

Please write a report on your study experience, addressing the matters listed below. Your report should be more than 500 words in English. Matters to include in your report: (a) Academic outcomes (how participation in this program affected your motivation, university study and international understanding, and what interests and plans you developed for further study in the future); (b) Your experiences in Kyoto University; (c) The content of the program; (d) The impact of the program on your career plans.

Read and rethinking: Is Indian logic non-monotonic reasoning? By John Taber

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During the time in Kyoto University, we had some good discussions about issues relating to my proposal which I am going to hand in to Chengchi University as an application for graduate school. This is a nice experience not only because it's a precious chance to participate an international occasion, sharpening my english speaking skill, but also an ideal platform that an undergraduate student like me can quickly get to know how they work in academic field.

My experience in Kyoto University was unforgettable with kind professors and students. Professor Deguchi, Jay Garfield and Robert Sharf were amazing teachers that they gave inspiring lecture and raised nice discussion upon every talks, and some graduate and doctoral students are so willing to recommend some nice works I can study when being back to Taiwan. We were shown around Kyoto nicely and the research room of the department of philosophy, which was such a great experience for us. As an undergraduate student, I learned a lot from nearly everyone there on the conference held by Kyoto University. And there are more nice things such as sightseeing around this beautiful city, enjoying amazing food and getting know more about culture in Japan, both tradition and modern one. Me and my partners from chengchi university are all fond of japanese lifestyle we had in Kyoto very much.

The program I participated this time is a conference held for graduate students who can share their recent works with other people and probably find out some potential topics and further researches to do in the future. Each one of us had 45 minutes including discussion time. During this conference, works about David Humes, formal logic, tao, Zuang Zi, 三論, buddhism were delivered, which were topics quite different while relevant in some interesting way. This conference was mainly participated by three universities including Kyoto University, National Singapore University, and National Chengchi University, providing a good platform students could share their works and practicing their language skill at the same time. Meanwhile the conference provided students with chances to make friends with their counterparts from different countries.

The conference is influential because of the communication and discussion were just spontaneous and helpful, which eliminated the stress of talking about things I am actually not that familiar with to other graduate students and professors. I have always been hesitated about entering academic field after the graduation from college; and the conference I attended in Kyoto, with people sharing their works and experiences, just made it a bit clear what might happen in the future. It's always interesting to hear about people's works from different fields in philosophy. The impact of the conference at the very first point is this potential accession to more resources and opportunities to more discussion from different aspects, which is a big step out for me to see so many possibilities and different ways to raise a question. Although I might keep working on Buddhism philosophy after meeting so many talented friends in Kyoto, more further studies relating to formal logic seems to be a field I should learn about, considering its potential connection or similarities with Indian logic might help me analyze indian logic even more deeper.

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