

Fujieda Field Trip Report

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We went on the field trip to Fujieda in Shizuoka prefecture from June 23 to 24. I was excited because I have learned how to plan the rice and tea. Although, it rained at the first day, I was great because of visiting organic tea plantation and having a barbecue party ect.

On the first day, we visited to the organic tea plantation. The farmer, Mr. Kinezuka explained the situation of this area after Fukusima accident. He was also worried about impact of the radionuclides.

Actually, He did not have any obligation to say the amount of radionuclides to us. However, He explained it exactly. I thought the system of organic tea plantation was very good because of using organic compost.

When we came back to accommodation, I asked for Ms. Kinezuka about method to harvest tea. She said “When the tea is harvested, the type of tea is been small and light leaf at fortnightly intervals. And they use a machine due to disadvantage of labor.” I never seen tea plantation so that I was interested.

On the second day, we walked around rivers. Sometimes, I think the irrigation system is unique and practical in Japan. The reason is the irrigation system is located in underground in Korea. In general, we do not identify the irrigation system so that we have a lot of problems. In contrast, I saw the rural area of Japan had good irrigation system to compare with rural area of Korea.

After walking, I have done planting rice at first time. Although I did not do very well, it was interesting. After that, we exchanged program to local people. Our group members are studying different fields. However, we felt same emotion about this trip.

The greater parts of our opinions were trust of farmer and organic tea plantation. I was impressed this discussion time. Almost field trip is consisted of seeing and listening. So, it was difficult to expressing the opinion and doing feedback. But, I could learn and identify various thought through this time.

I saw a lot of things and learned various things and felt many things. Also, I thought it was a good experience. If I do not participate in this field trip, I will regret bitterly.

Although I was very tired and slept badly, it was great time for me. Therefore, I will never forget that the field trip as long as I study in Japan.