

The great chance to study at "Summer School"

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The graduate school of Economics, Kyoto University has broadened my perspectives on international independence especially Japan and ASEAN as a student and journalist. All the classes conducted by great professors were very active. The outcome of learning is clearly the comprehensive understanding of international economic relations in this world. The courses equipped me with the perspective on history of Japan-Asean and especially Thailand, the development of political relations in East Asia, the changing economic as well as technological world and the future of trade collaborations. Moreover, the courses stimulated me to see the relations from another side of the coin. I have realized the great importance of food security, the future economic integrations in Asia and energy security that require a great public awareness and collaborations to reserve and utilize the resources available in the region to bring the greatest good to the community. They inspire me to play a role in the global community by planning and raising the issues and awareness as a global citizen and a Thai journalist.

In the near future, I have to conduct an Independent Study for courses: ASEAN Studies at Pridi Banomyong International College, Thammasat University. Now I am searching for a topic and information, so attending the summer school at Kyoto University is really helpful for my study and topic selection. I am now interested in studying about food security, since the lecture and the field trip to the organic farm in Nose, in the northern part of Osaka made me interested more in how to keep the balance between the agricultural trading profits and food security in the world as well as "Community Supported Agriculture." It is important to find the balance and solutions as ASEAN's economy is driven by agricultural products.

Experience in Kyoto University was wonderful. It made me want to participate in the exchange program and study there for 2 months, but unfortunately I cannot do so due to my responsibility at my workplace. However a week there was inspirational. I could meet great professors and scholars as well as active and supportive staff that made my one-week experience in Japan comfortable. Kyoto city itself was also inspirational. I liked the fact that most people use bicycles and public transportation which made the city peaceful, clean and very different from Bangkok where I came from. Japanese people were very friendly and helpful. Every time I got lost the way, people were willing to help me to reach the destination safe and sound.

All in all, one week study at Kyoto University was memorable. It is really supportive for my study work as well as how I make decision in daily life. The contents of the courses were useful and it stimulated critical thinking. The knowledge has broadened my views. It will affect how I frame questions when I host a TV program and present analytical news story as a news anchor in Thailand. Finally, I realized that it was a great learning opportunity which I can find nowhere else.