

Kyoto University

**Yuchen Xie
Peking University
July 31st, 2016 – August 13th, 2016**

This program is bound to be one of the most rewarding study experiences in my entire life, and all the teachers and students who have devoted their time and energy to this program should take all the credits. So firstly I want to express my appreciation for giving us this fantastic experience.

If there is one word that can conclude what I have experienced in this program, that word is “craftsmanship”, a very Japanese style craftsmanship.

In the academic field, it can be interpreted as one hundred percent devotion and concentration to their research and educating. Prof. Tesuro Matsuzawa, who gave us the first lecture in Kyoto University, is every inch a real scholar. In order to have a deeper understanding of chimpanzees, he has almost spent half of his lifetime stay with them and even pretend to be one of them, which means that he have to live up with the extraordinarily severe environment during his field study and at the meantime, always separate from his families. But still, he insisted on his study and throw himself into it. He imitated the growling of chimpanzees, which is lifelike enough to actually communicate with real chimpanzees. Prof Han told us that in Japan, especially in Kyoto university, the most prestigious professors, the pioneer in every research fields, are obsessed about teaching students. The lectures given by other professors in the following days strongly manifested his statement. Therefore I think I will take a very serious consideration about pursuing my future study in Japan. Besides that, the freedom spirit is coherently implemented by Kyoto university, allowing the professors and students to conduct their research in a purely academic environment.

In a broader sense, “craftsmanship” can be seen as stick to the details and the pursuit of perfection. No matter you walk into which store, the Japanese style services make you feel like a guest in a luxury store.

The smiles and greetings remind you that you are the customer so you are the god. The Japanese products are always of good quality. Maybe it is because from the companies’ executives and the factories’ workers have a great sense of responsibility and pay attention to every details. Moreover, Japan is a country of humanized designs, which can immensely improve citizens living conditions.

This program has a great impact on me. I realize the importance of craftsmanship spirit and will insist on it in the future. And I will take a consideration of studying in this humanized country.