

Children's Rights Protection in Disaster Recovery: Case of Typhoon Haiyai

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This was a very good chance for me to come to study in Kyoto University, especially in my second year of the Master's degree. My interest field is children's rights, and my research topic is "*Children's Rights Protection in Disaster Recovery: case of Typhoon Haiyan*". Before this program, I thought some of the courses might be helpful for my research, however, nowadays I think every course I took has its own meaning and all give me new knowledge which connect with my research as well.

ASEAN economy & sustainable development, which is my major at Thammasat University is ASEAN STUDIES, this course covers all three pillars of ASEAN which we learnt in the past one and a half year, it is like an overview of reviews, and also have visual angle of ASEAN understanding of economics. And the idea that Professor LAMBINO mentioned "sharing and caring in ASEAN", led me to rethink this in case of children's rights protection.

Field research in Japan, we had a one day field research to FUKUI new clear centre, the children centre there did impress me much, which educate children about this kind of technology by playing different games. Besides, this course also gave me the experience to do field research, which my own topic is required as well.

Environmental management is also an interesting course in which we practiced through different case studies with presentations and role plays.

Comparative industry policy studies was a new subject to me, however I could also connect my field of research interest within this course. KUROSAWA-sensei provided us the history backgrounds of economics and my practise presentation about early childhood education industry also got lots of comments from him. And for HISANO-sensei's fair trade study gave me a chance, in getting to know the child labour problem in industry development.

Comparative development studies, the guest lecture Professor JUSSAUME Roymond's sustainable development course took place in the last week of this two months intensive programme. His way of teaching is very impressive to me, the sustainable development concept is getting broader and broader along with the class. Furthermore, the sustainable development idea, will also be useful in my research in the suggestion part, which is really helpful to lead to a clearer road to ASEAN children's rights development.

During these two months, university staffs and professors where very kind. I got much more than what I expected, except the knowledge I learnt in the courses, but also outside the class. I made lots of new friends here, they are from all over the world, and their lives and study experiences gave me some inspiration for my future study and work plan. At the beginning I wanted to continue towards my PhD, right after the Master study. However from what I experienced in this short programme, without influence from the professors or classmates, I decide to work in the children's rights protection field first; I believe that this working experience would bring lots of new ideas in my PhD research topic.

At the end, I would like to thank Kyoto University, which gave me this chance to come and for sure I would like to come back in the future for my research. Because Kyoto University has a very good atmosphere for doing academic research, both because of the library resources and the quality of teachers.