

## What I learned in ASEP

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1. What difficulty did you find when you made a presentation with Taiwanese students? ( before you visited Taiwan / while you were cooperating in Taiwanese school )

Before I went to Taiwan, I did a video chat with Taiwanese students. We talked about ourselves and about ASEP. But we sometimes couldn't understand each other. After we met, we could talk face to face so I could understand what they wanted to say. I learned how important communication is from this experience.

2. Did you learn something in homestay? ( language, culture, the way of living, the way of thinking, food, and so on. )

I learned a lot of things though home staying. My host family don't speak English. (Of course my host sister speaks English well.) They speak Chinese.

I never learned Chinese so I didn't understand except “謝謝”. So I talked with them using body language. It was quite fun. But we couldn't understand without dictionary. My host mother taught me some Chinese. So I became to want to learn Chinese. I wanted to know what they were speaking. My host mother really likes to cook. So she made me a lot of delicious food. She taught me about Taiwanese food a lot! I was surprised the culture was so different. In Japan, it's not allowed to stay out late without parents. But in Taiwan, we went out like 23:00! We went to night market often. It was so exciting! This is what I learn though home staying.



3. What does "learning English" mean to you?

Learning English means "I have a more chance to know the world". Many people use English all over the world. So if we learn more English, I think I can communicate a lot with people around the world.

4. What did you learn through ASEP as a whole?

I think ASEP was the first step for me to see the world. I had a lot of experience in Taiwan. I want to attend the 2016 ASEP too! I want to learn the world more and more.

