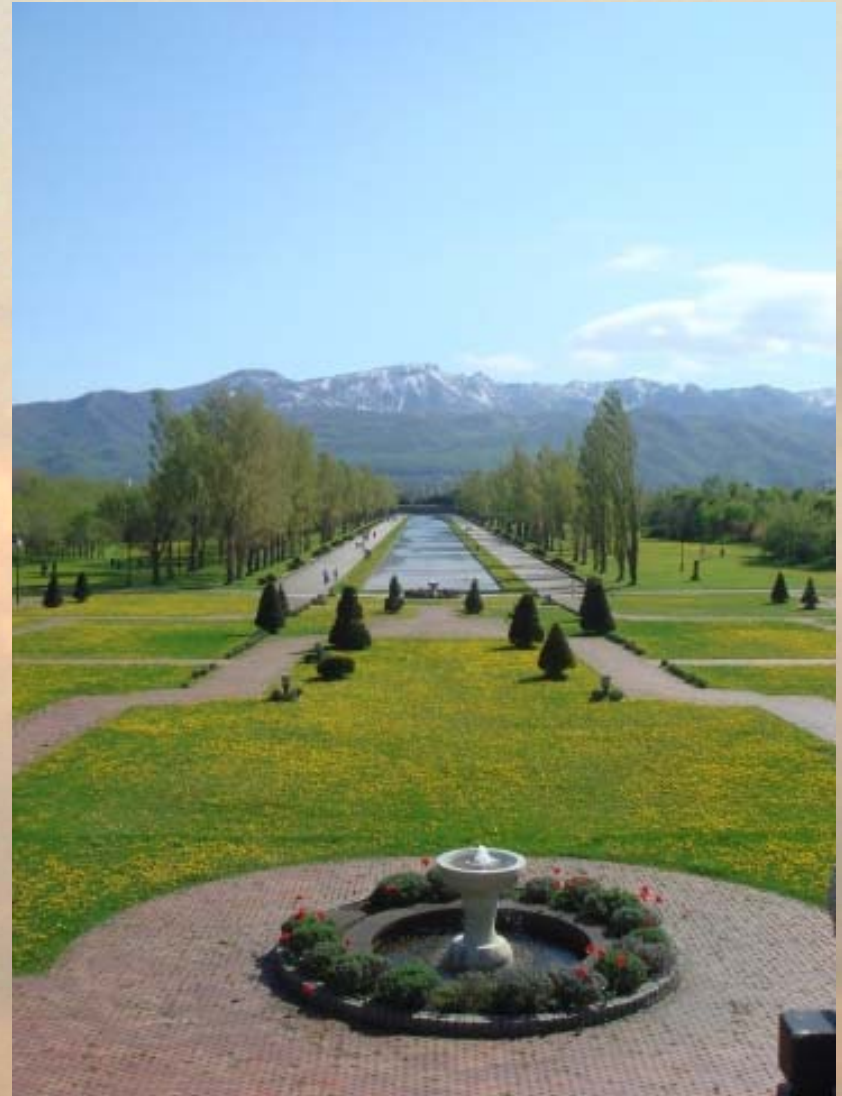
Chocolate factory Ishiya-seika

- Hosokawa sensei
- I was able to learn the history of chocolate making
- You are able to watch the workers make the chocolate



Maeda

- A couple of students and Hosokawa sensei took me here
- It was beautiful because of the combination of mountains and trees in the scenery



”Aso beach”

- I really enjoyed the coolness of the sea
- I was shocked by the saltiness of the sea, even though I knew about it



Getting around

- Visit elsewhere in Hokkaido
- Visited old familiar places, but also new places
- A real joy to see different parts of Hokkaido

Otaru & Asari dam

- Hosokawa sensei and his students
- Before Asari dam we went a bagel shop



Asari dam



Japan Sea



Otaru

- Last visit with the Toorei kai
- I was made my own musical box
- We also visited Aoyama Bettei, an old, rich fisherman's house that was built like a palace



Asahikawa

- Horiuchi sensei's seminar
- The students in that seminar wanted to take me somewhere in Hokkaido
- They gave me three choices and I chose Asahikawa

Sake museum Otokoyama



Saka daru

- It was very interesting to see the differences between the past and present methods of sake making
- In the past sake making was seasonal, they could only make it in the summer



Asahiyama zoo

- Went to the Asahiyama zoo while we were in Asahikawa
- It was really cool because you could see the animals really close up



Biei

- We drove to Biei and rented bikes
- It was very beautiful and I enjoyed the scenery very much



Niseko

- During our way in we went to
 - Yoichi Unjooya
 - Nikka Whisky
 - Fukidashi kooen
- On our way out we went to
 - Niseko Furomaayu
 - Shakotan town
 - Niseko Michino eki



Distillery



Yoichi Unjooya



Kamui misaki



Yoichi Michino Eki

Food

- During my visits everywhere I was able to enjoy the food typical for that area
- When I was asked what I would like to eat I would say anything Japanese
- When you are in country you should enjoy its food

Soba

- One of my favorite Japanese foods is soba
- I learned to love it during my earlier stay
- It is very delicious and you are very full after a bowlful of it



Inari-zushi

- This is absolutely my favorite Japanese dish
- I learned how to make it, so now I can prepare some whenever I like



Takoyaki

- I actually didn't like this dish earlier, but I've learned to like it
- It was my first meal in Japan after my long flight
- It is a dough that has octopus in the middle
- They put different kinds of sauces on top



Raamen

- Sapporo is very famous for this noodle
- It is actually a Chinese noodle, but it's very popular in Japan
- It is usually eaten as a soup



BBQ

- I found out that Japanese just love BBQ in the summer
- They grill lots of different kinds of meat and vegetables
- They also enjoy alcohol with the food



Karee raisu

- This is one of my new favorite's
- Earlier I found it too spicy, but now I really love the spiciness
- I usually had karee raisu at least once a week



Gyooza

- This isn't originally Japanese, but it seems to be very popular there
- It was very delicious
- This will be one of the many foods I will be missing



Japanese layout

- A very typical way for the Japanese to layout food is either
 - a) have it in the center of the table for everyone to take
 - b) everyone has their own “lunch box”

