「国立台湾大学・清華大学派遣参加報告書」

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About this program, I briefly summarized the following four aspects as below:

(1) Program Description

The program can be divided into two parts. First part is 'Kyoto University – National Taiwan University (NTU) Philosophy Colloquium of Graduate Students'. The topic is about self, subjectivity and consciousness. Some graduate students from both universities presented their studies in regard to such topic. Every presenter received comments from commentators and also from other students and professors. In addition, there were also two talks given by keynote speakers. To prepare for the colloquium, presenters has provided their essays and gathered them into volumes. They also practiced their presentations many times.

The second part of the program is the workshop in Tsinghua University. Some graduate students from Kyoto University and Tsinghua University gave talks about their own studies, not restricted to any specific topic. Other students and professors participated in discussions after the speeches.

(2) Learning result

By joining the program, I listened to all the presentations and actively participated in discussions. For the colloquium in NTU, although all the presenters focused on the same subject matter "self, subjectivity and consciousness", as they were working in various sub fields of philosophy, I was able to get exposure to the same subject matter from different subfields - some of which were especially interesting and informative to me, such as logic, ethics and experimental philosophy. I found a paper 'HI and Practical Identity' presented by a graduate student of NTU to be closely related to my own research, so I participated in the Q&A section to discuss with the student about the formula of both Categorical Imperative and Hypothetical Imperative.

During the workshop in Tsinghua University, I was most interested in a talk about philosophy of law. I raised some questions and received immediate helpful responses from the speaker.

(3) Overseas experience

This is my first trip to Taiwan and I was impressed by the academic capability of the graduate students of both NTU and Tsinghua University. They presented complex philosophical issues and arguments in English frequently. Some of them work on cutting edge problems and adopt modern analytic methodology. Moreover, I was able to discuss directly with students in Taiwan about their current studies of Chinese philosophy and it was really a valuable experience for me.

(4) Impact on the future

I believe it is very important for us to stay tuned for news from Taiwan in order to follow their future progress. Through various communications with them, we may be able to move forward together. In specific, I aim to have further discussions with some students in Taiwan who are working on Kantian philosophers. As I mentioned previously, I found our discussions about the Categorical Imperative to be extremely helpful to my own studies of Kantian ethics.