

AEARU-SNU Winter Ski Camp

参加報告書 (Participation Report)

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出張期間 (Period of trip)	2020.01.28 – 2020.02.02
開催期間 (Period of program)	2020.01.28 – 2020.02.02
開催場所 (Place)	Seoul National University, Pyongchang(Phoenix Hotels and Resorts)
開催規模 (Scale)	参加国数 (Number of participating countries) 4 countries(Japan, China, South Korea, Taiwan) 参加者数 (Number of participants) 12students
プログラムの 背景・目的 (Background and the objective of the meeting)	The objective of this program is to strengthen the bonds between the AEARU universities and learn the culture through the conversation and skiing activity with the representatives from each AEARU member universities
プログラム 内 容 (Program Contents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour in Seoul National University (SNU) and welcome party • Ski class: in the morning and afternoon, we had ski classes with professional ski instructors. There were three levels(beginner, intermediate, advanced) and the participants can choose a proper class depending on their levels. • Team project: in the evening, we had a discussion on a certain topics, ex. “Do you enjoy Olympics? Why and why not?”, “Asian bondage, challenge and prospects.” and shared ideas and informations with the participants.



<p>所 感 (Feedback on the Program)</p>	<p>I want to write about three good points in this program; the contents, the participants, cross-cultural understanding, and then about what I found during this camp.</p> <p>I think this program was well-planned and the objective was fulfilled. We exchanged opinions and got to know each other well, while we enjoyed skiing and talking. Thanks to SNU, this program went so well without any problems, though corona virus started to spread. In my opinion, this program includes the essences of skiing. I mean sports and collective life activate conversations and make people closer. Skiing itself is an exciting and fascinating sport. You really play sport but you can take a rest and enjoy conversations on the lift and beautiful sceneries like mountains covered with snow. We stayed at the same place for 5 days and we became closer to each other. When it comes to ski class, we didn't have any worries. Because the participants were divided into three groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced, and the coaches taught us skiing depending on our levels. I have skied a lot before but thanks to these skiing classes by the great coach, my technique improved pretty much. It was really scary but exciting to go down the steep slope which was used for Pyeongchang Olympics 2018.</p> <p>The participants were really great. They are so kind and considerate that we became good friends in no time. They were highly motivated for this program and the atmosphere was comfortable. It was interesting that the participants had various backgrounds. It means they had various major (literature, sports nutrition, chemistry, biomedicine, etc.), interest, age, grade (bachelor, master, Ph.D.), nationality (not only students from each AEARU universities, but also a Kazakhstani student studying in Korea, a Chinese student studying in Japan.) They were so inspiring for me that I learned a lot. For example how logically they think and how well they use English. They explained in English fluently and I saw their logical thinking during the discussions, the conversations, and even when we played cards. I got motivated for studying and felt the importance to learn English more.</p> <p>In terms of cross-cultural understanding, this program was fantastic. It was the first time for me to visit Korea and to make Asian friends, so I found many new things. I was surprised at the difference of the scale of the university in Korea and Japan. SNU has faculties of sports, music and art. For example, the art students not only learn the theory and history of arts but also improve their art skills. They have exhibitions and concerts and make a graduation work. Farther more, Korea supports students a lot. For example, Korea has better scholarship system and offer the good environment to focus on studying. Through the collective life during the ski camp I spent time with foreign students in the close distance, it was fun to find differences of culture in the East Asian countries. When we discussed on Olympic games, I was</p>
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curious about an opinion by a Taiwanese student. Japan, Korea, China have talented athletes and often they take gold medals, so most of the population are interested in watching those sports. But Taiwan doesn't have such athletes so they are more interested in playing sports than watching.

In some parts I found my weak points. I couldn't join the some discussions about academic topics like policies and foreign affairs, for example about the issue of trade between Japan and Korea. I think Korean students know more about Japan, while Japanese students don't know about Korea so much, so I felt I need to learn more about Korea and East Asia and have my own opinions. As I wrote above, I also need to brush up my English. This program gave me a great chance to realize and think about these things.

I really appreciate giving me such a great chance and preparing for this fantastic program. Thank you very much, Osaka University, SNU, and AEARU universities. I want this winter camp continue from now on and hope more students enjoy skiing and strengthen the bonds between the AEARU universities.



