Final Completion Report of Exchange Student Prigramme (Two-month Extensive Courses)

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Studying in Japan is one of my best life experiences. During this two-month exchange program, I learned many new things both in academic and non-academic aspect. In term of the academic aspect, I took three courses and these are Environmental Management, ASEAN Economy & Sustainable Development and Comparative Development Studies. By joining these courses, I would say that I got many knowledge related to Sustainable Development from different perspectives. To be honest, before taking part in this programme I only knew a few things about this issue and this programme opened my eyes how everyone needs to consider it whatever their backgrounds are like. As a marketing student in my home university, this program inspired me to learn more about Green Marketing that I believe it really related to this issue and later on I can contribute something to this concern.

Additionally, since it is an International Graduate Programme, I met students from many countries with different educational backgrounds in which we shared with each other not only about knowledge but also our own culture. In that sense, I got experience in term also of an non-academic aspect. Unfortunately, there was no Japanese student in the courses I attended so that I did not have any experience in dealing with a Japanese student. Thus, I hope EA Course will have more Japanese students in the following years. Apart from this matter, I believe that this cross-culture experience will enable me to get more skills and opportunities in the future.

During this program, I also had an opportunity to join "Kyoto Graduate Seminar 2016", an eight-day seminar that provided me more knowledge regarding Sustainable Development and also Japanese culture. I met many experts and graduate students from many universities around the world that will surely broaden my social capital. I also got a chance to visit Panasonic Eco-Technology Center (PETEC) office. I could directly see some recycle processes of Panasonic's home appliances that showed me the real advance technology of Japan and how this country is really concerned about this issue. Moreover, this seminar also offered me to visit some temples in Kyoto during cultural session. Thus, I have no doubt conveyed that it was the best seminar and field-trip I ever had so far. For that reason, I strongly hope that Kyoto University continues providing this seminar and invite more experts and graduate students also in the following years.

Study at Kyoto University is unforgettable memory both inside and outside the classroom. The learning process is designed to encourage students to be an independent student and able to express their ideas and opinions. Each lecturer is very supportive and helpful during this learning process. Besides that, Kyoto University has a range of facilities that help students in learning activities. In addition, the staffs are also friendly and very helpful. Another thing that made me surprised during the study in Kyoto University is that I can easily find halal food with affordable price at campus. It is very helpful for muslim students in Kyoto University like me.

Even though it was two-month learning process, I realized that this program has directly changed my way of thinking about business. I would like to create my own business in the future. Through this program, I realized that business without sustainable development will remain nothing in the future. Thus, in any business that I will run in the future, I will take into account this matter so that I can establish a sustainable business and give a real contribution to this universe in the future.

Thank you Kyoto University for giving me these huge experiences!