### Letter from Peter & Melanie (stay from 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019 to 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2020)

### • What is your studying area?

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We are Medical Students in the final year of our studies in Germany and came to Nara Medical University Hospital for clinical training in the Surgical Department.

## \* Why did you choose our University or Hospital?\* How did you find our university or Hospital?

We applied to Nara Medical University because we heard the teaching was very good there. Also, we thought the location was ideal to explore the different cities in the vicinity.

We really enjoyed our time in the department because everyone made us feel welcome and was willing to explain the surgical procedures.

#### \* How is your studying circumstances?

We attended the morning conferences of our department where all the patients of the coming week's surgeries were presented. We were very happy that the doctors held these presentations in English especially for us.

Afterwards we went to the operation rooms to watch and sometimes assist in the surgeries.





\* What is the impression of Japan, Nara Pref.?

We enjoyed our stay in the Kansai area very much. There is so much to do and visit so we explored as many places as we could. For example we spent our weekends traveling to Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, Nara, Yoshino and Ise, which you can easily reach by train.

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

We rented an apartment via Leopalace21 around Kashiharajingu-mae, because the University's Guesthouse was already full for the duration of our stay. But luckily the apartment was quite near so that we could walk to the University Hospital by foot. We were lucky to meet two other German girls at Nara Medical University as well as many Japanese students. They showed us around in the area and taught us a lot about the Japanese culture.

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

Travel as much as you can because the Kansai area has so much to offer (also foodwise ③)!