

## Megumi Takayanagi

**Country:** Japan

**Course:** Advanced Diploma of Tourism

**Institute:** TAFE NSW - Northern Sydney Institute, Northern Beaches College



According to Japanese student, Megumi Takayanagi, learning about the 'Australian way' is part of her experience of studying in Australia. She enrolled in TAFE NSW to improve her English because of the high standard of education offered in Australia.

Since her arrival, Megumi has mastered English language at TAFE English Language Centre (TELC), Northern Sydney Institute, Crows Nest College and completed the Certificate 4 in Tourism, the Diploma of Tourism and the Advanced Diploma of Tourism at Northern Beaches College.

The Advanced Diploma of Tourism teaches a wide range of highly specialised and technical skills including operations, sales, marketing, business management and financial planning.

While Megumi was completing the Advanced Diploma, she commenced work with a major Japanese inbound tourist company volunteering at a number of special events.

This work experience, combined with her fluent skills in English and hands-on training with TAFE NSW, has enabled this seasoned traveller to move into her tourism career as a confident professional.

As a result of Megumi's excellent studies, her strong sense of responsibility and motivation, professionalism and positive energy she was the winner of the TAFE NSW - Northern Sydney Institute 2011 International Student of the Year Award.

Megumi is currently employed at a large Australian tourism organisation and is a tour guide in Uluru, Northern Territory. She has a passion to remain in the tourism industry and would like one day to travel and work around the world.

Megumi describes Australia as "a warm, beautiful, clean, nice country with heaps of natural environment." – a great place for international students. I hope that through my work in the tourism industry, I will become a little bridge between Australia and Japan."

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