

Reflection on the 5th East Asia Junior Workshop, 2013

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Above all, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Kyoto University's effort to host this workshop. I not only enjoyed myself in Kyoto during my stay and but also could learn many things that I would have never gone through if I had not come to Kyoto this time.

In field trip, we went to several places such as Sujin area and Japanese nursing home where we could have visit without the help of Kyoto University. I think that it was not a mere sightseeing but a cooperative and interational understanding process among students from three different countries. For example, when we went to Sujin area, SNU students talked about the 在日 Korean issue with KU students and we had a chance to compare and share our experiences on senior care policy and facilities in each country visiting the Nursing home. Also, it was also very nice to visit Nijo castle and Imperial Palace since they are historically meaningful places in Japan.

For me, the workshop sessions were literally invaluable. I could see that the South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan societies have very similar issues and also somewhat differently response to them. Every time I think of so called 'Globalization', I tend to come up with the western society such as U.S.A and Europe because I took for granted the existence of similarity of the East Asia countries. But this workshop gave me a great opportunity to radically rethink about the local and global issues and I now have a motivation to learn more about the Taiwan and Japan. I would never think this way without attending this workshop.

However, I have a minor recommendation to improve the quality of the workshop session. I could observe that some students including myself could not concentrate on the presentation. I personally feel that this resulted from the tight presentation schedule. So, I think if we provide more break time or separate the presentation schedule much more, the quality of workshop will surely increase.

I am really happy that I could take this precious opportunity. I expect that the networks achieved among students though this workshop will grow to be international scholar networks in near future and that this workshop will grow to an honorable program to attend. Also, I wish to show gratitude to Kyoto University once again. Thank you.