

My Unforgettable Experience in Kyoto University

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To be frank, this program not only makes me know more about the international relationship and the cultural differences from countries to countries, but also enriches my understanding of Japan in political, social, cultural and academic aspects.

On the second day, we visited Kyoto Prefectural Office and the assembly hall there. I found that the structure of the hall was so similar to the legislative council of Hong Kong but the aim of the office is so different from Hong Kong's one. The previous one hopes to construct a Kyoto city for everyone's happiness but the latter still stagnates at power struggle and wealth disparity issue. It means Hong Kong comparing to Kyoto has a longer path directing to a comfortable city for everyone.

Then we had a lecture called "Human mind viewed from the study of chimpanzees" provided by Professor Tetsuro Matsuzawa, a very famous researcher in chimpanzee study. This lecture made me re-think the relationship between animals and human beings and I was surprised by the special ability of chimpanzees. But what impressed me the most is the professor's research life that was only supported by his enthusiasm.

On the third day, we had a lecture called "Current situation and prospects of researches and technologies on food, environment, and life in the world" provided by professor Naoshi Kondo. Again, I was surprised by Japanese technologies and their effort to pursuit perfection.

However, on the fourth day, I changed my mind as another scholar called Professor Shikiko Yukawa introduced the aesthetics and sensitivities of Japanese to us and told us that the Japanese also pursuit imperfection, she also rose some classical Japanese poetry such as waka and haiku as evidence supporting her idea.

On the fifth and sixth days, the professors introduced the history and culture of Kyoto and analyzed the relation between politician's private villas and their political contribution respectively. This broadened my views and reminded that Japanese government really put lots of effort to preserve the cultural heritages and these heritages also support the researchers' work nowadays.

We also had four Basic Japanese lessons. As I haven't learnt Japanese before, it was very difficult for me to remember the pronunciation of the words and sentences. This really depressed me and on the other hand, it aroused my interest in learning Japanese language.

Before I came to this university, I supposed the lecturers and students here should be aggressive and indifferent. However, I found I was totally wrong, they were so nice and considerate. They guided us to explore the university and Kyoto cities, to let us know the culture behind the architectures, to introduce the local conditions and customs, to remind me that what I confuse is more than what I learnt.

This short but brilliant experience in Kyoto university will absolutely be the most unforgettable memory in my life, I hope I will have another chance to experience senior study here in the future and to be a secondary teacher who can inspire the students just like what the professors had done for us!