## YOSAKOI 2018: A Priceless Summer Experience

These 10 days spent at KUT Yosakoi Summer School has been an unforgettable experience. Every day was filled with exciting activities that I wouldn't have been able to experience anywhere else. I loved learning about Japanese culture and being able to immerse myself into the local life in Kochi, such as experiencing a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and a Japanese public bath. It was also a privilege to have been able to participate in the Yosakoi Dance Festival as a part of the International Yosakoi Team.

I enjoyed the opportunity to interact with students from different countries and cultures, having discussions surrounding many subject areas, allowing me to broaden my perspective on a variety of topics. Our Japanese buddies also made this experience very special as they were very friendly and warm, taking care of us everywhere we went, showing us around Kochi & KUT, and introducing their culture to us. Their kind and funny personalities made me really enjoy spending time with them and getting to know each of them personally. Although it was only a short 10-day program, I've made long lasting friendships and I hope that in the future, I will be able to cross paths with each and every student from this program. All in all, this summer school was a priceless experience that I will treasure in my memories for the rest of my life! 素敵な思い出をありがとうございました!!

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