

Report on Participation in Overseas Field Research

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It was a great honor for me to take part in this South Korea field trip with many teachers and classmates, and we spent an enjoyable time in South Korea. During this field trip, I communicated a lot with those from different countries and backgrounds in our group, and this was a quite interesting and rich experience for me. Even though now I am a M2 student and maybe do not have so many opportunities to take part in overseas study in KU in the future, I still look forward to having further such international communication in my future life or work. Actually, till now, all of my overseas experience has been in East Asia, so I want to participate in overseas trips to other areas (such as Europe and America) in the future and experience different cultures.

During the trip we visited Seoul, Daegu and Busan in South Korea. During the whole trip, I felt that South Korean people are very friendly and always ready to help people in need warmly. In Seoul and Busan (especially Seoul), we visited many spots which are related to Korean history and culture. What impressed me most are Gyeongbokgung Palace and the National Museum of Korea. I spent my university life in Beijing for four years (2012-2014). There are many great palaces and royal gardens in Beijing, and I visited a lot of them. As we know, Korea was greatly influenced by China in ancient times, so it is a quite good opportunity for me to visit Gyeongbokgung Palace and compare it with palaces (such as the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace) in Beijing. I found many interesting similarities and differences between the two. As for National Museum of Korea, I saw many antiques and treasures of Korea there and learned a lot about different dynasties in ancient Korea. We also visited National Bank of Korea Currency Museum, the National Assembly and Seodaemun Prison History Hall in Seoul and Gamcheon Culture Village in Busan. Moreover, on Feb. 9, we watched the opening ceremony of the Pyeongchang winter Olympics at the live site in Gwanghwamun Square. That was a quite historical moment and also unforgettable experience for us. We enjoyed this historical moment with lots of Korean people and other foreign tourists.

In Daegu, Kyungpook National University organized many activities for us. We had an *Asian Economy and Management* joint seminar in Kyungpook National University. Prof. Jang Tae Seok made a presentation to introduce to us the past and current debates about the sustainable growth of the South Korea economy. Our five doctoral students also presented their studies. During the days in Daegu, Kyungpook National University guided us to see the Samsung Electronics Smart Gallery, Samsung Center for Creative Economy and Innovation and LG TV factory. By visiting these spots, we could feel the scientific and technological progress happened in the top enterprises of South Korea. Moreover, the enthusiasm of people from Kyungpook National University also impressed us very much. After doing this field trip to South Korea, I certainly felt like I know more about South Korean industries and enterprises than previously. I also saw the great potential of this country and the whole of the East Asia area. In my future career plan, I would like to try to contribute towards the promotion of the collaboration of East Asian countries (especially China, Japan and South Korea). I believe East Asia will play an increasingly important role in the world economy in the future.