The report about my study abroad to Mexico

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At first

I went to Mexico for 1 year. The reasons why I decided to go are to study the agriculture of Mexico, search any possibilities of Latin America’s agriculture for my future, and learn many cultures of Mexico. Tomatoes, guavas, corns, avocados, cacaos, many produce are from Mexico. And now Mexico is one of the biggest countries in Latin America, and we have good relations with them about foreign trades. When I was about to decide to which country I would like to study abroad, I had felt that Mexico had good conditions to play an active part in the world.

I learned so many things about Mexico’s current status of agriculture. About tropical fruits which are planted in Mexico, cultures of rural areas, countermeasures for pests, and went to many farms. Chapingo always gave me to see farms and support to study. So, in short, I’m going to present my school life in Chapingo and how I felt after the studying abroad.

① Study in Chapingo

My classmates, in front of our department
In Chapingo university I always did research on the possibility of Mexico’s trades from agriculture point of view. At that time I’ve focused on the relation with the United States. I noticed that avocados are so popular plants and the United States imports most in which countries imports from Mexico. Roughly speaking, I’ve investigated in (1) how amount of avocados are produced in Mexico and in circulation, and the changing conditions (2) the type of produce (3) the current situations with a lot of cases.

I had 6 classes in a week from 7:30 to 14:00. They gave us various curriculms. Specially, I was fun of experiments about removal methods of tropical fruits’ disease. The teacher, Sr. Esteban, Sr. Ayala, they always gave me hints to my study and I liked their classes. Commonly in Chapingo, in my department Fitotecnia we have practical works afield and normal class approximately at the 50% rate.

After the classes, I used to go to a Japanese class and helped students who wants to learn Japanese. I think Japanese is very difficult, but they study hard and so aggressive. Just I were there with them, accepted their questions but they thanked me so much.
The possibility of Mexico’s agriculture from my sights

From now on I think Mexico’s will have great influence in the world. Before I start to learn in Mexico, I haven’t imagined that Mexico had rich natural and people’s willingnesses for agriculture. It is said that Mexico doesn’t have any plants that they can’t grow. Toward the northern part they have dry land, conversely south of Mexico has tropics, so many kinds of plants are grown.

Sometimes I went to avocado’s farm for my study. In Mexico, there about 2 types of produce avocados. First, by large scale plantations. It is like a American type, big scale fields, amount of machinery, a lot of people and can increase revenue. Second, the small scale production, for example with family or friends, villages.

Avocados were beneficial for me to think about Mexico’s agriculture trade future because from my sight Mexico and United States can’t cut off diplomatic relations with each other. So I always learned from their relations through avocados.

This is my graduation tema. so that still I’ve not group together completely. In the remaining time of student I’ll study more hard and want to reason out one of new sight of Mexico’s agricultures advancement.

One of the production of avocados from United States corporation in Jalisco state

A big field of avocados in Puebla state
With my courages of study of avocados

③ Ordinary life in Chapingo

The dancing party in Chapingo at a meeting with my classmates

A bird scarer in the field
I learned so many things in Mexico not only about study but another things. If I hadn’t went to Mexico, I might have thought about what is important in our life. When I was in japan in most cases I’ve so busy to study, go to part time job, and a lot of things. Maybe I couldn’t look back how I live life so fortunately in japan. Sometimes I used to have a blackout. Cold shower made me catch a cold. My stomach was broken. But those experiences made me stronger.

I am shy. I was scared to say my oponions in front of people. But my friends always took me to learn traditional Mexican dancing. In classroom, they always encouraged me to ask something to teachers and taught me details after school. Still now I cant speak Spanish very well, but even when I couldn’t understand Spanish, they helped me by consciences. I was so glad and I’ll never forget those memories and someday I’ll return the courtesy. The teachers broadened my horizons too. They took me to a lot of places. So I could study touching to ground, feeling climate on my skin, having relations with farmers.

And also “Hola mi hija” “Mi casa es tu casa” meican people are so kind to me and they are flood me with love and attention. Before I went to Mexico I’ve never thought about how I love people who I know. But now, thanks for Mexico, I can say that the love is most important thing in my life. For them the most important thing is love, the quality of life. I realized that I should think how I want to spend my life more.

At last

In writing, I deeply appreciate what they have done for me, my family, friends, all who I met in Mexico, especially international cooperation center of my university. I couldn’t success this studying abroad within their cooperation. Really, sometimes it was so hard to spend in another country but those days become to be experiences to make me stronger. Not only I go to Mexico but I’ll keep connection with this country forever. In the future I’ll want to import from Mexico and serve as a liaison of Japan and Mexico.