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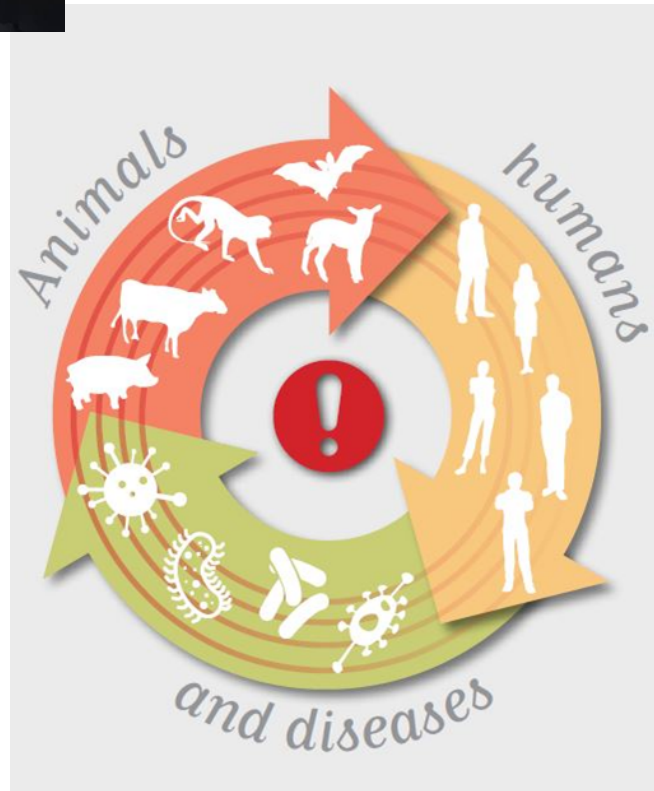
Nagasaki University / Graduate Student (MPH)

Date of the Internship:

October 1 to November 30, 2020

Internship focusing on One Health

My two-month internship at the OIE RRAP provided me with an opportunity to see first-hand what the OIE has been doing to **coordinate and collaborate with Members and other partners**. It gave me a better appreciation of the procedures and responsibilities they have been applying. It provided me with sufficient knowledge and skills that complemented and enhanced the education I obtained in the classroom of my Master course. Because my work in the Philippines was related to rabies, my internship exposed me to various **One Health activities**, including reviewing of multi-sectoral collaboration mechanism (MCM) meetings and documents. After the review, they enabled me to write a **paper to summarize the MCM activities** and provide recommendations for future consideration. With their trust, I was able to work through things on my own after being given initial direction. Inside the office, everyone was warm, welcoming and more than willing to help make my internship succeed. I hope the OIE RRAP can further expand this internship program, not just for university students but, if possible, to representatives of Member States.



My message to future interns would be: keep an open mind and take advantage of activities that are given to you. Try to learn not just by lectures and reading, but also by keen observation. Professional feedback is very important. Never hesitate to ask your mentor and anyone in the office if you feel something was unclear. And lastly, enjoy the process while building connections! Again, I am grateful for the opportunity that OIE RRAP gave me and am excited to work with them again in the future.