

# 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 visited Taiwan, we used “Skype” to talk about our presentation. However we could not share each other’s opinions well. And we could not talk enough because we were very shy. So before I visited Taiwan I was uneasy about my life in Taiwan.

After beginning a practice of the presentation with Taiwanese Students, we could have a very good practice but we were not able to point out a bad point between students. And we did not have enough time to practice our presentation and each other’s talks. I wanted to spend more time with them.

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

We ASEP members went to various places every after school so as for the host family and the time that I spent , it was very short. However I talked about a lot of stories with them. My host father can speak Japanese . So we could talk deeply. For example , about my future , about the issue of comfort woman , about Japanese culture. Through such a stories I learned that what kind of thing does a foreigner think about for Japan. I feel that this experience became a big part of my life.

Also we taught each other’s languages with my host brother. At first we could not talk each other well but day by day we became able to talk. As the last day approached, we had various kinds of talks. He was not ASEP member. However he spent his time with us ASEP members and ate dinner with us every day after school. I was full of the feelings of thanks to him.

3. What does “learning English” mean to you?

I think English is one of ways of communication. If I can speak English very well, I can go anywhere alone and I can share my idea with many people. Before I visited Taiwan and I talked with a lot of people in English, I wanted to become good English speaker and wanted to work using English in my future. This thought does not still change but even if I cannot speak English well, I can have the communication through body language. So I think English is not all the only way of communication.

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

Through this experience, I learned that if I were shy, I could have missed many chances. So I became positive for anything. Above all I must not forget the feeling of thanks to my family, my teachers, my splendid friends and my host family.