

Report on Participation in [Thailand field research]

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This is a very meaningful overseas research for me, as well as other participators. During these 12 days, under the instruction of Professor Ueta, Professor Hisano, and Professor John, our study and lives are peaceful, abundant and profound.

We visited Bangkok and ChiangMai, the two major cities in Thailand; we visited Thammasat University and ChiangMai University, enjoyed many wonderful lectures and discussions; we visited government agencies, important companies, and beautiful historical relics. The content of our trip is very abundant, and I learned an open, enthusiastic, multicultural, and prosperity Thailand which is much different from my imagination.

Return the benefits to my research in Master's period. My research plan is related to the development of the ethnic minorities' regions in China. From this trip, I find that Thailand is a country with many ethnic groups and facing same problems or situation with China in some aspects. Also, Thailand has successful experiences in promoting the development of manufacture, agriculture, and tourist industry, and handling with the ethnic minority affairs and improving the development of ethnic minorities' regions.

From this field research, what I gain are not only related to academic but also related to personal aspects. As an overseas student, studying in Japan gives me a chance to compare China with developed countries; visiting Thailand gives me another different chance to observe China. During this trip, I find ethnic minorities issue is important for any multicultural country, I will continue my research.