

The other view of Japan- county side

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18th and 19th June, I spent 2 days in a local people' home at fujieda with different countries student.

The view of fujieda is very different from tokyo, everywhere in fujieda are green and fresh. It is a quite view, make everyone who came here will forget all of the troubles in the city. At here, I receive a new viewpoint is half-agriculture-half- X. As the speaker said, it is means, dividing the life to two parts, half is agriculture: the people who get a field land in country side, produce the organic farming to be self-sufficiency for daily food. The other half is doing a work that they interested in. Those two parts are supported to each other.



Inorder to earn monney most people doing the jobs they don't like, or under a high stress. Eating the unhealthy food everyday. They work hard, and have no time to having fun, to do the things they like. In the speaker's words, this half- agriculture-half-X life style is a simple, healthy, relaxe and happiness life.

I am so interesting in this viewpoint, but still feel it is a litter idealization, especiouly in China. Then I asked japanese students, they also thought it is not a easy things even in Japan. The premise for this life style is to have enough money. For us, a student just graduate from college, we do not have the capital to start such a life. Maybe when we got enough monney from hard work untill 40 or 50 years old, we can start the new life style as half-agriculture-half-X.

In China, because of the food safety issues, there are new farming stlye---small-scale ecological farm. They use the ecological recycle in the whole farm, no pesticide, no chemical fertilizers, the waste also canbe used as a resource. All the processed are oganic and at the view of protect the enviroment. The productions can be sold, also the farmer field can be divided and rent to the people who want to plant by themselves. I think this is a kind of half-agriculture-half-X, although the X is also the agriculture. It is a contribution to the enviromental protection and food safety.

The other day of the fujieda trip, I did the planting the rice. This is my first time to do the farming by myself. When my feet into the mud, I can not move easily. Althouht it is drawed a line, I can not plant it straightly. At the night, through the BBQ party, all of us got more closer.

It is really a funny trip for me. Let me known the japanese country side, and the thought of farmers in japan. What they care about are not only the money they can earn, also the environmental, the earth we lived. I should sparkplug those to the farmers all over the world.