

「国立台湾大学・清華大学派遣参加報告書」
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プログラム内容

In this trip to Taiwan I participated in two events. The first one was a Graduate Students' Colloquium at National Taiwan University (NTU) in Taipei. The second was a workshop at National Tsing-Hua University in Hsinchu. In the colloquium at NTU the theme was "Self, Subjectivity and Consciousness". For this colloquium I submitted a paper and then made a presentation (my topic was "The Notion of Self-Consciousness in Nishida Kitaro's Basho"). As part of this colloquium I also commented on the paper/presentation of a student from NTU. In Tsing-Huan University I gave a presentation entitled "Nothingness as Consciousness in Nishida Kitaro's Basho".

学習成果

This was my first time to participate in such an academic conference and I learnt a lot from it. Because many people spoke on various topics concerning "the self" I was exposed to many points of views and presentations from fields I don't usually encounter. Moreover, because I could see many other presentations I could learn a lot about how to improve my own presentation and make it clearer and more interesting in the future.

I also gained valuable feedback about my own research on Nishida Kitaro through comments I received from my commentator, questions from students following my presentation, and from informal discussions with others throughout the trip.

海外での経験

Visiting Taiwan was a great experience. I really enjoyed the chance to meet students from NTU and Tsing-Hua University and learn more about their topics of research and also to exchange ideas with them. It was also fun to travel with my classmates from Kyoto University in an informal setting.

I have visited various countries in Asia before but had never been to Taiwan so for me everything was new and very interesting. It was interesting to see the Japanese influence on the country, and how it mixed with the Chinese culture. The Taiwanese students in our group and from the universities we visited were kind enough to show us many of the local sites and guide us around, which I really appreciated.

We also visited the National Palace Museum, which was a great opportunity to learn about the history and culture of the region.

進路の影響

The experience I gained from this trip will influence my future studies in various ways. Firstly, I can directly apply much of the feedback I received about my presentation to my future research. Many of the questions other students had are worth pursuing further and the process of presenting also helped me clarify my own thoughts as well to identify areas in my research that I need to further improve on.

Presenting at two universities in one week also gave me more confidence in presenting my research.

Although I was nervous about participating in such an event I am glad I did it and would do it again if I had the opportunity to do so.