

What I learned in ASEP

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1. What difficulty did you find when you made a presentation with Taiwanese students?

I could find out some difficulties, for example, Taiwanese people say something directly. Actually, Taiwanese teacher claimed me about PPT's visual when I was revising some PPT's characters on the computer. The Taiwanese teacher said "Change this character designs soon, it is too bad to read". I was surprised a little, because this was the first conversation between the teacher and I. Therefore, I could understand that many foreigners say "Japanese people are passive". I could understand this meaning. I think it is such a good experience for me to live globally and we have to become more assertive. I thought we have to change more.

2. Did you learn something in homestay?

I learned a lot of things like lifestyle and food culture. First, I was surprised at Taiwanese's bathroom. Bathroom has toilet and only shower, there is no wall and something to separate. I had to take a shower very carefully. It was very hard for me. I could realize that what a Japanese culture like hot spring is wonderful and comfortable.

Second, Taiwanese food is different from Japanese food. Taiwanese food was very shocking for me. For example, Taiwanese tea. It is too sweet and I could not finish drinking it. In addition, most of Taiwanese food has unique spice like Kanpo in Japan. I found out the importance of difficulties between Japan and a foreign country. It gave me a great sense to face many things in the modern society.

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

I think learning English is not study like science and math. It is just a tool to expand my scope. I want to learn English harder and I want to expand my scope to use English.

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

First, before I went to Taiwan, I had many uneasiness. However, I could clear many uneasiness when I met my host family and ASEP Taiwanese students. It was because that I could find out that they were also persons who live on the same planet, no matter what different language they use, no matter what food from Japanese food they eat.

Second, I could find out SPORTS are very good tools for communicate and make good connections. I played basketball with Taiwanese students in school. It made us friendly and closer. I was really impressed with it.

Third, I could notice that what a English is a very good language. In Japan, English is just subject to study. However, I think it is wrong. It is like music and sports.

Finally, I want to study more English and use English for my future and my humanity. In addition, I will not forget ASEP forever.