

The Japan Oman club event for this year was held on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. The event started with the assembly of students at Joganji Temple in Tokyo. As the case with this event every year, we were generously greeted by the grand priest (Hojo-sama) at the temple followed by delightful discussion of the activities planned for the event with the club members.

The dinner was held in a restaurant nearby where we met some more students. The evening was filled with delicious food and interesting conversations with Japanese students exchanging experiences in and outside Japan.

One of the most anticipated activities in the annual event was held the next day; the early morning Zazen meditation with the Joganji Temple family. The highlight of the event for this year however was our visit to Tokyo University of Foreign studies where we met the President and his board members. The president kindly briefed us on the history of the university and the cultural studies they conduct.

It was heartwarming to see the majestic Islamic calligraphy by the famous Japanese artist Koichi Honda on the walls during our tour around the reputed university. We were lucky this year to have our visit to the university coinciding with the university's cultural festival. We enjoyed interacting with the Japanese students in an environment that gathered cultures from different parts of the World in a single spot in Tokyo.

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