

Experience in Japan

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My 9 days in Japan was the best experience I have ever had in my life. The courses offered by Kyoto University were great sources of knowledge. I've learnt many perspectives of ASEAN community and also from a different point of view such as from economic perspective. Some classes were quite familiar with my classes at Thammasart University but they still got different aspects as there were different opinions from the teachers. The answers that we've got from all lecturers were cleared and also encouraged us to think our own opinions. The class was opened up for discussion which allowed me to have a chance to show my opinion whether I agreed or disagreed about many things.

The country itself was the most memorable part of this project. Japan is a unique, beautiful, and developed society which can be a very good example of the combination between modern world and the traditional style. The management of the city is very effective. For example, the management of the irrigation, waste segregation, and train systems. Japan uses the technology to provide a better living for their people and protect the environment at the same time. The whole country seems to have less pollution comparing to Thailand.

I've learn that the most important fact that makes Japan become a developed country is its people. Japanese people are self-disciplined, punctual, and respect each other. When I was in Japan, I traveled alone and I found that the people are very kind. Even they don't speak English much but they would try to help you in every way they can. I've asked for the direction for about 100 times while I was in Japan and no one refused to help. They were also very polite. The warmth and friendliness I've got are really unforgettable.

The company that I've visited (Kyocera) showed me the Japanese way of working. In Japan seniority is very influential. A good manner, punctuality, and self-disciplined are the requirements you need in order to work with them. The founder of Kyocera had a very unique and simple way of thinking. In my opinion, he looked things as a whole. He described man as human being without separating age, gender or religious. I strongly believed that this is one of the key aspects that made his company become successful.

Another impression from my study trip was Mr. Osaki's organic farm. Mr. Osaki was a very simple man with a unique way of thinking. As I was having a meeting with him, he told us that he was living in the house which was built by himself, eating plants that he grows and depending on nothing. I believed that he was one of the happiest people in the world because he could control his need. Mr. Osaki didn't want a lot of money, a luxury car or watch. His organic farm is the best example of 'sufficient living which has been taught to Thai people for many years by the King of Thailand. He proves that the sufficient living is the right way to live your life happily in the modern world.