Newsletter Issue 6

Greetings from CAMPUS Asia Office!

We are happy to provide the sixth issue for the monthly newsletter.



Inspiring Talk from Mr. Raymond Wong

The first month of the spring semester is over, but the excitement of new life surely is not! On May 15th, CAMPUS Asia office held a welcome dinner for the CAMPUS Asia newcomers to show our warmest hospitality to all the CAMPUS Asia participants. We were fortunate to have Mr. Raymond Wong, the President of Wells Fargo Securities Japan, to give an opening speech. Followed by a Q&A session and casual networking time.

Mr. Wong shared his personal experience of diversity by relating to his study and working experience. As a Taiwanese and Japanese mix, Mr. Wong was raised in Japan and later entered the University of Pennsylvania in the U.S, where he received a bachelor degree of Mathematics and Finance concentration. The cultural diversity Wong experienced has laid the foundation for his later global career. Started his work in Tokyo and later overseas, including New York, Hong Kong, and Singapore, Mr. Wong equipped himself with comprehensive knowledge of his business profession, and his devotion in improving society. Topics like gender diversity, domestic violence prevention, and youth leader support are all that Mr. Wong concerns.

Even in his busy career, Mr. Wong can still find the time and dedicate to the issues.

Mr. Wong's own story and great passion for society inspired all the CAMPUS Asia students. During the QA session, students raised numerous questions about the career developing, family-work balance, and the attitude when encountering different challenges. Mr. Wong kindly responded by sharing his own experiences. One of his suggestions was to alwavs show thoughtfulness gratefulness and in personal relationships. believed that He also communicating, listening is much more essential than speaking. Mr. Wong encouraged students to explore, and appreciate the time learning, including the precious opportunity from CAMPUS Asia program.

The welcome dinner came with a perfect end with all students deeply inspired. This precious night will undoubtedly be a treasure on their coming journey. Let's all enjoy the time we have in CAMPUS Asia and University. Like Mr. Wong, what we learn and we see will encourage us to achieve excellence.



This month, we are glad to have Korea Univ. Professor Sung Jin, Kang sharing his expectation to CAMPUS Asia program and the participating students

Interviewer: Hsiung En CAMPUS Asia Double Degree student (from Waseda Univ. to Korea Univ.)



Hsiung En (H below):

Is there any future expectation toward CAMPUS Asia program? Or any plan to be realized?

Prof. Kang (K below): For expectations, let's first look at the target of this program. About ten years ago, that was a network of bilateral exchange programs among three universities. The primary focus at that time was more on double degree, rather than exchange or short-term programs. This way has guaranteed the sustained relations among three universities. However, the regional ties created the intention for a trilateral network among university faculties and students in these three countries. And now, the target of this program is to build a tighter relation among these schools to increase mutual understanding toward each other.

H: Korea University joins a lot of programs and has been maintaining good relations with a lot of countries. Is there a student committee encouraging the interactions among international and Korean regular students?

K: We have a student committee with both international students and Korean students participating. We do not have discrimination toward international students. Any student in KU can join the student committee. Also, there is no separation between Korean students and international students. They are mixed when attending the committee events. With this mean, we are intentionally giving incentives to Korean students who decided to go abroad by encouraging them to join the committee. We believe that by joining the committee, the Korean students can observe the target of each exchange program, including the CAMPUS Asia program. For Korean students in CAMPUS Asia program, we hope that with their experience getting along with international students, it will be easier to adjust themselves while they are studying in Waseda or Peking University in their later years.

H: Is there any exact way CAMPUS Asia program provides to contribute to East Asian issues?

K: Take an example of Waseda, which have an intensive program every summer and winter. Students from three universities gather to visit and study from the region. Last summer, the summer program was for Nagasaki, where people suffered from the nuclear attack at the end of WWII. Discussion and presentation followed the field trip. The whole course design is a good chance for students to review on issues of the shared past.



SIM, Ji Soo

CAMPUS Asia **Double Degree Program** (1.5 years) Korea Univ. to Waseda Univ.

Future Pioneer with the Starting Journey

I was a participant in CAMPUS Asia Joint Intensive Program at Waseda last summer. I met many people from diverse backgrounds and exchanged creative thoughts with one another. Later they became my great friends (as shown on the cover pic above). I also received the best award at CAMPUS Asia Essay Contest. Right after the first visit. It was not difficult for me to decide to apply for Double Degree Program at Waseda. Not only the academic environment but also the precious experiences in the intensive program made up my mind. The essence of CAMPUS Asia, seeking for resolving regional conflicts and bringing peace to East Asia, meant very much to me.

I benefit much from the Double Degree Program. Studying in the School of Political Science and Economics, I am greatly enhancing my knowledge of political science and economics through the English courses (EDESSA program). English ability and excellent communication skills are highly demanding when studying, and EDESSA provides a chance to polish my skillset. Waseda exposes me to an opportunity of exchanging knowledge and opinions with diverse people. Moreover, Double Degree Program offers a considerably long time of studying, sufficient financial support, kind services from faculty office, and new identity of having two precious almae matres (home universities).

Though I am still adapting the new environment, I am enjoying my life so far. The most impressing part of the school-life here is the form of the advanced seminar. My seminar has five students in total, taught by two professors. We are interacting all the time, and the atmosphere helps me to concentrate more. Now I am studying what I have never learned before, but I believe I will make it.

I am very proud of myself being one of the first Korea Univ. candidates for Double Degree Program to Waseda through CAMPUS Asia Program, I am starting everything from ground zero - which is quite adventurous. However, I would like to consider it not a fearful burden but a happy experience. I am willing to get this role as a pioneer for future applicants, and of course, for my own life. Yes, the journey has just started.

Editor's Notes

From Andie Wang 王安棣

CAMPUS Asia is having many interesting seminars. If you are interested, don't miss the coming up seminars from CAMPUS Asia on Waseda campus! Please refer to the detail on the new website below.

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