The Letter from Meraj Neyazi and Sina Al-Kershi (stay in March – May, 2019)

#### \* What is your study area?

We did 12 weeks of clinical clerkship for our final year of medical studies at the Department of Surgery and the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery of Nara Medical University.

## \* Why choose our University or Hospital?

Nara Medical University is one of the Japanese Universities that is officially accepted by German authorities for clinical clerkships. Luckily, we had connections to a cardiologist of Nara Medical University, Dr. Onoue, who helped us organizing our clerkship, together with Miss Koda.

## \* How is your studying circumstances?

We really enjoyed every moment of studying at Nara Medical University! All the doctors of the Dpt. of Surgery and Dpt. of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery were very passionate and kind teachers and tried to show us as much as possible. They tried to talk only in English when we joined the conferences and the operations, explained every patient and every step during surgery and taught us practical operation skills at a simulator.





\* What is the impression of Japan, Nara Pref.? Japan is a wonderful country with a rich culture and history, very beautiful nature, delicious food and the kindest people! It had always been our dream to experience Japan and the time here has even exceeded our expectations! Nara was the best place for our stay in Japan. We were able to explore many places of the Kansai region during the weekends because everything was so close.

# \* How is your private life here?\* have you been staying at our Guest House? No

We did not stay at the Guesthouse but at a private apartment rented from Leopalace21. We can recommend LeoPalace because of their English website and customer service, which made everything very easy. In our free time, we enjoyed meeting our Japanese friends and going on trips to other cities like Asuka, Osaka and Kyoto. Even without speaking Japanese we always managed the daily life, like going grocery shopping or buying a commute pass for the train.

#### \* Please give a message for the coming Students in future !!

You will enjoy your stay at Nara Medical University for sure! If other Japanese students or doctors don't approach you themselves (because they might be too shy), just take the first step and you will meet the most interesting and friendly people who will share their Japanese lives with you!