Student life at the Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing

For three weeks from October 2019, two students from La Source University, Switzerland, took part in an exchange programme in our university. Our guests participated in classes and practical training at the university and learned about the Japanese medical system, nursing, and community activities.

They also learned about the activities of the Japanese Red Cross Society (medical centres, blood centres, domestic disaster relief, international activities, etc.), and visited the Hiroshima International Council for Health Care.

Interaction with students and local residents

Our guests were able to interact with our students in a wide range of mutually enjoyable and beneficial areas. At the university’s “20th Eternal Heart Festival”, they enjoyed two days of fun activities, with on-stage entertainment, food stalls, dancing and a tea ceremony.

They also visited the World Heritage Site of Miyajima, where they were dressed in kimonos, had a lesson in traditional calligraphy and made traditional sweets.

Another visit was to the Ajindai community salon “Yume Ajina”, where they deepened their understanding of Japanese culture through exchange events and traditional cuisine.

The final days of the programme

On the final day of the programme our guests gave a presentation in which they looked back on their learning and experiences in Japan and shared their observations about Japanese nursing education, the contents of clinical training, and the various cultural differences that they had experienced. They made a lot of Japanese friends and unquestionably spent a very fruitful and meaningful three weeks in our college. We wish them every success in their nursing careers and in life!