## Message from an alumni student from Thailand



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It has been 32 years since I first stepped into Shimane University, yet those memories remain vivid. I still remember how I dedicated myself for a year before the entrance exam and then studied diligently for four years at the university.

My journey began as a research student, where I had the privilege of joining an intensive Japanese course alongside friends from around the world. Studying Japanese Language and Literature was challenging—it came with countless struggles and even tears. However, the unwavering support and care from my professors helped me grow into who I am today. Many of them went beyond their duties, sacrificing their personal time to teach me one-on-one. Such dedication is rare, and it reflects the true spirit of a great teacher.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have been part of Shimane University—a place where I built close relationships with both professors and Japanese friends in a warm and supportive learning environment. One of the most unforgettable moments of my life was being chosen as the university's first foreign valedictorian, representing the entire graduating class.

Looking back, I can confidently say that the knowledge and experiences I gained at Shimane University have shaped my career and life. I have returned many times to visit my professors, expressing my gratitude for their invaluable guidance. Today, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Shimane University for enriching my life with knowledge, friendship, and cherished memories.

Doumo arigatou gozaimasu.