

## **Kyoto Summer School**

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I have now spent about one week in Kyoto University. And we have been to a lot of places and attended to many courses and lectures. About three Japanese courses have been offered and we learned some basic Japanese speaking ways. And, of course, we attended many lectures given by professors from Kyoto University. And we learned a lot about the culture and history of Japan. For instance, a professor told us the politician's villas in Japan. And it really surprised us that we learned so many things from the styles and structures of buildings.

During those days I have visited many temples in Kyoto, both big and famous ones and tiny ones. The traditional Japanese style buildings impressed me a lot by their beauty. And I also visited some temples near the University. In Kyoto University, I spent several afternoons visiting the buildings, libraries and courts. As far as I saw, Kyoto University is very clean and tidy. It combined the tradition and the modern together. Though the school is not too big, it has nearly all the subjects and it covers every field. Not only did we hear the lecture about the chimpanzee, but we also heard the lecture about the environment of Japan. In the lecture, I noticed that the agriculture in Japan has now become auto and eco-friendly, which is what we should pursue in the future.

Before I took part in this program, the things I know about Japan and the Universities in Japan were very limited. But now I can say that I learn more to some extent. And all the things I have experienced in Kyoto motivated me a lot to have a deeper understanding to Japan. Because of this program, I have learned that Japan is very advance in the area of the environment. Their way to deal with issues may be the solutions to our world environment problems, such as pollution. And I have also noticed that the researchers in Kyoto are very different from those in my country. Since their way to do researches is like that finding areas that they are interested in just the same as us but then do the experiments without caring how long it will take or if they can get an outcome soon. Taking the things Mr. Han has told us for instance, there is a professor putting fruit flies into the dark box and see what the degeneration is going on. He spent decades to observe it and after he died his students continued. That really surprised me deeply. Because people in science area they always pursue the speed. Faster one can publish the paper, more fame he can gets. What I see in Kyoto University was someone holding on his belief. As a result, when I can do research independently in the near future, I may change the way I look at science.

Also we, in the program, made friend with many other students in Asia, including Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. During our chat with each other we have known more about people in each area and their culture, which really enhanced my international understandings.