

Reflection on the 5th East Asia Junior Workshop, 2013

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When I prepared the presentation, I wanted to show distinguishing features of Korea to the attendance. But I realized that I don't know about Japan and Taiwan enough. So my purposes of this workshop were not only presentation, but also knowing about Japan and Taiwan.

In our presentation, there were some features of SNU that students of Japan and Taiwan couldn't understand easily. We tried to explain the features, but due to lack of time, I think we couldn't explain enough. If we could explain the features enough, the presentation was easier to understand.

As I wrote the above, my purpose of this workshop was knowing about Japan and Taiwan. So fieldworks and workshop were good chances for me.

First, in presentations on disaster and nuclear power generation, I listened to the lecture about the disaster in Fukushima. I could know about the disaster and the efforts of Japan to overcome the disaster.

Second, during the fieldworks, I learned lots of thing about Japan. If I went to Japan as a tourist, I couldn't go to places like the Yanagihara bank, Sujin, Higashi kuzo and the Rakutoen nursing home. These places were good examples to understand present Japan. Places like Nijo Castle or the Imperial palace made me know about history of Japan, but I think that it is more important to understand present Japan than the history of Japan. So I was very impressed by visiting the Yanagihara bank, Sujin, Higashi kuzo and the Rakutoen nursing home.

Lastly, during the workshop, I knew about Japan, Taiwan and also Korea. Both of Korea and Taiwan, there were many problems about the education, hardworking and the expropriation, etc. So I think these two countries shall find solutions together. And also I knew about Japanese society, something like the crime, the North Korea refugees and volunteer guide tours, etc.

Through the workshop, I achieved my purpose of workshop. But I know that still there are lots of things to know about Japan and Taiwan. So I will study and try to know more about Japan and Taiwan. This workshop gave me the motivation to study more. Also I could make friends with students of Japan and Taiwan. Both of them are very important meaning to me.

In the end, I have to thank peoples of Kyoto University. They prepared lots of things for us and I could enjoy the workshop in their sacrifice. I could learn lots of things-thanks for their efforts. So I can't thank them enough. Also I thank peoples of NTU that participated the workshop and taught me lots of things, SNU that gave me this chance and people of SNU who went with me.