

The highlights for me in the two-week Summer School

This trip is a very meaningful process for me to learn and broaden my knowledge in this summer school, I learned a lot of things, specifically the following aspects:

1. This time is a good chance for me to understand the knowledge about international policy, global governance and international relations.

Because of my major, I mainly focused on economics in bachelor and now, so I'm not that familiar with international relations and international policies before. Therefore this summer school is a good opportunity for me to learn new areas of knowledge.

2. For South Korea's part, I learned the process of economic development and history of South Korea, and learned the deep relationship between Korea and the EU as well.

Among the lectures of KDI, many professors talked about the historical process of economic development in Korea, in which because of the most developed period of Korea's economy, "the miracle of the Han River" 'is in the period of dictatorship, the economic policy at that time was effective. And the support of the United States to South Korea, have played an important role in the rapid economic growth of South Korea. In the same time, during the Asian economic crisis in 1997, the Korean people's "donation" to the government also made me deeply understand the solid cohesion of the nation of the Republic of Korea. In addition, the problem of the Korean "chaebol" is also mentioned in several lectures. Chaebol does have a lot of problems, including the lack of hereditary system and leadership in the management level, political decision-making has received a great impact on the chaebol, but at the same time, we have to admit that the chaebol is to a large extent lead the economic development. It is also interesting to see how the issue of chaebol will develop in the future.

In addition, the fact that the nearest country from Europe is South Korea also makes me feel very surprised. May also be related to the state of the opening of the FTA. I think that China's "One belt-One road" program also needs the

participation of European countries. And I hope in the future, Europe and China can also achieve a higher degree of mutual cooperation.

3. Got more information and knowledge about the meaning of “human rights” and “democracy”.

I did not have a deep understanding of these two words before, but after participating in the summer school, I discovered that human rights and democracy, these two concepts appeared so many times in the lectures.

In professor Ichihara's class, there was a discussion about “democracy”, which impressed me most. The main issue of discussion is “what is the most important factor in the establishment of a democratic state”. In fact, in China, despite the large number of discussions and activities on democracy in Hong Kong and Taiwan, there are few voices about the democracy in mainland China. In my opinion, many developed countries, such as Europe and Japan, because the economy has a certain degree of development, so people began to pay attention to democracy, concerned about their rights. However for developing countries, such as China and Southeast Asian countries, the economy is not fully developed yet, eating and living conditions have not reached the case, so whether the discussion about national democracy useful to them is a question. Therefore, I think, to discuss domestic human rights, the premise of domestic democracy is that the economy needs to be fully developed.

4. From the SNU courses, I got better understand about Singapore and Latin America.

Especially the content of Singapore impressed me. Singapore is now at the forefront of the world, both in terms of economic growth and in terms of investment in education and government integrity. However, Singapore's political system, to tell the truth is a family controlling a country. Therefore, in connection with the history of economic development in Korea, I think the "democracy" maybe not a necessary element for the growth and management of a country's economy. This is what I am still puzzling.

5. From the field trip in Belgium, I learned more about the history of the First World War and the European League.

I was interested in the problem that if the ASEAN countries can also like the EU to achieve the same political and economic alliance before. After learned the European war and the history of the alliance, I found that the European Union had a lot of essential elements to become a union. But for ASEAN countries, the incentive of the alliance is still small, and I still can't see the necessary elements of the alliance in the current. This is also the part that I want to learn and dig after.

6. Made me recognize and appreciate the current China's powerful and greater world influence.

In this course, many professors mentioned the influence of China. In Europe part, we also had lectures talking about China specifically, which made me feel very surprised. In a short period of 30 years, China has developed to such a huge economy, the influence to the whole world is also growing. Therefore, China need to fulfill the international obligations in the future, and the responsibility is also growing as well. From inside aspect, there are still many problems such as government corruption, high prices and other issues. From outside, the South China Sea issue, openness and other criticisms are still exist. But in my view, China does not have to follow the way of Western countries like "democracy" and "human rights". China, including other Southeast Asian countries can also find their own future national development model, which also need us to continue to explore.

Last but not least, thanks for our school to provide this course and it's a great chance for me to meet many outstanding students from different countries, it was a pleasure for me to communicate with them and share ideas and thoughts together. And I also got many new information and inspiration from nice lectures of excellent professors. This summer school provided me many ideas and power to do my research in the near future. Thanks a lot.