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My short stay in Vienna was truly a priceless treasure of my life. This experience inspired me a lot in various ways. I reflected over and over about walking along the Danube River, sitting in a church chair, looking at the art works exhibited in the museums in the city, eating Sacher torte with a cup of tea, visiting and walking around inside of Schön Brunn Palace or Belvedere Palace, going theatre and watching the musicals or Opera; I was strongly impressed by all these experiences. My main purpose of this stay was just trying to study abroad, considering whether not to go studying abroad for a longer period and get more choices for my future by putting myself in a completely different environment to daily life in Kyoto. Before this opportunity, I had been contemplating studying abroad for a while during my university life but had not taken any specific action. This time, I found this program and I was convinced that it is the perfect opportunity for me. I thought this program would provide a great opportunity to expand my learning and interest, as well as providing more possibilities and options for the future, and that turned out to be true as I stated at the beginning.

This short stay made me feel like going and staying abroad for a longer period, for a year for instance, because while spending time in Vienna, I was constantly stimulated by everything I saw, heard, touched and tasted. I found something new both inside and outside of myself every day. My mind became more and more sensitive to all stimuli, and I was convinced that such a state of mind is necessary to expand my future possibilities, because in such a state of mind, I can find something new at every moment. I came to realize that these experiences are crucial for enriching my life. I was strongly impressed by the splendid buildings in the city. While walking around the city, I felt that the city is filled with cultural and spiritual richness, not material wealth. Such an atmosphere made me more sensitive to the external world.

The most significant difference I felt between Vienna and Kyoto was that all the buildings were mainly made of stones. Though Kyoto has many historical buildings such as shrines and temples from a thousand years ago, the buildings themselves are relatively new since the originals, made of wood, were lost in fire in the past. Walking along the cobbled streets, I had the feeling that I was walking on the same roads as people from hundreds of years ago. In a lecture by Prof. Dr. Martina Pippal, I heard that during the time when the revolutionary movement was active, mainly the university students built the barricades with the pavement. After the lecture, I felt as though I was walking on Vienna's history itself. The visit to the Museum for Social and Economic Affairs also helped me a lot to get to know about the life of the common people in Vienna in the past.

One more thing I was moved by seeing the building in Vienna is that there is faith integrated into everyday life. At the edge of the roofs of the buildings there are several statues of the saints, and window grids were in the shape of a cross; and these buildings were not religious institutions. That was surprising for me because in Japan, it is usual that there is a clear separation between the sanctuary and the secular world: Torii-gate separates the shrine from the secular world, and the temple gates called Sanmon separates the temples from the secular world. That's why I was so impressed by the fact that faith is integrated as part of life. I'm personally interested in the idea of faith or piety, so I got interested in the life which has faith as an integrated part and wanted to know what life is like by joining in that life as a member, not by just taking a look at as a tourist. This impression made me realize the core point of studying abroad. In today's internet-driven society, it is easy to underestimate the importance of actually going there, but as I saw and felt in this short stay, certainly there are some things that we cannot find without actually being there. Therefore, I decided to go and study abroad for longer terms in the next year or the year after that. I'm thinking about going to some other European country and seeing how different from -or similar to- the people's life in Vienna, especially in terms of faith. Also, I intended to travel around Europe to observe the similarities, differences, and mutual influences among various countries.

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