

ASEP2024 Report

Ritsumeikan Moriyama Senior High School

Eiki Murata

About the contents of ASEP

This time I participated in a program called ASEP (Asian student exchange program) held in Taiwan. High school students from various Asian countries gathered at a school called Jhong Jheng Senior High School in Taiwan, and each gave a presentation on a unique theme based on the given theme, "Promoting protection of human rights." Since our host school was Jhong Jheng Senior High School, we were able to practice carefully before the project.

During the ASEP period

• Before the presentation

The presentation slides and drafts had been prepared since the online meeting, so after the visit to Taiwan, I solely focused on memorizing the drafts and improving my presentation skills. The name of the teacher who led us this time and the name of the American teacher in Taiwan were the same, Andrew. What a coincidence, I thought, as we practiced with fun and sometimes strict guidance. Of course, we not only practiced, but also enjoyed fun activities that the teachers planned for us to refresh ourselves and have fun while preparing for the event.

• During the presentation

I was so nervous during the presentation that I don't remember much of it. I thought my heart would burst when I went up on the stage, but surprisingly, I managed it.

• After the presentation

After the presentations, I watched the cultural presentations of each country without any worries, but I almost got sick around this time...I regret that I could not watch them properly. At the closing ceremony, I went up on the stage with Ben (my partner on the Taiwanese side) as a representative and received a trophy, which is like a silver medal in terms of Gold award. Memories are priceless. After the closing ceremony, I was able to meet some of the Ritsumeikan High School students who were with us at the WYM, and we enjoyed a short chat.

What I felt in Taiwan

Ritsumeikan Moriyama High School Kawamura Kohane

○ASEP

We made presentation with Taiwan and combination of Japan and participated in Asia student exchange program to announce. At first while I was in Japan, I had a meeting regularly in zoom and talked about constitution of a theme and the presentation.

As the theme of this meeting was Human right (human rights), we decided a theme in Cyber bullying (cyber-bullying). And I stayed in Taiwan for one week from December 23 to 29th and repeated exercises many times at school while giving an exercise of the presentation and the last adjustment an advice every day. When it is the longest, a heart is almost broken by the 8-hour exercise and I was tired but, I think that it was able to finish presentation without regret without a big mistake in the public performance that was the interchange that can feel sense of accomplishment all the members can become you in group, and to build up together. The result was a gold medal.

However, there was the member to be slightly disappointed as I aimed at a prize above the gold medal as a team.



○Life in Taiwan

I had trouble with being different from Japan in the aspect of living and I went out with a Taiwanese member and was able to have various experiences.

For example, it was natural that there were a restroom and a bath in the same room, and the washing might wash its hands not a washing machine. I had trouble with a difference with Japan and enjoyed a difference and had it and was had a good experience.

I did lek to go out, and to solve a quiz, and to move a body in a great number of people at school. Even if the words are not so necessary, it is a quiz to melt and thinks that it was the moment when the problems about the kanji that is common in oneself were able to interchange in cooperation with a Taiwanese member.

Taiwan was very pro-Japanese, and there was the person who could speak Japanese, and there was a Japanese cake a lot when I performed it in the supermarket. In addition, the Japanese dogs such as Japanese midget Shibus were able to do a common thing, too.

After the exchange in Taiwan

Ritsumeikan Moriyama Senior High School

Tamataki Kaho

Cultural Differences

I had never been to Taiwan before, so I did not know much about the country, but I was surprised at the cultural differences between Taiwan and Japan. I was surprised at the cultural differences between Japan and Taiwan. I ate out for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, which was a bit tiring for a Japanese person, but I really enjoyed it. However, there were many Japanese restaurants in Taiwan, so it made me feel nostalgic. I was also very happy.

I also really enjoyed the nightlife in the city. It was a great memory for me to be taken to various places. The most enjoyable part was the night market. There were many foods and games that are not available in Japan, and although I was a bit intimidated at first, I realized that it is important to give it a try.



Personality of Taiwanese people

I was very nervous before meeting my host family because it was my first time to do a homestay. However, my host family spoke to me kindly as soon as we met, and I remember feeling very comfortable. Also, the members of the presentation team were all friendly and taught me in a very easy-to-understand way if I had any questions, and their English was very good and their pronunciation was very good so it was a good stimulus for me.

Try giving a presentation

I was more nervous than I expected to give a presentation in a foreign country. Moreover, this time it was a team effort, so I was worried that I might fail. However, thanks to the support of everyone on the team and advice from the local teachers, I think my presentation was a success.

This project has allowed me to learn about the depth of interest in overseas exchanges, and I would like to continue to challenge myself in the future.

人生初海外研修

立命館守山高校 吉田彩乃

今回の台湾への渡航は、私にとって初めての海外研修でした。この研修は ASEP と呼ばれる国際プレゼンテーション大会に出場するためのものであり、異文化体験や言語の壁に挑戦する興奮と緊張が入り混じった一週間でした。

台湾に向かう前は、日本と台湾の文化の違いに対する不安が大きかったです。しかし、到着してみると、台湾の皆さんが優しく迎えてくれたおかげで不安は一掃され、とても楽しい時間を過ごすことができました。

ASEP では台湾の学生と一緒にプレゼンの練習をする機会が多くありました。その時、明らかに台湾のメンバーと私の英語力の差があり、自分の英語力の不足を痛感しました。また、学校内や放課後には、台湾の学生がフレンドリーにたくさん話しかけてくれたり、いろいろな場所に連れて行ってくれたりしました。しかし、私の英語力の不足からくるコミュニケーションの難しさを感じ、その点を後悔しています。それでも、彼らの温かいサポートが私にとって大きな励みとなりました。

これらの経験を通じて、今後は日本でもっと英語を勉強し、スキル向上に努めたいという強いモチベーションが生まれました。また、留学や再び海外研修に挑戦して、今回の課題を克服することが目標となりました。

台湾研修は私の視野を広げ、自身の課題の再認識ができた非常に有意義な経験でした。これを今後の学校生活や外国人との交流に活かし、個人としての成長を達成していくことを考えていました。今回の台湾研修への参加は、言葉を越えて繋がる友情や文化の美しさを垣間見る素晴らしい機会となり、私の人生に深い足跡を刻むこととなりました。

