



“PEACE” Student Exchange Program Completion Report

For IDEC Students for AY2017-2018

1. STUDENT PERSONAL DATA

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Study Abroad Period	From:	11/11/2017	To: 16/11/2017

[NOTE]: Please note that your report might be read by your supervisor(s) and future PEACE students at HU as well as by the general public, as it will be later uploaded on the PEACE website.

2. STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCES (minimum 500 words)

***Please write about your study abroad experiences (academic or cultural) under the “PEACE” Student Exchange Program, including one or two pictures.**

PEACE Program provides experiential opportunities for participating students to go and study abroad through research presentation and school visits. I have recently had a joyful insight of traveling to Laos this year. From this participation, I personally gain a lot of experience from this study tour in terms of both academic and cultural experience through direct interactions with the involving people and real experience in the pragmatic cultural situations.

These opportunities provide me a priceless moment to improve my academic ability of educational research development through research presentation and interactions in front of the new foreign audience. I have never done such presentation before in front of those people from other countries. This unfamiliar experience gives me a chance to express myself to the audience about my research proposal and I admit that I can superbly gain confidence of how to do the presentation in front of many eyes with firm assertiveness which contrasted with what I have been with my previous experience from the past time. I also found that I have considerably improved my ability of presentation skills which I think I lack before. I, in addition, learn how people interact with my presentation when they look at my research from other different perspectives. This is very interesting when I try to argue for my research with audience through critical questions and comments they have raised. I also improve how I can interact and counter interact with some questions and comments which are against my ideas. I learn how to improve my research through



comments and feedbacks related to my research methods. In this opportunity, I also gain a chance to learn from Lao secondary school education. I learn the topic which interests me about assessment in secondary schools when observing secondary schools in Vientiane. I find that they have similar assessment system to my country assessment system. I also learn that there are similarities between schools in Cambodia and Laos for infrastructures and the way they prepare the schools. From this study tour, I found that probably they also have similar educational problems to my country's because they rather feel enthusiastically interested in learning from my presentation. I also learn how to improve my communication skills by expanding my communications with the local teachers and can contact for further future communications.

Related to cultural dimensions, this trip gives me some knowledge about how similar Lao people life, communication, language and food are to those of my country. Mostly they are similar almost all aspects to those of my country. Food is similar and the way they live seem to be very similar to the way my people live in my country. I have a chance to taste food in Laos and I learn that almost all ingredients are available in my country and this is probably because we are nonboring countries. Interestingly I find myself understand some words in Laos without knowing or learning those words before.

As a reflection on what I have learnt from Laos in comparison to my educational situation of Cambodia and Japan, I think that both of our countries Cambodia and Laos are far behind the education of Japan and I feel that our countries still need to learn more from Japan both in terms of educational infrastructures and educational curricula and how to achieve these curricula following Japan.

In conclusion, this opportunity provides me a lot of experience which is very valuable for me because I have gained confidence with my academic life and I also learn that Laos and Cambodia have similar culture in the tour studies.

3. MESSAGE FOR FUTURE "PEACE" STUDENTS

***Please write your message for future PEACE students (*no minimum or maximum requirement for the number of words).**

This study tour returns a lot of benefits for the students both academic and cultural experience. I recommend that there be such study tour for the future students and those students should make a lot of use from this study tour through participating and observing during the trip.