

ASEP 2015: Travelling and Learning in Kaohsiung, Taiwan

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1 Why I have joined the ASEP 2015.

I've wanted to learn to create something from scratch with people from different backgrounds by exchanging ideas and making consensus with understanding and overcoming various differences like culture and language. At the same time, it's good opportunity to practice English, exploring cultures, and making new friends.

2 Collaborative works with the students from Taiwan.

I struggled most with having same recognitions especially with Taiwanese such as what exactly we're doing/talking or where we're in the time schedule. It was also difficult to divide tasks for each member, and to respond to Taiwanese with respects especially when you don't agree with them. However, facing such difficulties made me active to understand them and have special feelings when both sides finally agreed on one concept and completed whole preparations together. I am truly happy that I could share many experiences and feelings among all members regardless to backgrounds and that this made us really close.

3 Findings

Here are just a few things from what stays in my mind. One is about purpose. Now I strongly feel that purpose is a direction/guidance of yourself: it kind of decides how you experience and what you learn from it, and so what kind of purpose to have is very important. Another one is that fine relationship/atmosphere among members is probably most important thing for good group-work. Sometimes jokes or irrelevant chatting helped to break through hard times and even for better ideas. Taiwanese members did really good job. When I think what was there, what comes up to my mind are smiles, enjoyable chat, laughs, respects, conscious, and understanding, something which helps us to connect each other gently.

Those are taken for granted as important personal quality in a society but difficult to have with you always without intention and training, and I realized this is where exactly I need to improve myself. Those are not very new ideas but I learned it's truly important from those experiences.

4 Conclusion: towards the futures.

You can learn tons of things from an experience and be better but only when you let yourself do so: it's one of my important learnings from the ASEP 2015. I want to be a person who always allows oneself to do so with courage and joy. I'll definitely make the ASEP 2015 my start point of becoming such person. I really appreciate ASEP 2015 for the wonderful experiences and all people who supported it somehow. 多謝!