

## **My Studies Experience at Kyoto University**

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My two-month study at Kyoto University in Japan was a remarkable experience. I got a chance to sit and listened to all the good professors in their respective fields. All of us, the graduate students were stunned the strategies of teachings that they used. Every professor has their own methodology to execute the lectures to make the students more interested in the lesson. One of the strategies they used that I liked most was the reading materials. Through assigned reading, I was able to enhance my ability to become critical and analytical. I have learned so much information by this strategy. When it comes to the content of the course, Graduate School of Economics of Kyoto University properly aligned the contents on the needs of the students. Even though we were not students of economics, we were able to understand the lesson because the content was simplified yet analytical. It suits for the students who are studying in the social studies field. Through the course, they expanded the lectures not only in Japanese and in East Asian scope but also in ASEAN region. In this way, the course was suited to our needs. The contents were very relevant for us to handle the problems and issues surrounding ASEAN region. It helps us contextualize and participate in offering solutions of the problems. Since our field of interests is in sustainability and development, the course drove us to become truly analytical in dealing with the issues. Honestly speaking, the kind of education and learning that the Graduate School of Economics of Kyoto University offered to us exceeded my expectations. The curriculum that they provided was a holistic and interdisciplinary in the sense that, the curriculum covered all facets of social development from socio-cultural, political, environmental, and economics.

Moreover, the two-month course was not only confined in the room through typical ordinary lectures. They expanded the lectures by giving us some educational field trips around Kyoto. These educational field trips was such a big help to extend the academic learning by letting the people from different companies deliver the lectures. It is such as unique and valuable strategy because we learn could learn many things from the people directly involved in the discussion. From a short period of time, the academic journey that I experienced from Kyoto University was truly amazing and inspiring. The brilliant ideas taken from my professions were remarkable. It taught me how to become a critic and analytical person. It deepened my understanding about achieving sustainability and development in the society. The lessons that I learned from the program might help me conceptualize my interest in writing my master's thesis. Through this, I find it easier for me now to start conceptualizing my paper. Thanks to all the professors who help us to become brilliant students. The thoughts and ideas that I experienced from different lecturers help shaped my mindset in molding a strong sense of self-awareness and development. The lessons that I learned from the program help me go out from my comfort zone and explore the great diversities in offering solutions to the matter.