

## Report on Participation in Field Trip in Thailand

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### (a) Academic outcomes

As I previously participated in the field trip in Thailand in 2018, this was the second opportunity for me to visit Thailand. To be honest, my initial expectation was that I would have almost the same experience as the first trip. Contrary to my expectation, looking back on this trip, I felt I could understand the social and economic aspect of Thailand much more deeply than before. Especially, I still clearly remember what I discussed with Kasetsart University's students on the reality of the recent Thai economic development and their view on Japan. For instance, we had a serious discussion about the clear contrast between the rapid urbanization in Bangkok and the low-developed economy of northern regions, and several Thai industries strongly influenced by the emergence of the Chinese economy. It was very fruitful to get to know how Thai people generally look at these current issues.

In the student workshop on 26<sup>th</sup>, I had the first chance to introduce my research plan abroad. In fact, I had some experiences of attending academic conferences and student workshops held both in Japan and abroad. This time, however, I eventually got much more comments and questions from audiences than I had expected. I'm not still sure if I could present my research plan well, given the nervousness I felt and limited experience presenting in English. At least, I felt I succeeded in explaining my ideas in my own words. From now on, it will be necessary for me to put more efforts on writing my dissertation, by making use of the feedback I got in Thailand

### (b) Your experiences while overseas

Including this time's Thailand field trip, I took advantage of the international programs provided by the graduate school to visit several countries (namely, Thailand, Taiwan and the Netherlands). Although I delivered my first English presentation in the last field trip in Taiwan, I presented my dissertation plan for the first time in this Thai field trip.

### (c) the content of the program

There included the lectures given by the professors of Kasetsart and Thammasat University, the student workshop (mentioned above) and the visits to the headquarters of UNESCAP and the Bank of Thailand. Thanks to the warm hospitality and support of Thai staffs, we had a stimulating academic exchange during the field trip.

### (d) The impact of the program on your career plans.

I am planning to continue my research to become a PHD student in the same graduate school. Since I am going to specialize in the economic history of Taiwan and China, it is also essential for me to consider the history of South-East Asian countries within the scope of my research. I'm looking forward to doing my future research ranging from East Asia to South-East Asia.