

Experience in Japan

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A. Academic Outcome

Undoubtedly, I was fascinated with academics experience I gained during Summer School in Graduate School of Economics Kyoto University. During a week we learned multidisciplinary perspectives from the Asian and Southeast Asian histories, cultures, politics, economics, Japanese industries and business group, technology, examination on modern technology, also ASEAN sustainable development. We also got first hand experiences in visiting some cultural heritage sites including Yasaka Shrine, learned about traditional Nishijin textile production and Kyocera as the example of strong corporates business in Japan, also studied about agri-food initiatives in Ozaki organic farm.

A lot of interesting experience I gained from this summer school, I was impressed particularly in how Japanese local culture and products can promoted globally, as well as the balance of harmonious life of Japanese people which combine traditionality and modernity; it's really inspiring and motivating. I can absorb a lot of knowledge and ideas from Japan success story to be applied in my study in MA Southeast Asian Studies.

Deeper international understanding particularly in East Asia and Southeast Asian is one of my achievement during summer school, which I am sure will support my study and my future career in the Asian Era. One thing that really impressed me in Japan, particularly Kyoto, is how they preserved cultural heritage and local products to be developed and able to compete with global market. I am planning to conduct comparative research in tourism based on cultural heritage preservation or small medium enterprises of Southeast Asia.

B. Experience in Kyoto University

I am very grateful to get this opportunity to learn from expert professors in high academic reputable university like Kyoto University which is not easy to enter this university especially in the Graduate School of Economics (GSE). Every classes provided us comprehensive lecture that really give us in-depth understanding about the theme of "East Asia and Southeast Asia sustainable development in economy development". Since first day summer school in Kyoto University I was so fascinated with the professionalism and hospitality which performed by all staff members of Kyoto University Asian Study Unit (KUASU) as well as the lecturers from Graduate School of Economics (GSE) during all of the programs from beginning until the last day. All of committee always took care of us and provided us with the best services and sufficient information regarding living and traveling in Kyoto city.

Furthermore, during only one week summer school I made very good friends with students of Kyoto University from various faculties, they were so friendly and helpful to guide us with everything new environment and experience for us. This experience in Kyoto University summer program was one of the best experience in my life and really motivate me to back and study again there. I am glad that my first visit to Japan was in Kyoto, in lovely living heritage city with such worldwide reputable university Kyoto University. Simplicity and excellence are my deep impressions of Kyoto University.

C. Content of The Program

Content of The Program "Summer School in Graduate School of Economics' Kyoto University	Instructor	Day/ Date
Orientation and Kyoto University Tour	GSE Kyoto University students	Saturday/13 Sept 2014
The History and Culture of Kyoto	Niels van Steenpaal-Sensei	Sunday/ 14 Sept 2014
Visiting Cultural Sites (Yasaka Shrine and Kiyomizu-dera Temple)	Imai-San and GSE Kyoto University Students	Sunday/ 14 Sept 2014
The Introduction of The Southeast Asian Political-Economy in the era of Asia-Pacific	Okamoto Sensei	Monday/ 15 Sept 2014
Japan and Southeast Asian/ ASEAN with Emphasize on Thailand	Prof. Charnvit Kasertsiri	Monday/ 15 Sept 2014
Evolutionary Dynamics of Business Groups in Japan: An International Perspectives	Hikino-Sensei	Tuesday/ 16 Sept 2014
Japanese Industries: Competitiveness and Its Historical Roots	Kurosawa - Sensei	Tuesday/ 16 Sept 2014
Field Trip to Nishijin and Kyocera	Souksavanh Sensei	Wed/ 17 Sept 2014
Technological Change in Global Business History	Donze - Sensei	Thursday/ 18 Sept 2014
TEPCO and Business Ethics	Tokumaru - Sensei	Thursday/ 18 Sept 2014
An Examination on Modern Energy Use: Presentism as an Embedded Temporal Characteristic of Modernity	John Lambino - Sensei	Thursday/ 18 Sept 2014
Indochina in Transition: Reforms, Development, and Changes	Souksavanh – Sensei	Friday/ 19 Sept 2014
International Responsibility of Japan in ASEAN Development : Historical Lessons and Future Perspectives for ETOs	Prof. Hisano - Sensei	Friday/ 19 Sept 2014
Food Security Politics and Alternative Agri-Food Initiatives in Japan	Prof. Hisano - Sensei	Friday/ 19 Sept 2014
Presentation of the certificates of completion and farewell dinner	Dean Iwamoto	Friday/ 19 Sept 2014
Field Trip to Ozaki Farm Organic Farming	Hiraga - San	Saturday/ 20 Sept 2014

D. The Impact of the Program for Future Career Plan

It is true that summer school in GSE Kyoto University gave me very meaningful experiences, enriched my intercultural knowledge, as well as ability to understand wide perspectives of modern politics, economics, and socio-cultural dimension of Asian era particularly Japan and ASEAN. As a teaching assistant (assistant lecture) in the university, this Kyoto experiences widening my knowledge which I can share toward undergraduate students I teach, its also gave me inspiration to be better in teaching methods. My future career planning is working in ASEAN secretary or Asian/ ASEAN institution so this valuable experience will guide me to the better chance and opportunity in facing ASEAN community era 2015. From Japanese cultures and people itself I learn a lot of self-discipline ethics such as: punctuality, commitment, excellence, perfectionist, hardworking, diligent, and professionalism, which I am sure those intercultural inspiration will be important personal skills for develop our professionalism and ability in various kinds of professions in the future of Asian era.