

Peking University & Yokohama National University Exchange Program

Short Stay (P2Y-short, Y2P-short)

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Firstly, I want to thank the sponsor of this exchange program-Japan Student Services Organization, the organizers of this exchange program-Yokohama National University and Peking University, with whose help I could have a wonderful experience in Japan.

The nine-day trip to Japan is not a long time, but during these nine days we participated in varieties of meaningful activities. We received a warm welcome from Professor Matsui, the students of YNU and other teachers of YNU. We went to the downtown of Yokohama, watched the tallest building in Japan, took a ship in the sea and enjoyed the beautiful of Yokohama harbor. Four different professors gave us good lectures, letting me know more about Japanese culture, history, and society, and some developments of their research fields. We went to a small island near Yokohama, eating fresh sea food there, and had a historical tour in Kamakura area. The visit to Shiseido Kamakura Factory and Tokyo CAN Company let me see the most advanced manufacturing technology and the trip to Tokyo told me how prosper it is. We also visited some laboratories in YNU and a science museum in Tokyo, both of which were very interesting. Of course, we had a good time with all the Japanese students and communicated much each other. This exchange program did contain many different types of activities and I think all of the activities will be good memories in my life.

This trip to Japan left me many deep impressions.

Cleanness was the first thing I felt when I arrived in Japan. It was the first time I went to Japan, and also the time I went abroad. I never saw such clean cities in China. Almost everywhere in Japan

is spotless. I think it is partly because of the wet sea climate and enough rain. But what I think is more important is the high civic literacy of Japanese people and the attention paid to the cleanness by the government and society. I found that there are four or five containers in many dustbins in Japan, each container for different type of rubbish. People usually take the rubbish until finding a dustbin. I think these are both what China should learn from.

Good practical abilities and manual work abilities of students in YNU. In a laboratory in YNU, we saw two cars made by the undergraduates of YNU themselves. The excellent performances of the cars really made me shocked. We met a girl student in the lab, who began joining the lab and designing and making the cars even when she was in the first year in YNU. I think students who study engineering should not only have good knowledge of science, but also have good practical abilities, and the latter may be the more important thing.

Earnest attitude towards work. In fact, I had had known before I went to Japan that Japanese are very earnest to work and always work very hard, but I was still impressed a lot. The most word I heard in Japan was “Thank you”, even more than three times whenever I bought something, with which I always received standard bows. Some students told me that there are many workaholics in Japan, and I think the crowded trains at 11 p.m. is a good demonstration.

Advanced technology and high manufacturing standards. These were what I felt after we visited Shiseido factory and CAN factory. Both these factories realize totally automatic manufacture. Thus the number of workers in the factory is quite small, about only 300 to 400 each factory. With the help of machines, the producing process is both quick and accurate, so the high profits can be achieved. The high manufacturing standards also shocked me a lot. Before we enter the producing workshop, we received more than five times disinfection processes, in this way the high product quality can be guaranteed. Moreover, energy saving and environment protecting actions were also good in both factories.

Friendliness and kindness of professors and students from YNU. On our arrival at Japan we

received a warm welcome from two students and every day two Japanese students would company us. Professor Matsui was always very busy but he still spared a lot of time to company us. Both teachers and students would answer every question patiently and help us buy food, take buses, searching information and many other things, which really made us very comfortable and moved. Thank for their kindness and patient work, without which we could not have a wonderful time in Japan.

This was the first time I went abroad, and it gave me a different experience. I stepped in another country for the first time, and experienced a different culture, though there are many same things in Chinese and Japanese culture. I also experienced a different life and of course different sceneries, from which I got much new knowledge. In Chinese we have a famous verse said by Du Fu that “Walking for thousands of miles is better than reading thousands of books”, meaning that the trip itself is just a process that make us grow up and give us knowledge. Of course, I experienced Japanese university education. There are many different things compared with education in China, and of course many things I can learn. I think that oversea study is necessary because it can open my eyes and see many useful things I cannot see in China, and these are usually helpful.

Maybe the nine day trip is a little shot, but enjoyed a good time during these days. I think I will regard it as a fortune in my life, and I will not forget it. Thank again for this exchange program. Thank again for all the Japanese teachers and students.

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