

## ABSTRACT

*The research is motivated by a number of students from Japan who came to Bandung each year for a student exchange program in cooperation with the Universitas Padjadjaran. Japanese students who live in Indonesia will through a process of adaptation and adjustment to the environment and people of Indonesia because of their cultural differences. This study discusses the interpersonal adaptation of exchange students from Japan with Indonesian people in Bandung. The purpose of this study was to determine how the daily interaction of Japanese students with the Indonesian people both in terms of verbal and nonverbal communication, and to determine the adaptation strategies they use during the stay in Bandung. This research using descriptive method with qualitative approach. The results showed that there is a change of culture in verbal and nonverbal communication of Japanese students. The strategies they use to adapt are to be open-minded, studying the habits of Indonesian people, and often listen Indonesian people talk.*

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