

Report on Participation in Manila Summer Program

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In conclusion I was satisfied with the program. I did not miss any single event and I participated the event actively by asking questions as well as having conversation with other participants. I could say that four of five of my motivations in attending this program are accomplished. Through this program, I was able to:

1. Enrich my insight about the development and current status of infrastructure projects in Asia from Philippine government and ADB presentation,
2. Get material or new idea for my research in next semester,
3. Get to know how professionals work in the real field,
4. Grow my professional network. I made Philippine friends and Sri Lanka friends who work for their government.

Another target which has yet to be done is doing internship in ADB next year. Because of the limited time, I did not have much talk with the Director. Besides, he asked me to have work experience in related field which I have not had it. Fortunately he gave me his name card thus I can contact him by email when I am ready to do internship or work in ADB.

Because I already learnt from developing countries by this program, for the future experience, I would like to learn how developed country built and managed their mega infrastructure projects including the role of private companies in developing their infrastructure through PPP Projects or PFI Projects. According to World Economic Forum's report, 11 countries with the highest quality infrastructure are US, Spain, UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Netherlands, Singapore and Hong Kong. If I have a chance, I want to go to European countries mentioned above. Because beside of Japan, they have the highest quality of railroad infrastructure which is my research interest.

This program has broad discussion topics. Following is brief description of seminar's content in each day.

Day 1: Representatives from several Philippines Institutions and Sri Lanka JICA presented current status of economic development in each countries and what they are doing now. Even though I do not understand much some of the topics, such as microfinance and presentation from Central Bank of Philippines, other topics are interesting such as presentation from NEDA which explained about their master plan of transportation and energy infrastructure as well as presentation from JICA about current infrastructure condition in Sri Lanka.

Day 2: Topic of day 2 is about asset management. The presenters are Professor from Philippines University, Professor from Kyoto University, and ADB. They talked about how government was supposed to maintain their asset (infrastructure) through comprehensive asset management system.

Day 3: We went to UP Diliman. Beside of learning the university's culture, we also learnt IO matrix analysis by Professor from Nagoya University. I-O table is a matrix which implies the flows of goods and services among economic entities, firms, household, government, and the rest of world. Policy makers or economic analysts are usually used I-O table to find GDP and analyze the impact of each decision to economic or the impact of any economic shock. There are some types of input-output table such as value table, physical unit table, producers price table, purchasers price table, competitive import, and non-competitive import.

Day 4: We went to ADB office and NEDA office. Here we were explained about their office culture, vision mission, organizational structure, and projects they have done. Following is a brief summary of ADB and NEDA.

· ADB: ADB aims to create Asia Pacific free from poverty. Half of the world extreme poor live in Asia. Over the past

15 years Asia had progressed significantly especially China. In South East Asia itself, most of country are projected to grow next year such as Indonesia, Cambodia, Brunei, etc. ADB has been involved in those development based on its agendas which are inclusive growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

· Public Sector Organization (National Economic and Development Authority)

: NEDA is a government independent planning agency in Philippines. NEDA is also the highest planning and coordinating economic development program of Philippines. There are two organizations in NEDA they are NEDA board and NEDA secretariat. NEDA board is composed of President and his ministers while NEDA Secretariat is composed of ministers and their staffs.

Day 5: Participants in group presented what they have learnt from this program and gave feedback for the next event.

Day 6: Some of students went to the central area in Manila city and its outskirt to observe Manila city Infrastructure.

Day 7: Some of students had a meeting with Professor in the morning and after that we had free time.

Day 8: Return to Japan

The knowledge that I got from this program is applicable for my research. Through this program I learnt what Asia countries (especially SEA countries) have done with their infrastructure and what they concern on for the future development.