

## Bergé Gallery

If somebody were to ask me to describe Madrid, I would say Madrid itself is a huge museum of art. There are numerous museums and galleries in Madrid. Furthermore, there is a unique harmony created by modern buildings and old. This amazing mixture of new and old gives a peaceful and dynamic atmosphere to the city. This atmosphere is amplified along with the realization that people are living their lives beside "artworks" and some are living inside of them. This amazing mixture of art and life led me to have a huge interest in art. I am now, especially interested in modern and more so after I visited Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia.

Our last week in Spain, we were invited to have a tour of the art collection that Bergé y Cía own. We did not realize that we were working alongside artworks. The company building itself is a gallery and office at same time. Moreover, luckily for me, the theme of the Bergé y Cía art collection is modern art. Through the tour, we were exposed to extraordinary creativity and profound meaning of each work. What surprised me most was that what I passed by every morning and thought a mere monument about, was actually one of the earliest works by world-class modern artists. The experience made me believe that art can be a part of our daily life.



## Ministry of Foreign Affairs

We had the opportunity to visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs España and to discuss the relationships between Spain, Korea, and Japan. Each of us asked questions based on our own interest. For example, Yuka asked a question regarding tourism in Spain and she wondered how Japan could improve its tourism business. She had such interest, because she has a desire to revolutionise the field of tourism in Japan through urban reforms. Since the news about Brexit and the USA Presidential election were dominating the news cycles, we exchanged opinions about excessive nationalism and domestication that is opposed to globalization. This opportunity was very precious for us to hear the real ideas of the officials who are actually dealing with the foreign affairs in the current world.