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I joined ASEP 2016 for my last time as a high school student. This year, I noticed some important things that I hadn't realized the previous time, two years ago.

The first one is the importance of continuation.

When I joined ASEP for the first time, I couldn't speak English so well which made me realize that I really had to improve my English skills. Since then, I have been working hard to improve my English skills by studying myself and joining international activities like ASEP. As a result, I could even discuss the contents of our presentation with Taiwanese members this time.

Secondly, consideration. I was a little bit nervous because I did homestay for the first time at a Taiwanese family.

However when I went to the restaurant with the host family at night, I felt their consideration. They took me to the traditional Taiwanese restaurant and I was surprised that they ordered so many dishes, so I asked my partner, "Do you usually order so many dishes?" then he said "No no, it's for you." I was moved by their behavior. They never said anything to make me eat, but they just let me try a lot of traditional food.

I did enjoy staying with them those five days. Talking with them in the living room, playing darts, all I did with them is precious memory. Actually most people in the family can't speak English well and I can't speak Taiwanese at all. However, I felt as if I were a member of the family. I think that's because of their consideration. From this experience, I felt I have to keep in mind that the most important thing is consideration.

The last one is traveling. I have been to some countries including Taiwan, and there are always some new findings. It was my second time to visit Taiwan, but what I learned from this trip is completely different from the previous one even though I went to the same city, Kaohsiung. I think that's the interesting point of traveling and why people need to travel.

As I said at the beginning, this was the last chance to join ASEP in my high school life. Looking back on these twice participation, there were many findings and encounters. I noticed I got to improve my English skills, found many differences between Japan and Taiwan, and realized the importance of accepting it. Sometimes there were something hard for me, but including that experience, all made me grow up. They were definitely valuable events in my life. I hope I will be able to join also in university. Thanks for giving me such precious opportunities.