

## Osettaï Experience at Ryozen-ji Temple and Sake Brewery Tour

The hospitality experience at Ryozen-ji and the sake brewery visit gave me a profound appreciation for Japanese culture and tradition. Above all, I truly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with TIA members, participants from various countries, and even some pilgrims visiting the area. I sincerely hope more events like this – celebrating both Japanese culture and multicultural exchange – will be organized in the future.

Tran Hoang Nam (Vietnam)

"I had no idea about Osettaï or the history of local sake brewing until TIA invited us on this visit—it was an amazing experience! We didn't just learn about Osettaï; we took part by offering snacks to pilgrims at Ryozen-ji Temple, which made me feel warmly connected to everyone. In Vietnam, we have a similar tradition where monks give lucky gifts to temple visitors on some special days. After Osettaï experience, we visited Narutotai, the region's largest sake brewery in area, and learned that its founders were a pirate group from western Kyushu —such a fascinating history! I'm deeply grateful to TIA for organizing this thoughtful and enriching event and look forward to joining more experiences in the future."

Nam Nguyen (Vietnam)

I'm grateful to the Tokushima International Association for organizing the Osettaï at Ryozen-ji Temple and Sake Brewery Tour. I learnt about temple etiquette as well as the history of the brewery. The tour was a wonderful way to introduce Japanese culture to foreigners as well as an opportunity for Japanese and foreigners to interact, share ideas and learn from each other. I hope for more unique tours in the future. Great job TIA for a delightful tour!

Alan Chan (Trinidad and Tobago)

