

Reflection on the 5th East Asia Junior Workshop, 2013

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What impress me most about the field trip is the nursing home. One reason is that I have not even visited a nursing home in Taiwan, and the very comforting environment of the nursing home is quite a shock to me. Also the very complicated institution of long term care is very interesting. Other spots that day are also impressive, which shows a side of Kyoto that can hardly be perceived by foreign tourists.

Generally all three days trip are good, but the imperial palace is a bit too hot for me and the official guide there is not very attracting, perhaps because it largely aims at those tourists who have no idea of "Eastern" building styles.

As for the symposium, since I have participated in this workshop for three years I think there is significant improvement of quality every year, no matter the depth of studies themselves or presentation skills. More and more intriguing feedbacks pop up in QA sessions. Many Korean students are really good at mathematics or statistics, that impress me too because we tend to have less training of that kind in NTU.

Perhaps it is very difficult but if there is coffee provided during presentations it would be flawless. Nevertheless the drink and food are good. I also greatly appreciated for warm receptions of students from Kyoto University. It was a wonderful experience.