

2025 Climbing Mt.Tsurugi Participants Remarks



It was my first time climbing the Tsurugi mountain. The weather was good despite a bit cold on the summit but I could enjoy the beautiful clear view on the top of the mountain. It was such a credible experience to do it. I would like to participate again next time.

Thanks for organizing such a good adventure.

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We are two 22-year-old exchange students from Germany, and since arriving in Tokushima one month ago, we have grown fond of the people, nature, and traditions here. Studying at NIT Anan College has been wonderful, but joining the Mount Tsurugi excursion organized by the Tokushima International Association gave us an unforgettable experience.

Our day began very early, cycling to Anan Station, then taking the train and a bus through the beautiful valleys of Tokushima. Steep mountains rose beside narrow roads, crystal-clear rivers reflected autumn leaves, and small villages nestled quietly in the mountains. A truly breathtaking introduction to Tokushima's landscapes.

At the Mount Tsurugi parking area, around 1,400 meters above sea level, the air was cool. The group split into two: green-band hikers took the cable car partway, while orange-band hikers, including us, hiked the full trail. We began at a peaceful temple, walking through shrubs and forests bathed in morning light. About an hour in, we reached our first viewpoint, offering a stunning panorama of the valley below and a glimpse of the summit. An unforgettable scene.

As we climbed higher, the path narrowed along a mountain ridge, and fog suddenly rolled in, cooling the air. Hiking through thick clouds was both thrilling and mysterious. Near the top, we met the cable-car group and together reached the summit. Initially shrouded in mist, the clouds cleared while we enjoyed our packed lunch, revealing a breathtaking view of surrounding peaks and valleys—a truly magical moment.

After a group photo at the summit, we descended. Taking the cable car offered a beautiful view of the sunlit mountains, concluding the day perfectly.

We are deeply grateful to the Tokushima International Association for this invitation. This hike not only allowed us to experience Tokushima's incredible natural beauty but also to meet kind and inspiring people. It was an adventure we will always remember.

With sincere appreciation,

Exchange Students from NIT Anan College

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