

## Tokyo-Yokohama, Japan

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On Friday Nov 13 at 12:45 I left Taiwan Intl. Airport with Cathay Pacific flight CX450, destined for Narita Airport, Tokyo. Approximately 4 hours later I was sitting on the commuter train serving Narita with down town Tokyo. Every thing had been running smoothly, except for a minor inconvenience when boarding a train running in the wrong direction.

On Nov 16 I visited Yokohama and the Yokohama Graduate School of Architecture. I had set up a meeting with a Portuguese exchange student, and we discussed the recent developments in Japanese architecture, and their methods of education. This research was used for my article in Asia Magazine no 14. Before the meeting I had spent the morning exploring Yokohama, going up Japans highest skyscraper and taking the opportunity to visit the amazing ferry terminal by FOA architects. Yokohama is roughly one hour from Tokyo mid town by subway.

My next appointment was on November 21. This Saturday evening I made a visit to the office of Japanese/Taiwanese architectural office Noiz architecture. One of the co-founders, Keisuke Toyoda, had arranged a meeting for people living in the Tokyo area interesting in using Rhino/Grasshopper software in the design and fabrication process. Guest speaker this evening was an Englishman now living in Japan with experience from the field of digital modeling. This evening I gained a lot of information useful for my article.

On the following morning I went back to Taiwan again. During my stay in Japan my living expenses where kept low due to the fact that I could stay for free living in my girlfriend's apartment.