

## FY2022 START Program Post-Report

Department・Course・	Literature・humanities
Year	First grade

(1) What you learn from participating START Program. How do you want to make the most of this experience in the future?

I learned a lot of things in Indonesia, but there are two things I learned the most. The First thing I learned the most is diversity. I felt that Indonesian people don't have the same culture, but they have their own unique cultures, because I learned that unlike Japan, there are six official religions, more than 1300 ethnic groups and more than 700 local languages in Indonesia. Also, we were supported by students at Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, and they are from difference area in Indonesia each other so they have their own mother languages, religions, and cultures. Addition to this, when I talked about religion with them, I realized that some of them have the same religion, but the way of thinking about the religion is different from each other. From these experiences, I realized that each person in Indonesia has his or her own culture and thinking. Furthermore, I realized that they have their own religions and cultures per person, but they don't care about it and understand it and cooperate each other. From our experience that we visited junior high school, I realized that. From these things, I was able to learn about diversity and I was able to widen my point of view about culture and religion.

Second, I had progress in my English communication, and I learned Indonesian dance. At first, it was difficult for me to talk with students at Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, because I was not used to talking in English, but by talking with them every day, gradually I was able to make great relationships with them and I was also able to ask them some questions about their cultures, especially traditional dance in Indonesia so I was able to learn a lot about Indonesian traditional dances. From this actively asking and watching some traditional dances in Indonesia, I also learned that in Indonesia there are a lot of ethnic groups so there are various kinds of cultures including traditional dances and each traditional dance has unique respects. For example, what dancers wear, how to use hands, how to harmonize with the music and so on are different from each traditional dance. I thought that I wanted to learn more about Indonesian traditional dances in the future.

In the future I want to study about dance and archeology, and after this program, I started to think that I want to study and work overseas. From these wonderful experiences, I had progress in my English, and I was able to widen the point of view about culture, religion, and dance so I'll make the best use of these experiences for my dream. For example, continue from these experiences, I'll study English harder, then if I can do, I would like to participate in excavations which are being done overseas. I'll also learn various kinds of dances more based on my dancing experiences and I want to make use of this experience to my study about dance. I think this program was a great chance for me to consider about my future and to change the way of thinking about my future.

(2) What you thoughts on this program

I thought that it was a great program for me. It was the first time for me to go abroad, so there are a lot of things I worried about, but I was able to meet wonderful friends who are also students at Hiroshima University and who are students at Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia and at the university in Bali. Therefore, I enjoyed studying abroad to Indonesia with few problems. It was one thing that I thought it was a good thing that I was able to go abroad and study abroad with someone, cooperate with them and interact with Indonesian students actively in this program. Also, the length of two weeks was best for me because it was difficult for me to get used to dishes in Indonesia and how to eat them. During this program, my stomach was always loose and after this program I had a stomachache so if I had stayed longer there, I might have felt sick and have had a stomachache, so I thought the length of this program was best for me. Then from this experience, I thought that when I go to abroad, I should be careful about what I eat.

Furthermore, the opportunities that we visited some villages and some schools to learn diversity in Indonesia were also great for me because by visiting there, I was able to listen to talks which were given by local people, teachers, and students and to ask them questions actively. Especially visiting Saung Udjo was the most impressive experience because basically I wanted to learn Indonesian traditional dances and I watched some traditional dances in Indonesia, and I was also able to dance there. Thus, I thought these opportunities in this program were very important.

Addition to these things, I thought the hotels we stayed were also good. We had our own rooms per person, so I was able to take a good rest and to relax. Especially the hotel in Bali was good because we were able to relax seeing beautiful landscape.

However, there was a lecture which had only slid in Indonesian language, so it is

difficult for me to understand and sometimes I didn't know what I should do because the schedule changed again and again so sometimes, I felt tired. I thought this program should make schedule more clearly.

I thought this program should improve some respects, but this program made me develop many respects of mine, so it was great for me.

( 3 ) Advice for students who are interested in this program

If you want to study abroad for the first time, you should participate in this program because you can study abroad with students who are at Hiroshima University and cooperate with them so if you have a lot of things, you worry about, you will feel comfortable compared to study abroad alone. Furthermore, if you have good grades, you might receive a scholarship so this program may cost you little money. Certainly, the information about Corona Virus changed a big time so I worried whether I could go abroad or not, but it is important to check the information about it carefully and if you have a strong will to study abroad, you can study abroad.

Therefore, this program is a great opportunity to study abroad reasonably and comfortably. From these reasons, I recommend this program.

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Department・Course・	School of Literature major→geography
Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year

(1) What you learn from participating START Program. How do you want to make the most of this experience in the future?

I had lots of experiences in Indonesia, which will become my everlasting treasure surely. Through this program, I learned that every people make efforts to earn their living and to be independent socially just as Japanese people do. Merchants sold goods like fruits, fish, groceries, and so on and recommended that we students buy them. At school, even elementary school students spoke English and I was surprised that what the English education in Indonesia was like. All students seem curious and greedy to studying, meaning that they want to be recognized as smart people. What lies in the bottom of their mind are desire for recognition. I understood that every people have desire for recognition in some shapes regardless of nationalities and try to cook nice dishes. This tiny discovery is so important. And what I learned through this program was cultural difference. Especially food and other sanitary facilities. I will connect this learning to my research. My major is geography, especially regarding urban problems. In Indonesia, as for urban problems, traffic jams were outstanding. I shall research how to make mess traffic organized. In Japan, there are some cases when heavy traffic jams are caused in cities, so I think some linkages regarding traffic jams surely exist. So traffic systems are worth being done more.

Visiting foreign countries and communicating with local people was my dream in university life, so I think I could achieve this goal. But I should have been active to speaking English.... I learned my timidness should be changed immediately. This is also what I learned. After graduating from Hiroshima University, I hope to work overseas using English. People in Indonesia spoke English well, so I will also focus on English more. When I tried to say something in English, usually it took some time to hit upon what I would say. Again, I had many difficulties communicating with local people in English, so I will make effort.

Lastly, what I learned in this trip was foreigners have obligation to follow local habits or cultures regardless of my will. Even if we feel weird to local culture, we need to follow them because we are required to integrate into local society while visiting. This

is also the case to foreigners in Japan. Some foreigners maybe feel weird to Japanese cultures such as too put on masks in public, but they follow them.

( 2 ) What you thoughts on this program

I am satisfied with this program contents. I was stipulated by children in elementary school, high school, and junior high school because they seemed industrious to studying and English education also seemed more developed than that of Japan. In some villages, we experienced novel habits and people welcomed us happily. Through visit to traditional villages, I wondered if how those villages or community were shaped. If I suggest some points that should be modified, those programs should include excursion to the capital city. Personally, I believe that to know Jakarta is the best way to grasp what people in Indonesia, cultures, and habits like. Foreigners would not visit cities other than Tokyo in order to grasp Japanese gist. As for hotels, generally everything was good. As for food, I am satisfied to try traditional food though Same dishes were often served. Cost and duration of the study are modest.

( 3 ) Advice for students who are interested in this program

You ought to research about destinations, which enables you to understand the culture and other things when some explanations were done.

English abilities are required to some extent to be selected as participants, so you can try conversation in the campus. There are many foreign students who speak English, so I think the best way is to talk with them.

If you get interested even slightly, I recommend you join the activity. The day will come you get satisfied with your decision definitely.