

The maturity period and transition period

-Wish to all people concerned-

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ASEP in Kaohsiung started from '2000. The participants gradually increase. In the recent Japanese team, the numbers of participants are more than 100. The participating schools are sometimes replaced, but many schools continue and participate. They inherit annual participation experience ceaselessly on their campus. I feel that various knowledge has been accumulated continuously as the Japanese entire team. After time more than ten years, I think that ASEP meets the maturity period as the international event. On the other hand, judging from the side of the administration, various changes occur on both an organizer and the participants side. So, I can find one of the transition periods in ASEP.

Because this project continues for a long time, a change occurs in some participating schools every year. In them, the change of the charge teacher and the environmental change of the school are big changes. Teachers usually experience the change of the position of their own in the continuance of this project. This change has an influence on the school where they belong to. These cases make a problem to keep the continuity of the school sometimes. However, we should work to overcome it.

I was engaged in ASEP and WYM for many years. Therefore I know that ASEP is one of the best projects to bring nice experiences not only to students but also to teachers. Anyone can get huge experience about the international exchange activity by ASEP. In other words, ASEP is "excellent activity". There is no doubt in this point. Therefore ASEP must develop for world students and teachers more. It is our responsibility to support this mission.

I was impressed with having ordered charge schools until 2030 in a closing ceremony of ASEP2015. The mission to continue ASEP is never a thing only for them. All of us must cooperate. ASEP is not a tool only to get a transient impression. ASEP is alchemy to produce deep learning. ASEP is magic to light the world. This consciousness will let us forget our labor pains.

See you in WYM & ASEP 2016!