

## Applied Economics Intensive 2016 (Edinburgh)



I have three things about reflecting on my experience on this program. First, I can learn about Scottish culture in Edinburgh. Of course, I know Scottish culture varies from Japanese culture, however it was better than I expected. For example, food, and dance and some structures. Especially, structures surprised me because all of them looks like castle, which made by rocks. I was impressed on them very much because I had never been to Europe before. I felt that there are a lot of things I don't know about in this world. I noticed the world is bigger than I expected. The second is homestay. In Japan, I think many Japanese people don't use English every day in their life. I don't speak English well in Japan too. We use English only in class. So homestay made chance to speak English and I had to convey my thoughts in English. I don't know whether my English is improved by homestay, but after I came back Japan, my friend said that your English become more fluently than before. I'm happy to hear that, and I think I want to learn more and speak English more fluently. The third is content of the lesson. We learned about free trade. I didn't know well until I attend this classes but I was interested in this field. We were able to get a lot of knowledge about world economy in summer school. In addition, we had to perform presentation in English. We could learn also how to express our thoughts and what it is good presentation. Throughout the whole, I found some new world "Scotland" and I could learn English, culture, communication skills, and make some friends. I love Scotland and I hope I can go there again someday. (Kayo Yuki)

I attended Applied Economics Intensive at University of Edinburgh from August 8<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. I chose this program as a start to study abroad. Through my stay in Edinburgh, I gained a lot of valuable experience. I realized that many things I learned were very helpful to my career. My main purpose of taking this course was acquiring English skill, especially speaking skill. As I wanted to be able to exchange ideas with people from all over the world by English, classes that included many chances to express my opinion made me get used to speak English. Pronunciation practice was also effective. I learned that speaking clearly with right pronunciation helped people to understand my English. The most impressive assignment was giving a presentation as a pair. Since making a presentation needed many kinds of tasks, I made good use of my skill that I developed during the course. It was not easy to explain what I wanted to tell by second language in front of many audiences. But teachers guided us to carry our presentations off. Tackling with a partner also made it easier to achieve hard tasks. When I finished to give my presentation, I could be proud of what I obtained through classes.

As well as language course at the university, I enjoyed stay in Edinburgh. As it was my first trip to go overseas, everything I saw was new to me. Staying with a foreign family was the biggest change in everyday life. My host family was very kind and patient with my poor English. I tried to communicate with them, and I exposed to real English. We could not get perfect understanding each other, but I was happy to get hands-on experience of English speaking and listening.

I spent most of my free time in sightseeing in Edinburgh. I went shopping, visited museums, and enjoyed the Edinburgh Festival. At the end of my stay, I came to love beautiful views of Edinburgh.(M.K)

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I was able to have many valuable experiences during this program, and it was fulfilling. For me, one of the most valuable experiences is that I could spend a time with local people. Of course there were some problem. For example, about shower time, and food manner.

People often say this proverb “When in Rome do as the Romans do”. There is no doubt that you should follow the rules of the location when you are there, but you mustn’t follow unreasonable things. One day, my host mother scolded me, saying an unreasonable thing. I could not understand the reason why I was scold, but I didn’t complain about it because I didn’t want to break down the relation between her and me. Now, looking back on this experience, I think I made a mistake. I should not have follow unreasonable things because it was unreasonable. It is more important to understand each other than to finish things without any trouble. Understanding people who come from different country is very valuable while trial and error, and this experience help me to understand different culture, different people easily.

Recently, this world is in the progress of globalization. There is no doubt that you will meet foreign people more frequently, so you need to strengthen your ability that understand foreign people. Then, you must not be afraid of collision. It is said that Japanese people cannot say “No”. I think this is a part of Japanese culture. This culture is sometimes good, but not always. Through this program, I could learn about the importance of understanding different people, having own opinion. If you have your opinion, you can be what you are in globalization. Needless to say, the time you should say “NO” will come. Are you a person can say “No”? (R.S)

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I could have great experiences in Edinburgh. I’ ve never been to study abroad, so I felt a little bit nervous and anxiety before I go to Edinburgh. But everyone was kind to me. I really relieved and enjoyed on this program.

I could learn economics by English. This was new things for me. We had many opportunities which we had to talk about some difficult topics in English. I managed to talk much during class. When I was at a loss for words, teachers and students waited for me patiently until I could find a word which I wanted to say. Survey for presentation was the most challenging experiences because we went out to the town and ask ordinary people about our presentation’ s topic, social welfare. This topic was a little bit sensitive, so I’ m afraid I hurt people’ s feelings. But there was no problems. I could feel their kindness and thank for every ordinary people. Through this program, I could communicate with foreigner smoothly than before and have abilities dealing with or solving some problems in English.

And then experiences with my host family was memorable. Every time I came back home, my host mother, Nana welcomed me and listened to my story. Two her grandchildren often came to my host family’ s house. I played with them. This was also a precious experience. The room was large and clean, so I was very comfortable and concentrated on studying English. After I had dinner, we talked about some topics. The story of Nana’ s son was the most impressive story. I thought I wanted to cherish every my choice. I was happy to meet my host family.

Edinburgh is historical and beautiful city. I really want to visit Edinburgh again! This stay is precious memory in my life. (Miho Tanaka)

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It was the first time for me to study abroad and do a homestay. So I was very worried about staying overseas. But my host family was used to accepting a foreign student and their warm welcome made me feel relieved. I had difficulty in explaining what I want to say in English and understanding their native English. Many times, I asked them to say again.

In the classroom, we learned a lot of things in English; ways of communications with others, writing an essay in English and giving a presentation. Teachers gave us some interesting games to have a good time learning English. We also learned Scottish economy and culture. Those were very meaningful for me.

We did a final presentation at the last day. To success our final presentation, we researched many things. Although doing survey as asking strangers at street was difficult, it was very interesting. But sometimes we could not understand each other in English in pairs. I felt how difficult it is to speak English again. In the final presentation, I was really nervous but I could enjoy speaking English in front of people. I am glad if everyone could enjoy our presentation. I think that this experience could be used in my future.

I was able to experience Scottish culture. Everything was different from Japan, I got very stimulated. There were many places worth visiting. The most interesting place was Palace of Holyrood. I could know the history of Scotland there. I was also impressed with the fireworks which crown the final of the Edinburgh Festival. I had never seen such a beautiful firework. The collaboration with musical performance of Edinburgh orchestra was also fantastic.

Through this program, I could have an irreplaceable experience. I will never forget many things I learned in Edinburgh and the kindnesses of Scottish people. (Hatsune Sogo)

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Reflecting on my experience on this program is very big. There were a lot of new discoveries.

Firstly, I found the low of my English ability. I thought that I could speak English a little, but I noticed that my English ability was unskilled by going abroad to study. Specifically, my listening ability was not good. When I talked with foreign people, I could speak English by speaking slowly and choosing a lot of easy words. However, listening was difficult because someone to talk except my teacher in Edinburgh University didn't take account of my English ability and spoke English fast. Then I noticed that my English study was insufficient and I thought that I will study English hard.

Secondly, my visual filed became to be wide. Before going abroad to study, I knew the only thing of Japan and things that I knew are usual. But, in Scotland, many things are different from Japan. For example, it is study in university. In japan, I thought that the entrance into university is difficult, but the graduation from university is not difficult and there are not many students who study hard everyday. In Scotland, there were a lot of students and overseas students who study hard. So, I have to learn Scottish students' attitudes to study. In addition to this, Scottish prices and service in stores are very difficult from Japan. I think Japanese those are better. I noticed that I am in a good environment. If I don't go abroad to study, I might not know these

things that I should know. This experience is very good for me because by my body I understood these things I have known in the back of my mind. (Kai Kawasaki)

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I had enjoyed very much in Edinburgh for a month. I enjoyed not only sightseeing but also classes. The class in Edinburgh is different from that in Japan. Before this program begin, I didn't have confident in my English skill. So, I had worried whether I can understand the class and take it properly. However, I could enjoy than I have thought. The teachers were kind and funny. We had a lot of games in class. The class was very considered us, foreign students. I knew about Scottish economy much. For learning about Scotland, I like Scotland more.

Streets and houses in Edinburgh are cool and beautiful. I enjoyed much even taking a walk. Then, I took a lot of pictures in there. Also, I went to many shops. There are cute goods, delicious or sweet food, and uncommon goods in Japan. I spent money a lot than I had thought. I also went to the festival. In the fringe street, some people sang, another people showed their street performance. It was wonderful. I had to use English to visit somewhere, but it was no problem. Because the local people were kind. They didn't seek for perfect English to us. For a month, I didn't feel boring. There are many attractive places in Edinburgh. I enjoyed the new world very much.

The time I spent in Edinburgh was fantastic and a full life for me. I made new friends, studied hardly and went many places with them. Both teachers in Edinburgh and Japan supported us to plan that we can enjoy and be safe. My host family was kind, so she taught me about Scotland and took me her favorite place. I appreciate all of people who had been involved this program. I think it was good choice to decide attending this program. (Sarika Watanabe)

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I had a precious experience through this program. Joining this program broadened my outlook remarkably. Everything I saw and heard was new to me. I am going to mention three memorable things of them.

Firstly, the classes were completely difference from those of Japan. In the classes, I had a lot of opportunities to give my opinion. Also, I was able to discuss the topics with my classmates more often. Through the discussions, I was able to think the

matter deeply and look at the matter from a different point of view, too. In addition, I gave chances to give my presentation. I tend to be nervous to speak even in Japanese in public. However, I could give my presentation with confidence finally because I practiced many times

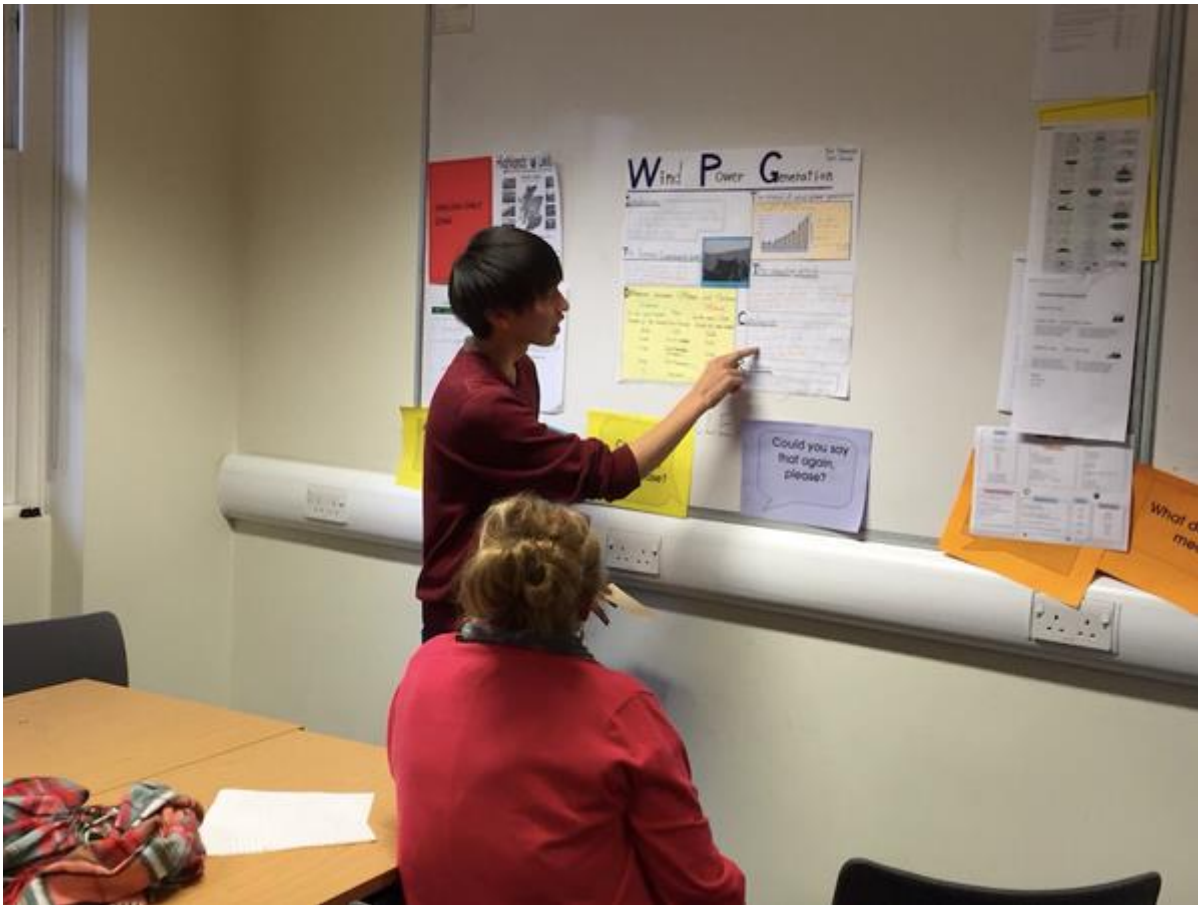
Secondly, it is big festival which was held during my stay in Edinburgh. Especially, the military tattoo was a very moving performance. Fortunately, I got the best seat. I wished I could show my family the tattoo.

Finally, one of the biggest experience was homestay. My host family was very kind to me. They took me some famous sights and cooked Scottish traditional food for me. They were tasty. Also, they taught me a lot of interesting and important things. For example, Brexit and EU. Though these problems were delicate, they taught me them politely and clearly. Their opinion was staying EU. However, When U.K. decided to leave EU in the election, they were ready to follow this decision because they have pride not only as a Scottish but also as a British. In fact, there were various opinion. But asking Scottish people directly about this issue was very valuable experience for me. I missed them so much. We gave our wards each other to meet again.

In conclusion, I had great time in Edinburgh. I want to use that experience. I make up my mind to study English harder in order to talk with foreign people more. At last, I am grateful to everyone who had something to do with this program. (Honami Inaba)

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First day, I was very nervous because it was the first time to stay at a foreign country for a month. I was worried whether I could communicate with my host family in English. Although at the beginning of the course sometimes I couldn't understand what my host said and I was nervous, after the second week I talked with them a lot. At home, I always had to speak English and it was very difficult. However, it was also a valuable experience for me because I didn't have enough time to communicate in English in Japan.

At the university, I studied economics and communication skills. Teachers always spoke English. Sometimes I couldn't hear what teachers said, but they tried to say clearly, so I managed to keep up with the lecture. I was so nervous to speak English, so my teacher often said "Be more confident. You need only it." We had presentations twice in the course and I was so nervous. It was my first time to make presentations in English and speak formally. Of course I made some mistakes, but I have gained confidence as I was able to give a presentation in English before students and teachers.

After school, I went to many place in Edinburgh city such as Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, Calton Hill, Scott Monument and so on. During our stay, Edinburgh International Festival was held. I recommend watching “Military Tattoo” and fringe.

To conclude, I had a wonderful time for a month and many valuable experience through this program. Although it was regretful that we often spoke Japanese with each other, I had much time to communicate with many foreigner in English than in Japan. As a result, I renewed my determination to study abroad for a year. (Moeko Iwamoto)

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I joined Edinburgh Summer Program in this summer. I was glad to hear that I could join this program because studying abroad especially in the UK was one of my dream. I was really looking forward to going there. On the other hand, there were some worries in this trip: a coup in Istanbul and confusion by Brexit. We were going to transfer at Ataturk International Airport that coup was caused. And I worried about how the UK’s withdrawal from EU had affected people in Europe.

To begin from the conclusion, that ended up being a groundless fear. We could transfer smoothly at the airport and there was less confusion than I thought. And Brexit didn’t influence the life of people in the UK excessively. We learned not only English but the structure of the UK, the industries and culture of Scotland, the way of the presentation and Brexit. I think I was lucky because I could heard real voices of British people in such a historic occurrence.

I enjoyed my homestay in this program. My host family were host parents and 2 & 5-years-old their children and Russian and Swiss students stayed at this home like me. My home was always lively so I always enjoyed at home. I also enjoyed sightseeing in Scotland. In August, Edinburgh International Festival was held in Edinburgh for a month. A lot of people came there in this term. The most impressive memory is Military Tattoo. It was an amazing event that many armed forces parade in Edinburgh Castle. I recommend to watch it when you stay in Edinburgh. Edinburgh has a lot of sightseeing spots so I didn’t feel bored in this stay.

I could have precious days in this program. This summer will become the lifetime memory. (Mio Sasaki)

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I had wonderful experience through this summer program. In Edinburgh, there are many beautiful buildings. They are made of stone and you seldom see such a building in Japan. I remember that I was moved by these structures when I arrived in Edinburgh and I enjoyed seeing them on my way to school. As for study, I had many opportunities to speak English. In class, my teacher Amy and Jane gave us chances to answer their questions and so I often told my ideas in front of my classmates. I had a lot of homework and I learned a lot. For instance, I studied academic words, British culture, Brexit, and international cooperation. I also learned how to say my ideas in English, how to read and give an explanation of economic graphs, and how to do a presentation. I made two different types of presentations, poster presentation and PowerPoint presentation. When I did poster presentation, I could spend little time preparing for that. When I made PowerPoint presentation, however, I perfectly prepared for that thanks to my partner. We interviewed more than twenty people in Edinburgh and found out even young people had their own opinions for social issues. In August, many people come to Edinburgh to go to festival called fringe. I watched comedy, dance, music, magic and so on. On the third Sunday, I went to see comedy shows all the day. It was fun, but people on the stage spoke English so fast and it was hard for me to totally understand what they said. I was motivated to study English though. On the last day of fringe, I saw fireworks with my classmates. Four hundreds of thousands of fireworks were launched and I had a great time. (Keito Morii)

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I went to Edinburgh in this summer vacation. This trip is my first trip to go abroad. I was always surprised by the experience I had in Scotland. Firstly, I cannot talk with host family and teacher in English. I felt inferior to other students, because was not able to speak and listen to English better than them. However, my teacher say to me that you are the most positive student, and you always keep to smile. This words encouraged me, so I decided to worry about others and learn how to communicate in English hardly. I enjoy going to school and going sightseeing around school everyday. This photo is the road near Edinburgh university, and it is my favorite photo.

I could not communicate with my host family, but she was very kind of me to talk to me slowly and clearly. She makes me delicious foods every day and she is good at cooking. She attended to me as if I was her grandchildren. When I took her leave, I missed her. However, I made a new friend who comes from Korea. She lived with me in Edinburgh. We ate out and went shopping together, and it is a lot of fun. We made the promise which I meet her again in Korea next spring. I am looking forward to seeing her. This is my host mother.

When I arrived at Edinburgh, I had many uneasy feeling. However, this city is my favorite place. I learned a lot of things I cannot do in Japan and broadened my thought through this stay. I appreciate everyone I met during this stay. I enjoyed learning English, economics and cultures because of their kindness. I found that my English isn't good enough at all and I have to continue learning it harder than before. I want to come here again when my English is more improved the bonds of friendships I got through this stay are precious for me. I had a great time in Edinburgh. This is my favorite place in Edinburgh. (Mayu Yamamoto)

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I think that this program was so good experience for me. I think that I couldn't be able to speak English well, but I could be able to speak English without resistance. This is the biggest progress for me. I noticed that grammar is not so serious problem. It is important to try to speak English.

First, I would like to talk about the class. The class was so fun because teachers were so kind for us. We could learn economics. For example, we learned about Scottish economy and BRICs and fair trade. And, we also learned and discussed about other difficult topics. But, teachers taught us with using easy English and pictures and playing games. So, we could enjoy study. And, I think it was the best thing that we could learn pronunciation because learning pronunciation is difficult in Japan. In addition to this, teachers cared about us. We had an interview with a teacher in once a week. Therefore, we could tell a teacher about our worries and problems. Therefore, we studied free from anxiety.

Second, I went to many famous places. For example, Holly rood palace, Carton Hill, Edinburgh castle. There are also beautiful place. In addition to this, we watched Military Tattoo. This ticket was a little expensive. But, this show was so wonderful. So, I recommend to watch this. We could take a picture with soldiers.

Next, I would like to talk about home stay. My host family was very kind. They let me to take a shower and drink some juice and watch TV when I want to do these things. So, I could spend times in their home very comfortable. And, dinner was so delicious. I always looked forward to eat dinner in home.

I am very satisfied with this program. Edinburgh is a safe place. And, we could commute by bus. Edinburgh's public transport is good. So, I think that Edinburgh is a comfortable place. I want to recommend to someone Edinburgh as a place to study abroad. (Nao Yamauchi)

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My experiences on this program were totally great, because I could learn a lot of things from the economics lessons and presentations in the university of Edinburgh, daily lives with my host family, and traveling.

I studied economics in English. We studied it through lectures, discussions and presentations. At first it was difficult to express my ideas and tell my ideas correctly for teachers in English, but I learned how to express my ideas in simple words. Finally, I could tell my ideas and discuss a lot. I could use this technic in daily lives. When I talk with my host family. I talked a lot of things with my host family. We talked about my university, Japanese cultures, and differences between Japan and the UK, but I didn't know how to explain Japanese unique cultures and customs, so I replaced those difficult unique words for simple words.

It was first time for me to visit foreign country, so everything I saw in Edinburgh was very fresh to me. I also find out a lot of differences between Japan and the UK. In some aspects, I felt Japan is better than the UK, but Japan plays second fiddle to the UK in other aspects. Most of these differences are seemed to come from national temperament. I felt Japan is superior to Britain in traffic, railroad system and manufacturing industry. In fact, Japanese manufactured products were famous in the UK, and rated very highly. On the other hand, in the UK, from the point of the view of the labors working conditions are better than Japanese ones. Most of Japanese labors cannot take enough holydays, but British labors can take enough holydays. My host family told me Japanese companies overwork their employees.

Through this program I learned many things with many problems. These things lead my great improvement. This experience will be absolutely useful in the future. (R.I)

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In this summer, I joined summer school at the University of Edinburgh. I chose this course because I have never visited the U.K. This course is better than I have thought.

At school, there was a lot of opportunities to talk about the social problem with others in English. In Japan, I don't talk about social problems with others, so this is so hard for me. Also, we had two presentations. One is about Scottish financial service, and another is about childrearing. Both topics were not familiar with me, but we researched about very well. We had a sense of achievement. Through this class, I feel I became better at talking.

At my home, I mainly enjoyed movies with my host mother. My host family was one old woman and her cat "Brodie." They were very kind to me. She loves movies. The most memorable movie which I watched was "The book thief." Its story was about a girl during WW II. As I watched it without subtitles, it was little hard for me to understand, but my host mother often explained me a lot.

After school, I usually enjoy sightseeing. In particular, I enjoyed Military Tattoo. This is one of the biggest performance in Edinburgh festival. Many countries' military performance dance which is unique to these countries. Also, I enjoyed fringe. At fringe, many ordinary people perform on the street, and also some great group performs at theater or hall. I enjoyed 360Astars. It was a kind of circus. The distance between stage and audience was very short, so I was very exciting.

Through this summer school, I enjoyed talking with others in English. It was hard for me, but I think my speaking skill improved. This experience influence on my life. I hope I can study abroad some day. (Manami Kobayashi)

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At first about English. I regretted that I had not studied English very much before this program. Because of it I had many troubles in lectures or at my house in Edinburgh. I could not hear English very much and speak it like what I wanted to think. For this reason, at first or second week I was very tired and lacked of my confidence about English skills. However I had not stopped speaking to many people in English every day. For example in lecture I tried to convey my opinion voluntarily and after school I made many opportunities for speaking. For this effort, I was a little accustomed with English in the letter part of the course. For instance at first when speaking I focused on grammars and words too much but after I concentrate on how to tell what I wanted to say and I learn the way with not difficult words but easy. Moreover I found my listening skill raise. For these ways I made good progress. And owing to this program I realized that it was more important to make more opportunities for speaking to native people than to learn English by myself, so now I try to communicate with foreigners.

And about Edinburgh. During my stay I visited many places including in London or Glasgow. I enjoyed everywhere but especially in Edinburgh I felt its unique history, culture. I think the reason I felt so was from residents. Actually people in Edinburgh were quite proud of their history and cultures and tried to continue them. It was very surprised for me because I had not seen such as people before. Today there is a problem whether Scotland is independent from the UK but many of them who wanted to leave was from culture or history. Now I aim to be a political officer in Yokohama, but like them I think I should have such thoughts to Yokohama as a person to aim for it. (Ken Kitagawa)



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I attended to the summer program at University of Edinburgh from August 8th to September 2nd. I have two reasons why I thought about participating in this program. Firstly, I wanted to have confidence in my English ability. Enjoying talking with other people is one of my special skills. I thought that if I could do it in English, my future range would also expand. Secondly, I wanted to go to Europe. I'd never been to European country, this was the first visit. So this program met my wishes.

What I thought the best in this program was homestay. I stayed at Ms. Margaret's house. My host family and host friend were friendly and kind. Cooking of my host father was everyday great. And I enjoyed talking with my host mother. She often gave me advices about how to improve my English skills. They treated me like a real family. There were no stress to stay. I am really glad that I could do a homestay in that house.

I totally satisfied with this program, but the only bad thing was that the situation we can speak Japanese. I feel there are too many Japanese people. Although What I am able to use own language is good point to be relax, I wanted more talking with foreign people.

In this summer school, I could make new friend and my goal of studying English. Now, I have a little confidence in my speaking skills. In Japan, I have to learn grammar and vocabulary. And then I am going to visit another country where I never been to next year. Thanks to all the people who worked on this program. (Miyu Yajima)

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This was my first life in foreign country, so I experienced many things.

First of all, I am going to tell you about my class. I intended to behave myself with confidence in the class more than in Japan, because I thought the change of situation gave me confidence. Then, I was true to my word. I aggressively tried to speak in the class. My teacher told me weekly review, and I was said "you seem to have more confidence than ever." I am sure that the experience of foreign country makes you confident.

Second, about my host family. I had never had an opportunity talking with English native people who cannot speak Japanese. However, I can communicate with my host

family with using English, and I really enjoyed the conversations. For example, my host father told me the differences between Scotland and England. He thinks that Scottish people is kinder than English and Edinburgh is smaller city than London but it means safe. Of course, I told him how safe Japan is. At that time, I felt that each person takes pride in his mother country, I am also proud of my home country, Japan. So I have decided to work for Japan in the future.

Finally, I would like to write about nationality. This program assigned survey to me. I had to ask 20 people about tourism. When I talked with European people, though I couldn't always understand what they said but they all gave me polite answers. Every European people I asked like Scottish, English, Polish, Swiss and German behaved with kindness. However, I was disappointed with Chinese and Korean. In particular, elder people tended to be unkind for me, but young Chinese people who studied in the same university did not.

I found my potential and some international problems in this program. I want to solve these problems with using my English skill for the future. (Yuto Soeda)

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I learned a lot of things through the short-stay in Edinburgh. Through the English class in Edinburgh University, I studied how to make a good pronunciation and academic words and had a lot of opportunities to think about economic problem which happened in the world. At the end of this program, we made a presentation using these knowledge and skill. Thanks to this program, I won't be hesitate to speak in public. We had a lot of practice of speaking English in a loud. It was very helpful to improve our speaking skill.

In a holiday and after school, we could enjoy Scottish culture. During August, there was Edinburgh Festival Fringe so I could see a lot of performance, for instance Scottish symphony orchestra, military tattoo and fireworks. I especially moved on the military tattoo. I had never seen such a magnificent performance. We could enjoy music of all over the countries and big fireworks above the Edinburgh castle. We could also try Scottish dance, it was very fun. I tried a lot of traditional food. I liked Haggis and Fish & chips. The UK is famous for bad-tasting meal, but I didn't feel like that. I found Scottish eat potato as a staple food so often as if Japanese eat rice.

I met nice host family in Edinburgh. I spent great time with a kind couple and a cute dog. They are very interested in Japan. I was a fourth Japanese exchange student they accepted. They taught me a lot of things and sometimes talked about Scottish economy and culture each other. They treated me like a real child so I could relax and enjoy my trip sincerely. I very thank them. I'm keeping them in touch after I went back to Japan.(Hinako Chiba)

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I enjoyed this summer school. I have some reasons. Firstly, I reckon that my English speaking and listening skills were improved. In University of Edinburgh, I joined the English class and I could do active learning. In this class, I could speak English with my friends positively because my teacher talked with us friendly and asked some questions. Then, my teacher's explain was understandable and interesting to me. In addition to this, I came to be able to have a confidence in my English presentation thanks to my poster presentation and final presentation in this course. This is because I practiced to do a good presentation with my partner very hard. I thought that all

students practiced and we could get speaking skills in front of people and making good materials. Secondly, I could learn some economical topics and vocabularies in English and Scotland cultures such as industries, EU and difficult pronunciations. Furthermore, I was interested in going many sightseeing spots. Above all, I think palace near University of Edinburgh was most impressed to me because there are beautiful six rooms in palace. I feel it is so luxurious. As well as this, I felt Royal Botanic Garden was very beautiful and I went there because there were my house near this spot. And I went to London and saw a lot of famous buildings weekends when I didn't have classes. And I ate "ramen" in famous Japanese food store "Wagamama" but it wasn't good. Finally, I was glad that my host family was kind very much and my host mother cooked many kinds of food and it taste good. My host family told me many favorite Scottish store and culture. Then, I discussed Japanese culture, food and life etc. My experience was more exciting to me than I expected. I was satisfied in Scottish life!! (Rina Ohkoshi)

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In August 2016, I have been to Edinburgh University to study English and economic. And I did homestay for using English on a daily basis. As I expected, we had to use English only in our all class and our home. In this essay, I intend to talk about my experience of classes and home stay.

Firstly, I talk about our classes. We had 13 classes per week and studied about economic, communication skill, Scottish culture and academic writing skill. Also we had prepared for final presentation thorough this summer school. In this project, I learned how to describe the graph and chart and write academic writing. For example, I became to be able to use some technical terms like "reach a plateau", "plunge" for describing the graph and some linkers like "although", "in addition" properly in academic essay.

Secondly, I talk about my homestay. We had to live a whole month with host family. So it is important for us to get along with their host family. Fortunately, I could get along with my host family. So I have a lot of opportunities to chat with my host family. We talk about various topic, what I studied at university, Olympic, TVquiz and so on. I could learn a lot of information from talking with my host family. For example, I learned Scottish values, their customs and their belief. So I could understand deference of culture between Japan and Scotland.

Finally, I talk about my conclusion of this summer school. I could get some important experience through this project. I realized that English is really useful in communicating with foreign people. But, I realized that I did not have ability to express my opinion and feeling. So I get much motivation to study English. And someday, I want to go Scotland and meet my host family again.(Yuuki Miyake)