

Report on Participation in Thailand Field Trip

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First of all I would like to thank Kyoto University and its beloved teachers who organized this field trip for students.

It was really a good opportunity to join the Thailand Field Trip to go to the one of the leading Universities in the country, Thammasat University. By joining this field trip, I had an experience to see another important education center in East Asia. Since I am the PhD candidate in East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies in Kyoto University, this trip became a good opportunity to present my works in student workshop. Recently, I was studying on Turkey's exchange rate system and its compatible integration with the European Monetary System. Hence, I could submit my research topic and discuss it in intellectual environment.

In order to be helpful for next students after me, I would like to explain condition in this field trip. By visiting Thammasat University, I got chance to learn Thailand history and importance of scholars in Thailand's economic development in a short time by intensified program. I think intensified program should continue for new students too. It was a great opportunity to meet with new scholars and student. As a developing country Thailand helped me to see a country which is still not very strong but developing everyday very fast.

1. For 1 day; Riva hotel was a good hotel which was chosen very close to the University. Thus, it was very easy to go lessons in a short time. However, two persons shared one room who should share one toilet and one shower, since everybody is an individual and has different characters, if it is possible, maybe this topic can be discussed again for one person to one room.
2. For 2. 3. 5 days Campus tour helped us to see an important university's environment. Listening to society and culture of Thailand from Prof. Dr. Aphornsuwan, Energy development of Thailand from Prof. Dr. Prida Wibulswas and economic development of Thailand from Prof. Dr. Atawawuthichai provided to learn Thai society and its historical development which has never been colonized and although it was in the area of communism which has never become a communist country helped me to combine it with energy development of Thailand. Actually, for me by being part of conflict in the south Asia put Thailand in hard condition for development. However, now its neighbors' ideology became similar and now Thailand is having good pleasure of this opportunity by investment. In addition, visiting the temple of emerald Buddha and grand palace gave a view to me think about its religious factors. And also AEON Thailand gave a light to see supermarket development in East Asia which became a significant factor around the world now.
3. For 4 day; visiting the Saraburi province provided to see environmental friendly company which has been using solar system for energy needs in Thailand which has enough sunlight for these kind of energy developments. I think there should be more opportunity to see such companies which will be very important in future. In addition, the chicken factory gave an idea of halal foods which is going to be very important around the world

day by day. By using these systems, it is a good opportunity to reach many customers and most importantly gave me opportunity to see Cambodian workers which have jobs in Chicken factory nearly 200 people. They have jobs for trying. If company likes their performance, next time there will be more workers instead of Thai workers who want to work in high level positions rather than in hard jobs and low wage positions.

4. For 6 days, 7 and 8 days. It was really an important pleasure to listen to many scholars in lane discussion on sustainable development which provided to see social, political and economic dynamism of ASEAN. Since the importance of these countries increasing for assembly companies and new enterprises. Student workshops increased intellectual level between students since I had listened to many different works from many different students. However, there weren't enough listeners in some rooms. Therefore, I would like to advise to decrease presentation minutes from 30 min to 20 min. and keep all students in one room. Thereby, students will have new opportunity to listen to many different works including social, political and theoretical works.

Although this program was much intensified barely students had time to meet with each other. Therefore, farewell dinner was the only opportunity and finished in a short time. This problem caused students not to get closer and become friends and appreciate time. Also, this caused, in turn, when Thammasat university students came to Kyoto it took time to know each other. Actually, which finished for me to have many intellectual information, but haven't local culture and friendly environment.

Going to Ayutthaya Provinces gave a magnificent to see Thailand's cultural development. Also, I could get chance to know Japanese sign in this provinces by museums. I think this visiting should be repeated for many years.

5. For 9. 10. And 11. days, Visiting Phuket was a good opportunity to see the tourism potential in the south of Thailand. Meeting with the governor provided to see problems and development. And visiting employment center helped to discuss migrant workers' problem in Phuket which is a province with high wages compared to other provinces. Thus, many migrant workers' first station is Phuket. For intellectual conditions everything was well organized for farm land like goat and pine apples. However, hotel did not have a good condition for students. For example, workers were very rude, rooms were smelling very bad and it was forbidden to open windows whose handles were broken, and also there was not any internet for free. Another thing, it was far from city center which made it hard to go and eat something near the area.

I wish this program will continue for next students in a best condition. Thank again for Kyoto university, teachers and organizers.