

RECIPROCAL CLUB SPOTLIGHT \

Japan Reciprocal Clubs in Tokyo and Yokohama



Tokyo American Club
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Yokohama Country & Athletic Club
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Helena B. was traveling abroad once again! This recent trip took her to Tokyo, Japan. She used her Marines' Memorial Reciprocal Club benefits to visit the Tokyo American Club and the Yokohama Country & Athletic Club in Yokohama. Prior to leaving the USA, Helena contacted each club by email to ensure that her desired visit dates were available to reciprocal guests. She received positive email replies the next day. She followed the easy instructions on our website and obtained the necessary Letters of Introduction. Like magic, the Letters of Introduction went from her computer to our server to the reciprocal club's inbox! Helena shared some impressions of her stay.

TOKYO AMERICAN CLUB (TAC) has been an integral part of the international community in Tokyo since its founding in 1928 and has undergone six iterations over the years. It was very impressive. The Club has 4,000 members from 50 different countries. It was an amazingly diverse atmosphere with guests from all over the world.

The food and drinks were reasonably priced and plentiful. The Japanese food presentation is top notch. It is worth noting that the facility is tucked away in downtown Tokyo and has easy access to Tokyo nightlife! Although she did not take part in any of the recreational activities, they were available: bowling, swimming pool, badminton, racquetball, and so much more! Incidentally, Helena saved a screenshot of her Letter of Introduction on her phone. The LOI did not go through because we had a glitch in our system. The TAC sent us a quick email and we updated our system... thanks, Helena!

Next on Helena's list was the **YOKOHAMA COUNTRY & ATHLETIC CLUB (YC&AC)**. At first, she thought that the facility was a bit old and rundown. However, she soon found out that the building was in the process of remodeling and updates. The YC&AC was established in 1868 and was/is the epicenter of western sporting and social activities for both foreigners and Japanese enthusiasts. Helena visited with one of her former

"Office Lady" friends and enjoyed lunch and a glass of wine. Although the restaurant is casual, the food was first class! They shared a small pizza that was outstanding and finished with a club sandwich and fries that were very satisfying. Afterward, they headed to the Members Bar for a quiet wrap-up. The meals and drinks are high quality and affordable. The bar was a hub of activity. Members were throwing darts and playing mahjong. It was an enjoyable experience.

Helena B. states that visiting the Reciprocal Clubs is certainly a benefit worthy of the price of membership. Many of these Clubs have significant dues and fees. Being a Marines' Memorial member literally pays for itself. Safe and happy travels!

IS THERE A CLUB THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDED TO OUR RECIPROCAL LIST?

Please email us at Member@MMAF1946.org and we will reach out to them!