Kyoto University Report

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After this precious week, I must acknowledge that I am totally fascinated about Kyoto University and this ancient city. As a student who has already been here three times, Japan and its people can still always impress me in lots of aspects. According to the frame which has been given to us, I will conclude my report in the following four perspectives:

1) Academic Outcomes:

Kyoto University is famous for the academic spirit and high-quality of teaching. I can sincerely feel the tradition of doing researching and cherish it from the depth of my heart. Before the lectures, I wonder if I will be interested in the topics because some are really distant from what I major in. For example, the study of chimpanzee for me is something I have never heard about before, also as for the food and environment issues are also an intangible field for so many complicated formations or experiments. However, being an art student learning Chinese literature, I myself enjoy the lecture so much. I am extremely motivated by the professor's enthusiasm on their research and informed of something called purity, the most important character for people who genuinely would like to delve into academia. And the property of seriousness is also one thing I cherish. When you ask questions, the professor never answer them causally but find every evidence or data or proof they can to enlighten you. From the condensed and superior lectures in KU, I really look forward there will be one day that I can study in this attractive school and do research with so many prestigious professors and students.

2) My Experience in Kyoto University:

Here, in Kyoto University, firstly I must say that both the teachers and the students are really nice and kind to us. I want to my gratitude to all the teachers, the students and the staffs who help us not only in campus but the life in Kyoto, thanks for sparing their time to make everything just perfect.

Talking about the daily life in Kyoto University, I am so shocked by the freedom of students and the emphasis on university. Slogans can be seen everywhere to express the willingness and inner world of students. Besides, the negotiation between students and school on the reconstruction is so interesting but in the meantime reflects the students' right and the emphasis on the university.

It is really my honor to know Japanese friends here. Yu, Zikang and other people, we went to drinks, to mountains and we also caught in the rain together. The relationship of us is pretty like the heated weather in Kyoto. The international understanding has become deeper and deeper. Maybe sometimes we do not have mutual understanding but it is the same goal and enthusiasm that makes our bond tightly tied to each other.

What is more, I have a Japanese friend who was an undergraduate student in Kyoto University and right now in Yenching Academy of Peking University. I also went to his house in Kobe and had a really wonderful experience there. His house with the Japanese garden overwhelmed me but let me know the perseveration of heritage from the family. We had been to 有馬 hot spring, climbed the 六甲 mountain and watched two hanabi together which was unbelievable. It was so thrilling to go across whirling circles at Naruto Strait and the sunset there leave me one of the best memories.

3) Program Content

We really have a diverse program which make others jealous. It is really excited to go to Kyoto Government to have

a meeting with officials there. The lectures are of totally different topics. We have lectures on chimpanzee, on food development, on Japanese Haikai (Literature), on the history of Kyoto University and Kyoto, on the private villas of politicians. This makes me know more about the school and the whole country. In the meantime, the Japanese courses here are really useful that for us who do not know Japanese convenient in this city. We also can have several field trips to company, to make Japanese sweets, to harvest which sounds fancy and I have a very expectation on this!

4) The Impact of this Program on my Career:

I assume the influence is quite significant for me. I was thinking about finding a job in China and got on the stable track like so many Chinese people, but after the experience here in Japan, I carefully start thinking about getting a master degree here and if it is possible, to find a job here and spend more time in Japan. I will also try to find the job opportunity here, especially the Japanese branch of Chinese companies.

To many things and feelings I really want to express, but I should stop here and finally I would again to show my thankfulness to Kyoto University and the unforgettable experience that you provide for us, thank you!