

## 「2024年度ウィーン大学スプリングスクール派遣報告書」

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Japanese students who are interested in classical music want to visit Vienna at least once because Vienna is famous for the greatest orchestra in the world and opera, and famous composers, such as Mozart and Beethoven, lived in Vienna. I am one of them too. I like to listen to classical music and play the piano. I decided to apply for this program because I thought if I saw places where Mozart, Beethoven and Johann Strauss and other great composers have visited, I could understand classical music more deeply. In fact, I was able to gain the insights that I had hoped for by visiting Vienna. Moreover, I was able to learn more things than I had expected. I learned that music was able not only to make people relax or have fun, but to be used in various ways.

I mentioned above, one of the most important roles of music is making people feel something. I went to Wiener Musikverein on Wednesday. I listened to Beethoven Symphonie No.6. When I heard first movement, I felt as if I were in a rural garden. Because I visited Beethovengang in Heiligenstadt on Tuesday, I also remembered the mountain path we walked. These images made me comfortable. In this way, music creates an invisible space, and within this space, it can evoke emotions different from those we felt when the music was not playing and can also remind us of various memories and images. This is the reason I like music. I had not thought much about the other charms of music before I went to Wien. By going to Staatsoper or taking classes, I became aware of other values of music.

Music can be used as a way of expression. In a class held on Friday, I learned about music at the beginning of the 20th century. I learned that in late 1900, there were huge increases in concerts and events of music. This was the popularization of music among the public. In the class, we listened to some examples of music at that time. The first example was Mahler's Symphony No.2. Of course, the symphony was different from that of Mozart or Beethoven, which had the noble atmosphere. It has some modern color, but I felt fun when I listened to it. In contrast, I was surprised when I listened to the second example. The music was not very beautiful. More importantly, it made me feel anxious. By considering the circumstances of that time, I learned that music is not necessarily created to entertain people but exists to express emotion like words.

In addition, music can be used as a tool. I recognized this when I saw a ballet of the lady of the camelias at Staatsoper. The performance was wonderful. I got a cheap ticket at the very back, so I could not see the stage while sitting, but when I stood on tiptoe, I could see the stage and orchestra pit clearly. Old man was playing the piano. I was surprised by how the sound of piano resonated throughout the entire stage, and physical strength of the man who continues to play the piano for a long time. The music played by the orchestra created a special mood. I felt this music was essential for ballet because music and ballet were leading each other. Music in my mind became more realistic after seeing the performance. Music does not have shape, but I found that it can have a role.

Music has many aspects. It is not just something to be listened to. There must be more aspects to music. I want to know more. These days, we can listen to music anytime, anywhere with our smartphone, so I felt there is no point in playing or practicing music. However, by visiting Vienna, I was able to learn new aspects of music, and I love music more.