

Programme for Special Exchange Students

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The outcome from this program is very useful. These courses are designed to emphasize on sustainable economy which has been increasingly important and also has gained research attention. In addition, the teaching style in this program made me have the opportunity to participate and share experiences in the classroom so that we can learn the bad unsuccessful stories and also adopt some striking ideas from successful countries in managing sustainable economy to my country.

The experience in Japan is very impressive. Actually, it is my first time to stay in Japan. There are many things that I really appreciate. For example, these people are time conscious and punctuality is the vital factor in Japan. Another important thing I have realized and learnt is that the people of Japan are really hard working people and are committed to their jobs. One of the outstanding characteristics of Japanese is being very polite and very kind, especially all staff in Kyoto University who always helped us staying in Japan comfortably. In general I noticed that the Japanese are a very kind people when you get to know them better, even though they initially appear distant and shy. As an observer, I also noticed that the Japanese smile a lot and they also love to sing, and the women love to look beautiful but humble. Perhaps, the longevity of the Japanese could be the result of good eating habits, good medicals, clean environment, and uninhibited expression of feelings. I really admire them.

Turning to the program content, the program is designed suitably which is learning from the current issues and past stories. There is participation in the classroom that any students and teachers are able to share their opinions and experiences. For the field research course, we got a chance to visit the nuclear power center in Fukui and gained more new knowledge which I cannot do in my country, because there are no nuclear power plants. For environment class, this course made me to rethink about the impact of producing in environments that sometimes economists always ignore but only focus on profits. We had a wonderful time and it was great fun getting together with classmates during these courses.

Of course, the outcome of this program is useful for my future career. Actually, I plan to be an economist in some company. The knowledge in this program taught me to realize that recently businesses cannot be run only by taking economic terms into account, but other important things that we should concern that are environment and social perspectives as well.

What more can I say. I sure enjoyed my stay in Japan and hope to keep in touch with the very many nice people I met there. I will always have Japan in my mind.