



“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 November 2017	To: 16 November 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.**

Under the “PEACE” Student Exchange Program, I have had the opportunity to gain more academic experiences from this exchange programme and study abroad.

During the seminar at Faculty of Education, I got more experience and confidence in presentation of research thesis. At the same time, I got feedback and inputs essential for improving the research skills, and the research thesis writing. Some information become the very important inputs to add to my current research study and analysis.

I feel that I got the good chance to exchange experience with the master students in National University of Laos and with the lecturers as well as to challenge myself. It is a challenging, but a motivating and interesting experience to me.

During the visits to attached schools and a vocational training center, I got an opportunity to reflect the conduct of my own research and the research thesis because some information was relevant to the field of my work and my study.

In the attached school that I visited, I have learned about the education system in Lao PDR (5+4+3 year system), and the selective approach to entering the model lower secondary school through the entrance exam organized by the academic unit of school. From my observation, however, there is no external ongoing assessment conducted by external agency such as the ministry of education, for such exam.



This study abroad enabled me to get the lessons learned and saw some good practices, in terms of academic affairs and vocational training. I have observed one of the vocational training centers; and from what I observed in this center, I noticed that most of the students were female and the skills provided in the center included cookery, sewing, salon/hairdresser, electronic, ITC, Secretary-office management, etc) which were relevant and useful for the learners to find the job after they completed the training.

A part from the information I had learnt through the meeting and the visits to relevant institutions, I also acquired more experience in observation and face-to-face interview, which I think I got the opportunity to get involved and practices qualitative research through the visit to three major locations. I think that this visit is important for strengthening my data collection and research skills especially using interview methods.

I think that in addition to providing me with the opportunity to share experience, ideas, and learn from the discussions in the seminar, and from the visit to different places, this study abroad also enabled me to promote the capacity of research as well as strengthening the cooperation among the participants especially the good relationship with people from the National University of Laos. Visiting JICE office and JICA office in Vientiane, I also learnt that the cooperation in human development was strengthened and expended.

Moreover, I have learnt about the culture, the food, and the people in Laos, which is one of the aspect related to cultural experience besides the academic experience I had learnt during that three-day visit. However, the culture is similar to my culture, and therefore, it is easy for me to adapt.



3. MESSAGE FOR FUTURE “PEACE” STUDENTS

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



Student exchange programme and study abroad provides very challenging and useful experience that PEACE students to build the capacity especially in research skills and strengthen the cooperation and connection. The programme not only promotes the academic experience but also provides opportunity to learn different culture. However, it requires participants in this programme to be responsible and committed to achieve these objectives.