

Academic Experience at Kyoto University

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It is an honor to be a part of Two Months course at Kyoto University. For two months, we were able to engage in a highly intelligent academic gathering about Economic Development and Sustainability Studies. All of the students who participated in the program were able to receive lessons from excellent and respectable lecturers from Kyoto University and prominent guest speakers from other universities of Europe and Asia. The content of the course are relevant to answer the emerging many issues of sustainability and development. The course drove the students to be analytical to address every issue on how to achieve sustainability in the world. It gave the students to have a positive outlook to appreciate and value Japanese education system and not just being an additional factor to the academic records. Truly, the program surpassed my expectations; it did not only deliver topics from economic, social and cultural aspects of Japan but it was also successful in dealing the problems and offering solutions to other countries in ASEAN region in agricultural and industrial sectors. The two months intensive course programs which composed of attending both classroom lectures and educational field trips were very informative and inspiring. Moreover, the course did not only confined the lecture inside the four corners of the room to enlighten its participants about the many issues surrounding “sustainability” in the region but instead they arranged field trips lecture activities so we were able to acquire first-hand information from the people working rigorously to achieve a sustainable society. In this way, we got a chance to interact and acquire knowledge directly from the people who are the subject of our study. Furthermore, the course served as a catalyst to help me achieve my educational goals and professional growth and development.

For a short period of time, the program has a phenomenal impact in my academic plans and interests of studies. It helps build my academic platform of learning and self-discovery to a more clearly and logical path for my future research. The course was a perfect example in shaping the mind of the students which is the kind of education that I am looking for. Kyoto University is the institution that will share my desire to make a difference; the institution that will prepare me and guide me to make change to the world and help me build a sustainable development of my country. In the future, after completing and finishing my studies in Thammasat University, I yearn to take up another study at Kyoto University majoring East Asian Studies Sustainable Economic Development. I felt that Kyoto University was the perfect place for anyone who desires “global competitiveness”. The thoughts and ideas that I experienced from different lecturers helped me shape my mindset in molding a strong sense of self-awareness and development. The program inspired me and motivated me to innovate something so that I could create impacts to the lives of other people. It encouraged me to think outside of my comfort zone that the “many possibilities” to achieve sustainability in our society rests just in front of us waiting to be pick up, polished and valued.