

## From U.A.E to Japan, a Life Time Journey

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“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail” Ralph W. Emerson. Such inspirational words epitomize my pathway.

What is life but a sum of experiences that you swim through armed with faith, values, and humanity. I spent my life in different places drawing a variety of experiences and cultures. United Arab Emirates, Sudan, Ireland and Japan. I'll try my best to pick out some of the lovely and touching stories that I have been through in my life.

I lived all my childhood and teenage in (アラブ首長国連邦) UAE. Although it's a small country but I would say that it's a whole planet in itself where a huge variety of ethnicities from all around the world fuses homogenously. Everyone in Japan knows its most famous city Dubai. It's a fascinating and astonishing place that is full of wonders and surprises like; the tallest building in the world “Burj Khalifa”, The World Island, Dubai

Mall, Palm Island, Atlantis, and much more. In my opinion, what is charming about UAE is its peacefulness and the only place in the world that I could compare with is Japan.

After graduation from high school I went to Sudan “my country of origin”. Until recently, Sudan was the biggest country in Africa, but unfortunately after a long standing political crisis it was separated in to two countries. Despite of the existence of such dilemmas Sudanese people did not give up there passion, hopes, and dreams. All the time we were trying to make the best out of difficulties. We created our own way to overcome the Impossibilities. The bright side of my experience in Sudan, that it gave me a new perspective of life. A life that is not centered around substantiality but around morality. Sudanese people are well known for their hospitality, generosity and kindness. This not a sort of praising my people or complimenting them, but I'm conveying the viewpoint of different people who intermixed with Sudanese people either inside or outside Sudan. One of the



most prominent attractions in Sudan is the Nubian Pyramids. They are around 255 pyramids which belong to Napata and Meroë civilizations that existed over 4500 years ago. Hence; ancient rich history and culture are the reasons behind enriching our current culture.

One of the best experiences that I had in my life was traveling to the republic of Ireland. There, I came in touch with absolutely different culture and environment. The first interesting thing I faced was the well-known Irish accent. It took me a while to adapt myself with it. In spite of being a small country with a small population, I have never seen such variety of accents in one place. As example; in the capital city Dublin the northern part speaks different accent from the southern part!! That's really amazing. After having some clinical training and obtaining a degree from the Royal College of Surgeons I went back to Sudan where I started immediately preparing for the Monbukagakusho (MEXT) scholarship.



After a lot of hard work and diligence I was lucky to win the MEXT scholarship in the year 2013 after which I started to prepare for decamping to Japan.

My first spot was Osaka city. I arrived there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2014. The weather is stunning. The people are busy as it may seem. The streets are crowded. The rhythm

of life is fast and dazzling. I studied elementary course of Japanese language at Osaka University. Over there I met people from Japan and around the world. For sure having them in my life was exceptionally magnificent. Some people have left a finger print in my life such as the Suzuki family. Before coming to Japan I have never thought that I will be emotionally connected to a Japanese family. I met the Suzuki family through a Host family program held by Osaka University administration. Every time when I visited them I felt as if I'm at home with my family, they stood by my side during the good and the hard time. While I was in Osaka they were blessed by having their first baby "Sarah". She was not only like my niece but actually I felt like she is my own daughter. I really wish them a happy, healthy and prosperous life.



When I was in Osaka I went for a trip with my colleagues to Amanohashidate. It's difficult to find suitable words to describe the beauty of that place. The charming spring scenting its fresh fragrance. The blooming flowers smiles at you. The Splendor valley whispers in your ears. And the blueish sea reflects the picturesque nature.

Another outstanding place that I have been to in Japan was Kobe port. When I arrived there with my friends I felt as if I'm



in the Caribbean. The wooden Alleys and lanes between the shops were extremely fascinating, the sea breeze, the delicious food, and the spectacular illumination all around the port. Once we walked from the port in to the market place we suddenly felt as if we are in Europe. The streets and buildings had a breathtaking Gothic style. It was superb by all means.

By the end of my language course I finally came to Niigata. I would really say that some of my best days in my life were here in Niigata. At my arrival I received a warm welcome from all the Bio-Prosthodontics

department staff and the favor belongs to Professor Uoshima who supported my journey from the beginning. In Niigata I had an unforgettable experiences. For example; watching the snow for the first time in my life, the born of my first baby girl, attending some typical Japanese parties, and much more.

In short words, studying in japan is an endless adventure. I'm sure that by the end of my journey here I will obtain a lot of knowledge that will strongly contribute to the development of my commonwealth people.

