



International exchange

国際交流

From the World to Kumamoto University

Born in Kumamoto A bridge linking Indonesia and Japan

**Graduate School of Social and Cultural Sciences
Cultural Sciences
Japanese & East Asian Cultures' Research Course
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“Learn Japan, contribute to Indonesia’s development.”

**Born in Kumamoto during her father’s study abroad at Kumamoto University,
Yukiko Nabila Putri’s dream is to play a role fulfilling the wishes and friendship between both her homes.**

I was born while my father was an exchange student at faculty of engineering, Kumamoto University, and I lived in Kumamoto until I was four. I was named “Yukiko” because my parents wanted to commemorate the fact that it was snowing the day I was born and my parents thought to memorialize this in my name. (Yuki means “snow” in Japanese.) I’ve wanted to study at a Japanese university ever since I was young.

I spent the previous year as a research student at Kumamoto University, and starting in April, I moved on to a doctoral program. Currently, my research focuses on folklore elements of Japan, such as the language, society culture, and agriculture. I’m particularly drawn to the preservation of Japanese agriculture and its culture. This is because my country Indonesia is an agrarian country. I do comparative research of Japanese and Indonesian agriculture and agrarian culture, with the aim of identifying what Indonesia can learn from Japan.



**Wearing traditional dress at an event at the Kumamoto City International Center
Ms. Nabila Putri is center**

Every day I make my meals myself and ride my bicycle to school, which is different from when I was in Indonesia. Prices are expensive, but everyone in Kumamoto is nice, so I think it’s easy to live here. What’s difficult is Japanese. Kanji are particularly difficult, and I often receive help from my teachers and friends. My dream for the future is to become a teacher of the Japanese language and of Japanese agriculture and culture in Indonesia. I want to contribute to Indonesia’s development and to the development of good relations with Japan.