

Scenes from the Four Seasons in Tsukuba

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A girl took a bus with tears in her eyes. She had taken an interview to enter Tsukuba University. She thought she had done her best in the interview, although she failed the paper examination. After the interview, she relaxed and cried unconsciously. The crying girl looked out the window and saw fluttering and falling leaves. She thought how beautiful it was. She came more and more to want to enter this university, which has such a beautiful scene. Who was this girl? Yes, she was I one year ago. It has been fourteen months since then. I have experienced the four seasons in Tsukuba.

On the day of the entrance ceremony, cherry blossoms were in full bloom, as if the trees were welcoming me. That day was brisk spring weather. In April, I also was full of hope for a new life, new friends, and new study. I thought the cherry blossoms represented my feeling. However, in May, there were many rainy days. It was more humid every day than I expected, and this made me have *gogatsubyō*. This word means student apathy. The weather at that time depressed me. Although I understand that rain, which supplies water for us, is important, I dislike only this time in Tsukuba.

Summer in Tsukuba was the best of all four seasons, although it was not cool at all. In this season, a row of trees had a lot of leaves, and these leafy trees give us a pleasant shade. I liked to walk in the shade of trees whose leaves were shaking in the wind. When I went to a place overgrown with trees with my friends, I felt *Totoro*, which is a Ghibli character, was there. In spite of it being summer vacation, I went to Tsukuba many times, and I could make a lot of good memories with my friends and my seniors.

The scenes of autumn and winter in Tsukuba are so nostalgic. In these seasons, leaves turn and then fall. Fallen leaves cover the ground. When I walk on the carpet of leaves, I always have a feeling of walking in a picture. This scene looks like the scene of movies. I don't exaggerate. My senior said when she goes there by bicycle, she feels

as if she is in a Korean movie. However, this scene sometimes makes me melancholy. This scene is so sentimental, and in addition, in winter it is cold for me. If you walk there listening to a nocturne on the piano, perhaps you will want to cry.

Since I visited Tsukuba first, I was moved by the scene of each season: the nostalgia, *Totoro*, and cherry blossoms. Moreover, I noticed each season has its own face. Each face gives me a lot of feelings and let me find a new effect. Although all times give me a good feeling, I like the four seasons in Tsukuba. There is beautiful scenery in Tsukuba. Soon I will be in the second grade. In other words, I will have a second experience of the seasons in Tsukuba. These scenes may show me new faces, and I may be able to feel new effects.