

Applied Economics Intensive 2018: University of Edinburgh

Arata Uzawa

In this essay, I will write about the economics lessons from the short-term course in Edinburgh university. In the first week, contrary to my expectation, I learned about academic English expressions through using a text book or reading some English Articles which are written about the Scottish economic, society, and industry, as I had expected to learn about economics what I study in YNU in English. It is like English class rather than economics class. But thanks to the class, the number of academic vocabularies increased. Not only academic expression, I learned about communicating expressions. The biggest change for me is a way of responses to someone's asking; answering with a sentence, not just one or two words.

Contents of the course become more economics and difficult in week 2&3. We discussed Fair Trade and the current situation of the world economic, which contents are really complicated and difficult to understand. We also did some role plays of job interview and sales promotion. Job interview is interesting activities that I was able to know what job interview in English is like.

In the middle of course, we did poster presentation, which subject relate to the Scottish economy. I presented with my partner about the Scottish finance. It was a vague subject, so we need to cooperate together what to talk about how to construct our poster.

The final event of the curriculum was "Final presentation", which we chose an economic topic, searched about it. The toughest thing was survey. Though I had did street-survey when I was high school student in Australia, the topic this time was complicated one, so it took time to collect answer. However, I believe the experience must developed my English skill and confidence.

I could have opportunity to speak English every day, and now I know more vocabularies and knowledge of the Scottish and world economy than before attending the program. I believe it is really worthful four weeks in my collage life.



Yuki Yamazaki

I will write about the research project lessons. The topic of my presentation is that how much money people spend supporting football team.

First, we had to collect a lot of information, so we interviewed 20 people at shops, roads, or parks. It was too fast for me to hear perfectly what people said. In order not to hear again to them, we had them write down their answers on paper. Almost all people were so kind that they answered even difficult questions, for example about money.

Second, what we had to do was to organize information which we collected from people in the town. For instance, we interviewed that how much they spend on merchandise and got their answer. As their answer, we organized them by numbers. After that, we could say some things. For example, 60% of them have been to football stadiums and 65% of them spend more than £ 40 when they go to stadiums to watch football games.

Finally, what we would do was just doing presentation. Of course we had to speak in English when we did presentation. The teacher told us that we should not mind mistakes, especially about grammar or words, and we should talk with some intonation well. I thought this was so difficult for Japanese because Japanese language is flat. Actually, I could not do that at first. However, after I practiced many times, I could make intonations a little. When we did the final presentation, I could speak without feeling nervous and with some intonations.

Through the research project lessons, I could learn not only about the research topic, but also what I have to take care when I do presentation in English. It is difficult

to learn the latter thing in Japan because characters of these English are completely different. I think this teaching will be useful for me in the future.





Mone Orikuki

Through my homestay experience, I've learned lots of things. I've divided my essay in three parts.

First, I'd like to write about how difficult it is to communicate in only English. My host family always tried me to talk. While the dinner time, mostly we ate together. And this time is a communication time. Host daughter talked what happened in her school on that day to her mother. This is the main communication time for them. My host mother likely asked me "How was your school today?" It was difficult for me to tell what happened and what I thought. She asked me every day, so it was difficult for me to say different apply every day. And I always thought I'd be better English speaker and tell a lot of things to my host family. This thought made me better English speaker in a month.

Second, the difference of culture. In my homestay, there were a lot of differences. For example, take off shoes, get back till 6p.m., go out after the dinner time, and don't take shower after 9p.m. Some things are special only for my host family, but to protect these rules, I paid a lot of attention. It made me hard to go back to my host family's home. Some time, I was yelled to my host mother. It is one of my memory which I don't want to remember.

Third, I've learned the most important thing. To get something while a month, it would have been better to make an aim. If I had decided my aim and went to Edinburgh, it would be easier to act. However, I've decided anything so I was at a loss what to do. Make an aim, and it would help my better homestay.





Tachi Matsuo

The research project which I did at Edinburgh University was very profitable and beneficial experience for me. I did that with Shuya Shirakuma. Our topic of the research was “How fantastic Scotch whisky is”. We wanted to know about Scotch Whiskey more deeply as an indispensable product for UK export industry. At first we started to ask questionnaire to people in the street near the university with Lucia’s help (she was a mentor of us in Edinburgh University). We asked many questions like “what is your favorite one?” “How often do you drink Whisky and where?” “How you drink it?” and so on. But our main question was “In your opinion, what percentage of Scotch whiskey which produced per year are exported?” We wanted to know how much people know about Scotch Whisky Economy. Most People did answer the question that under 50% despite the fact that over 70% of Scotch Whiskey are exported. Preparation was bit heavy for us while going to pubs every day for a Research but we did. The day of presentation I was so nervous and I forgot what I really wanted to say. We managed to finish and we thought we did our best. Other groups’ presentations were also great. My favorite was Lee and Yuma’s one about “Liquors in Scotland”. The reason was not only their topic was similar to us but also their polished presentation style. I learned a lot from them. Through I did the research project, I learned how to do research efficiently and make English presentation better. Thanks to teachers help, I got the skill of writing with correct grammar and critical thinking. Experience which I did my best to make our research project great was unforgettable and again profitable. I’ll never forget that.



Miu Honda

I think Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. I like the calm atmosphere and historical brick buildings in Edinburgh. As you know, it is said that Japan is one of the most beautiful countries in the world, especially, Kyoto is popular city among foreign tourists for the historical buildings, so I felt these two cities are similar, and we can say that Edinburgh is Kyoto in Scotland. In addition, Edinburgh is capital city of Scotland and famous as sightseeing, but it is not too busy and there is little skyscraper, so people are able to live calmly and historical cityscape has been kept. I was surprised at many busses and a little car. Many local people often use the buses, actually, I have used it to go to school every day or to go somewhere afterschool during my stay. The double-decker bus is symbol of not only London, but also Edinburgh.

As I said, Edinburgh is popular city for sightseeing, which is famous for birthplace of Harry Potter. J. K. Rowling, an author of Harry Potter, was graduated from Edinburgh university and Edinburgh castle, which is a symbol of Edinburgh, is a model of Hogwarts castle, and I see many Harry Potter' goods in every souvenir shop. Moreover, Fringe, a big annual festival which is held in Edinburgh every August, was exciting. Various performers, like dancers or magicians, made audience fan in every part of the street, and some of them has the show in theaters. On the final day of Fringe, fireworks were launched. I have watched fireworks many times in Japan, but it was more dynamic than Japanese fireworks and the BGM by orchestra was fantastic, so I was so impressed.

Finally, I will mention people in Edinburgh. Many people were kind and familiar. For example, when I interviewed them for my last presentation, they accepted it pleasantly. As I mentioned above, Edinburgh is grate city, so I would like to visit there again and I will recommend it to my friends.





Ayaho Tsunematsu

In the class of Edinburgh university, I had some extracurricular lessons, such as going to National Museum of Scotland and The Scottish Parliament. Among these lesson, the most interesting lessons for me was going to National Museum.

Before we went to the museum, we received the instruction about it. It has six sections, Beginnings, Early people, kingdom of the Scots, Scotland Transformed, Industry & Empire and Scotland: A Changing Nation. As its name suggests, these sections are on display chronologically, so the higher the floor, the later information come. And this museum displays various kinds of things, like nature, world culture, design, science. At first, I was surprised the size of the museum which has 7 floors and they say that “Our online database contains a selection of the 12 million objects and specimens in our collections.” So, before we went there, I decided to which section I would like to go. I chose the section about fashion because I had an interest in tartan, Scottish traditional pattern and textile.

The museum is near Paterson’s land, where I took everyday class, so we spent only about 10 minutes to get there on foot. In the exhibition of fashion, I found a interesting exhibition, which refer to the relation between Scottish traditional tartan and British modern fashion. The displayed object was the cloth which was made by Vivienne Westwood, the most famous British designer. It looked very fashionable design called ‘Pank’ style, but that pattern was traditional tartan. According to the explanation, this fashion style and bland designed by her had become popular because of her sense combining traditional pattern with advocative design.

This was a truly luxurious experience for me. I have two reasons. First, this is my first experience that I learned new information in English only. In fact, before I went to the museum, I did not know Vivienne Westwood absolutely. Thanks to the easy to understand explanation with exhibition and the work sheet prepared in my class, I did it.

Second reason will be important for me in the future. It is that I saw the historical objects directly in the country where the objects were created. Now I would like to meet many historical goods.



Mikitoshi Kamijo

I talk about Ceili which wins remain in my memory even now in particular while I experienced it in Scotland. At first in summary , the event that can't readily experience it in Japan was far beyond our imagination and so exciting.

Ceili is one of the traditional dances of Scotland and events are held now in each place and are popular among Scottish many people. Mainly Ceili form a team such as duo, quartette and so on during something like social dancing to say in Japan. And participants dance to the cheerful music that an accordion and the bagpipe play.

In this essay, I will write about two things that particularly I'm moved in such an event. The first is splendor of the music that the instrument was played. It was live music that the music was on that day. The sound of the bagpipe which spread through rooms and the right rhythm that the accordion played lifted me up as I spend time to join Ceili. The second is the mysterious magic that Ceili brings about. As above we have to make a group when we joined Ceili, but in many cases we have to with strangers that we meet firstly on that day. However we can enjoy it together and smile, as the time that we dance passed unconsciously.

Besides, it is beyond the language barrier. In other words it may be said that is good communication without languages; is right a magic. In my case I was upsetted by beautiful foreigners at the start, but while I danced, such a feeling passed away and really enjoyed time and I absorbed in it purely. In addition, we Japanese students were connected with more strong ties. After all the studying in Edinburgh that was able to have so valuable experiences was fantastic.



Kota Nakabayashi

During my stay in Edinburgh, I could see a lot of different styles of culture and society. It was really interesting and also gave me some guideline that how to interact with people in the world in the near future. Therefore, in this essay, I want to focus on what I learned from Scottish culture and society.

To say about the culture, it was nostalgic and exotic. There are many kinds of old buildings in Edinburgh such as cathedral and castle. Although these were built over than 500 years ago, many people visit there even in the modern society. This scene was really new to me, because in Japan, there aren't such buildings which exists longer than them. I think this is a mixture of era. I could feel respect from natives to their ancestors and their achievements. I think we, Japanese also should respect our ancestors' achievements and express gratitude for today's convenience and peace.

What I noticed about Scottish society is that they are very friendly, thoughtful and polite. When we stayed at Edinburgh, some international festivals were held, so there were many foreigners not only from Japan but also from all over the world. We often got lost because we're strangers, but in each time native people kindly speak to us and take to destination. I really surprised and thanked about it. Also, Scottish people often say "thank you" or "cheers". I think it is very important to live together comfortably.

In this way, at the time I left Japan and touched a different culture, I could reflect my behavior and thought over my shortcomings. In conclusion, I strongly recommend everyone to go abroad in order to know well about our culture and yourself, and also make good friends! It will must be a good opportunity!

Oya Takuto

I attend Applied Economic Intensive at University of Edinburgh from August 5th to September 1st. This was the first time for me to study abroad and do a homestay. I felt nervous before I go to Edinburgh, but I could have great experiences.

In this essay, I'd like to write about my memories of my homestay. My host father was John and my host mother was Linda. They were very kind to me and full of humor. There were also students from Czech Republic. She was very cheerful and talkative. I enjoyed talking with them over dinner. They taught me recommended restaurants and sightseeing spots. They liked political and economic discussions, so they also taught me about them. In particular, the topic of Brexit and Scotland's independence from U.K. was very interesting. They also took me to various places to by car. I enjoyed going to Japanese garden and seeing J.K Rowling's house, the author of Harry Potter, from the outside. Especially, the seaside in Scotland was very impressive because the atmosphere of the sea was different from that of Japan.

Not only the host family, but also their house was wonderful. The room was large and clean. There was a television in the room, and I could also enjoy the Scottish TV program.

Thanks to my kind host family, I was able to enjoy my homestay life. I want to go to Edinburgh again someday and see them.



Ryoya Hayabuchi

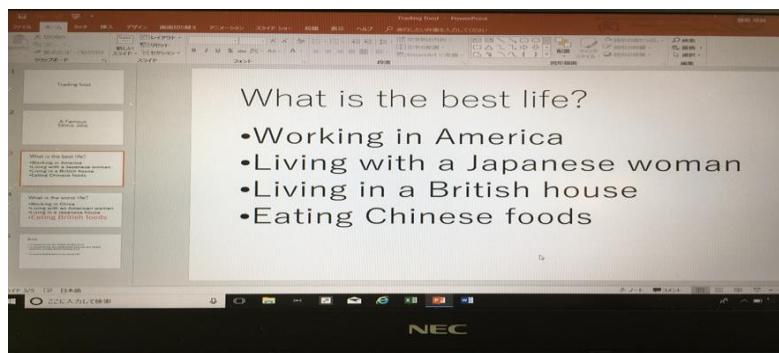
In this program, we had to make two presentations. The first one was the poster presentation, the other one was the final presentation.

The poster presentation was something like an intermediate announcement. We paired with someone and made a presentation in pairs. My partner was one of my good friends and we cooperated with each other and made our poster and presentation. Even though I shared the work to do with my partner and proceeded with the project, the project did not go as well as we expected. We were not good at English and it was late to start the project. These are the reasons why the project did not go as well as we expected. But finally we could make the presentation without a big mistake.

The final presentation was the final task and goal of this program. We paired with other person and made a presentation in pairs again. My partner is more skillful than me at English and dependable, but I had never talked with my partner before. I was worried whether I could talk with my partner firmly. My partner proceeded with the project alone. I was always concerned that I couldn't help my partner and I did my best to help my partner. I do not know if that is the reason, we were able to finish the assignment successfully.

Before this research project, when I made reports and presentations something, I had only used the Internet. However, in this project, I interviewed strangers and host families in English. As for me who is not good at English, it was a very difficult thing, but it was also interesting. In addition, It was a good opportunity to speak English.

I think that I was really glad to participate in this program.



Kota Ochiai

Scotland is so an attractive country. Although, I stayed in Scotland for only a month, I could feel a strong attraction to the view of the city, enjoyed sightseeing in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Highland and I really enjoyed the life in Edinburgh. Therefore, this summer was very satisfying.

First of all, What I like most about Scotland is the amazing townscape. Scotland is something that has a lot of history. The buildings in Scotland were made of brick and I was impressed by historical architecture. I had fun with just taking a walk. Museum, art museum and science museum were also so fascinating. I think that you never get tired of this town.

Secondly, Scotland also has magnificent nature landscape. I was deeply moved by the view of Highland. Highland is very beautiful place rich in nature. We climbed the high mountain, took a rest in grass field, saw waterfalls and took a lot of picture. That made me feel better and became a really good memory for me.

Next, I felt that the life in Edinburgh was so comfortable. I could enjoy staying in Scotland detached from the anxiety of crime because Scotland was so safe place to visit. In addition, the people in Scotland are very kind, so I think that if you have some trouble, people must help you. Moreover, Scotland has good food and is easy to reach by public transportation.

Finally, fringe festival was very impressive. Many performer and visitor come from all over the world, and their performances were so incredible such as the magic show, acrobatics, talk show, dance show and so on. We can enjoy it every day during our summer school. Please try to go to those place.

In conclusion, Scotland is so fascinating country and comfortable to stay. I think you must enjoy staying in Scotland. I highly recommend you to join this summer program.





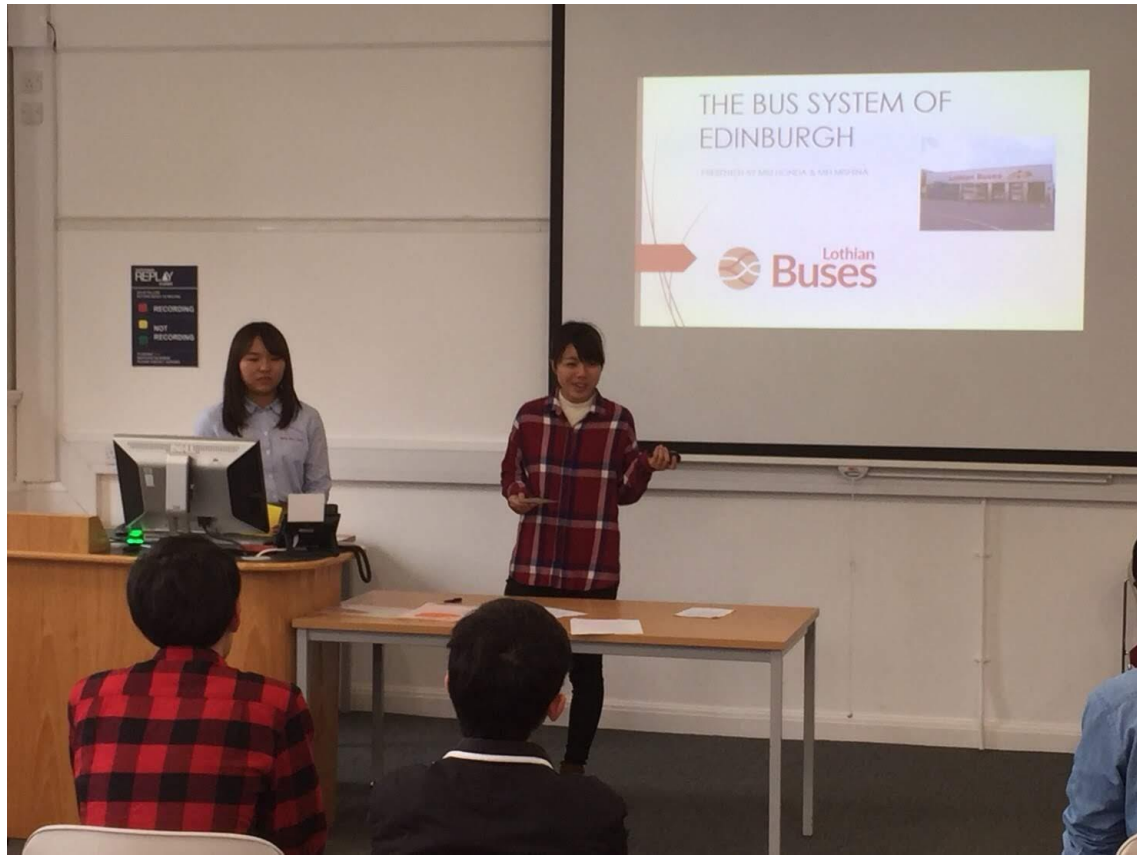
Mei Mishina

I applied this course because I wanted to know what studying abroad was like. It was one of my aims during my university life. Through this experience, I realized the difficulty of expressing my opinion and feeling fluently, the joy of communicating with other country's friends and learning economics in English.

This course was divided into three parts (the basic English ability, the culture and society lessons and the economics lessons). That is why, all classes did not relate to economics and the level of classes were not so too high. However, in the course of economics lessons, I learned how to write the academic essay and negotiate with foreign people which will hopefully be useful when I study abroad by alone or work with foreigners in the future. In addition to this, the teacher taught us about politics and economy such as about BRICS, MINT, Fair trade and asked us some our thoughts or ideas. In my opinion, they are the most advantageous lessons in this program. I had rarely read the newspaper in English before, however, after this program, I came to read and listen to the BBC world service in order to broaden my knowledge about world economy.

In the class, there were two mentors. They were so kind that every time I had some questions, they answered and advised in gracious ways. Furthermore, I impressed deeply with them when I heard about their opinions about the Scottish political situation. That is to say, even though they were almost the same age with us, they had a firm thought and I felt that I would like to follow their examples.

On the whole, I think this program will be beneficial for students who do not have the confidence in English skills.



Reina Nakayama

I can say that you will definitely come to like the city of Edinburgh. You can enjoy only walking around the city because there are a lot of lovely and historical buildings built of stone. In August, since the largest arts festival in the world is held in Edinburgh, there are many free shows on the streets, and the city is crowded. You can go anywhere in Edinburgh by bus and you can get everything at the shops on main street, so it must be very convenient for you. Furthermore, Edinburgh is a very safe place. At night, you can walk and ride a bus alone even if you are a girl. There are many places to visit but in this writing, I will write two places which I prefer.

First, I recommend you going to Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. The entrance fee is free but some kinds of flowers and plants are there. You can relax and take nice pictures. Cute squirrels are running in the park. You must take nuts, so they will come near you and eat nuts. I saw wedding held at there. If you are lucky, you may also see it.

Arthur's Seat is a famous hill in Edinburgh. It takes round 20 minutes to go to the top of the hill. You can see the whole city of Edinburgh. I strongly suggest to go there to see sunrise. It may be hard to wake up early, but you will certainly be impressed with the beautiful view from there. It is windy there, so you had better bring some clothes to avoid wind.

Compared with London, I really like Edinburgh. You may not be able to believe this, but once you go to Edinburgh, you will also feel same thing. So please visit Edinburgh on this occasion.





Asuka Hirano

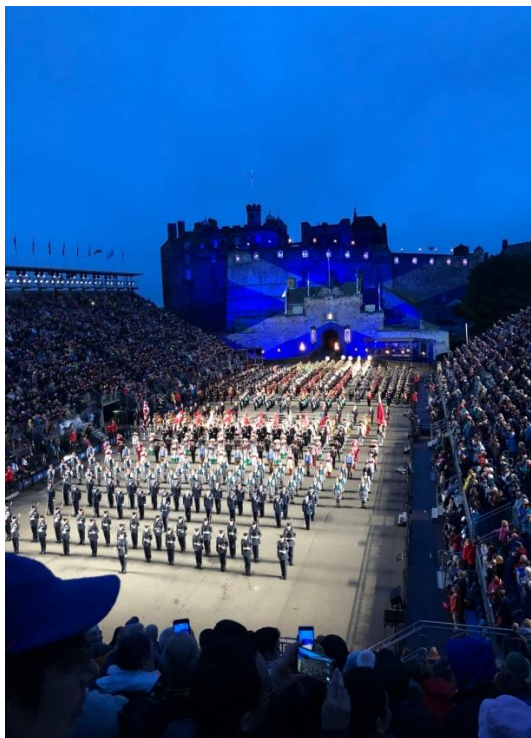
This was the first time for me to visit Edinburgh, so I didn't know about Edinburgh well. Through the advance investigation and experience in Edinburgh, however, I realized that Edinburgh is very nice place to visit for several reasons.

First, the climate of Edinburgh is very comfortable. In spite of August, the daytime temperature is around 20 degree Celsius. In Japan we sweat much in the season, but it is cool in Edinburgh.

Second, there are a lot of sightseeing spots in Edinburgh. For example, there are a number of old historical buildings such as Edinburgh Castle, Scot Monument, and Holyrood Palace. There are also nature attractions like Arthur's Seat, Carlton Hill, and Royal Botanic Garden. And, Edinburgh has two types of city, old city and new one. Both of them have different attraction. Therefore I enjoyed sightseeing all the time I was in Edinburgh. Furthermore, Edinburgh Fringe is held in August, so a serious number of shows which need no decided fee (but you should give tip) can be seen on streets. Military Tattoo is the most exciting show. It is held in front of Edinburgh Castle, and perfectly linked march is very cool and exciting.

Last, Edinburgh is easy to live. The transportation network is substantial. Because of old city, trains and subways are not enough, but there are a lot of public buses. So you can go by bus wherever you want to go. On the other hand, About meal, it is said that UK's dishes are bad, however those are not bad now. Furthermore, there are many kinds of restaurant such as Italian, Indian, Mexican, and Japanese. We can eat many kinds of delicious dishes.

Therefore Edinburgh is very attractive city to visit.



Dongwook Lee

Comprised with 4 countries, UK has its uniqueness with each country. Scotland is the one showing uniqueness to the world. It is located in the northern part of UK and it had been existed as independent kingdom before unity with the England kingdom, it keeps its unique nature and cultures.

There are lots of interesting things that represent Scottish society and culture. One of the most important things representing Scottish culture is kilt. It is famous in around the world and with the bagpipe is the stereotype for the Scottish traditional costume.

Furthermore, one of the most well-known industries is textile industry. Especially, cashmere is famous with the sheep of northern part of Scotland. And with creating a number of tartans with textiles, Scotland could make unique design on each textile.

With the fluent nature, Scotland is fit for cattle or sheep, and there are lots of lawns, it is appropriate for playing sports conducted within the fields of lawns. In result, it made golf and rugby become popular in Scotland.

For more information, with clean water and its cold climate in winter, Scotland is also famous with Scotch whisky. As like other countries located in northern latitude, Scottish alcohol industry is also well developed especially in whisky. With its water and various ingredients from its regions, it has diversified flavours in each whisky.

Converting to culture, silence is not welcomed in Western Society. So, when need to reckon something for long time or want to reject, at least making some kinds of sounds like 'Hmm...', need to excavate the silence in the conversation. Furthermore, the expressions change with the situation in the conversation are various in English. When the situation is requiring politeness, with using mind or might, it is able to express politeness to the listener.



Misaki Kobayash

I lived in Edinburgh to learn English in August. At first, I did not know Scotland at all. However, Scotland is very a fascinated region. If you want to travel abroad, I recommend Scotland from four points of view.

Firstly, Scotland has so abundant of nature. You can see so many beautiful mountains, lakes, and so on. It is sure that Japan also has beautiful nature, but I think Scotland has more brilliant nature than Japan. Especially, Isle of skye is so beautiful place.

Secondly, People in Scotland is so kind. When I was lost in Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, I asked some people how to come back to my host's house. Surprisingly, all of them taught me the way kindly and one of them said to me with a smile that ' I hope you'll come back to your house' ! I was very happy then.

Thirdly, Scotland has so many beautiful buildings. When I arrived Scotland, I thought as if I had been the world of fairy tales. The style of construction is unified so that they look so spectacle. In particular, The whole city of Edinburgh is registered as the world heritage. Therefore, I think Edinburgh is worth of visiting many times.

At last, The environment of Scotland is very good for Japanese. I think Scotland is as safe as Japan so I enjoyed the time there at ease. Moreover, Scotland have mild climate. Of course winter is so cold, but except for that season, the temperature is very good to spend time and rarely have heavy rain.

I really think Scotland is a so beautiful place. I really want to visit there one more time.



Rika Sugimoto

It was my first time to go to foreigner's house. I was so nervous. I was afraid of making myself understood in English. But my host family was very friendly and I really enjoyed the time with them. My host family consists mother, father and three lovely children. A handout I received in Japan said there are only two children, so I was surprised to hear there is one more child, too. Host father is a teacher, so he is good at telling me how to stay at their home comfortably. I got accustomed to the life in Edinburgh soon.

My first day at Edinburgh was Amelia's 7th birthday. She's the eldest daughter. This family held birthday party again and again. Breakfast party, lunch party, party with many friends, and so on. She showed me her birthday presents and we named many dolls together. She is busy because she studies hard and learns ballet. One day, after dinner, she invited me to "showtime". All the members of family (including me) received "tickets" from Amelia. The ticket says "Rika, please come to "showtime" after dinner". I was so delighted. We went to living room and watched her bullet video. She is very talkative, so I talked with her for a long time. She also likes pop music. In her room, I danced with her many times. She loves Taylor Swift and Elton John. They are my favorite one, too. In this way, I made friends with Amelia. I play with Henry (4 years old) as Pokemon character, and I always have dinner with Charles(6months). They welcomed me warmly and my life in Edinburgh was really nice thanks to them. I will send Christmas card to this wonderful family.



西川 杏樹

I experienced a lot of new things in Scotland through study abroad. I would like to talk about impressions of Scotland. I have divided into three topics. They are Edinburgh Castle, Military Tattoo, and Arthur's Seat.

First, I'll talk about Edinburgh Castle. It is in Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. When I saw it at the first time, I was very surprised because it is very big and formal. I knew about it before I went there because this castle is the model of Hogwarts, the school which appears in Harry Potter's stories. Also, I entered the castle. It was huge and separated into many parts such as the exhibition of the crown, the explanation of royal family of Scotland or history, or the prison. I was impressed with everything. In addition, the scenery from the top of the castle was very beautiful. I hope to go there again.

Next, I'll talk about Military Tattoo. It is the traditional festival during August every year in front of Edinburgh Castle. Many soldiers who play the bagpipe which is the traditional instrument in Scotland march. I was very moved. Before the festival begins, the narrator call people like "Japan!" So, I want to answer this next time I join with my friends. Also, Fringe is held on the street in Edinburgh town.

Third, I would like to talk about Arthur's Seat. The height is 251 meters. It is a little hard to climb it. One day, three of my friends and I went there to see the sunrise. So, we had to get up at 4 a.m. After that, we had the final presentation. However, the sunrise was very beautiful.

To sum up, I experienced a lot. I don't want to waste this experience. I want to go Edinburgh again and meet my host family.





白熊 柊也

I would like to tell you about Highland tour. This tour is a two-day trip. All the members took part in this tour. We could experience in a natural environment. We had a precious experience in this tour.

On the first day, we visited Loch Lomond firstly. There were a beautiful loch. This landscape is magnificent. Some people who visited Loch Lomond plunged in this loch. We saw the sight and laughed in spite of ourselves. I visited the privately owned coffee shop when we took a break. I could drink the good coffee there. Secondly, we also visited the stages of the movies. Movies are Harry Potter and Skyfall. The stages of Harry Potter are the bridge and loch. That was a very fantastic view. Thirdly, we visited Isle of Skye which we stayed. We crossed the Skye Bridge to Isle of Skye. We went to the Sligachan Bridge. There is legend that if you dip your face into the water in River Sligachan for 7 seconds, you will be blessed with the gift of eternal youth and beauty. So, I dip my face into the water with my friends. At night, we stayed hostel. We ate fish and chips. This was very fresh and tasty.

On the next day, we visited the mountain and waterfall. The view from the mountain top was spectacular. The sound of the waterfall is also very beautiful. They made me feel better. Finally, We slept in the bus because I was tired from walking so much.

It took much time to arrive at Isle of Skye which is destination. But, this tour was the wonderful memories. In Scotland, I was able to experience what I could never do in Japan.





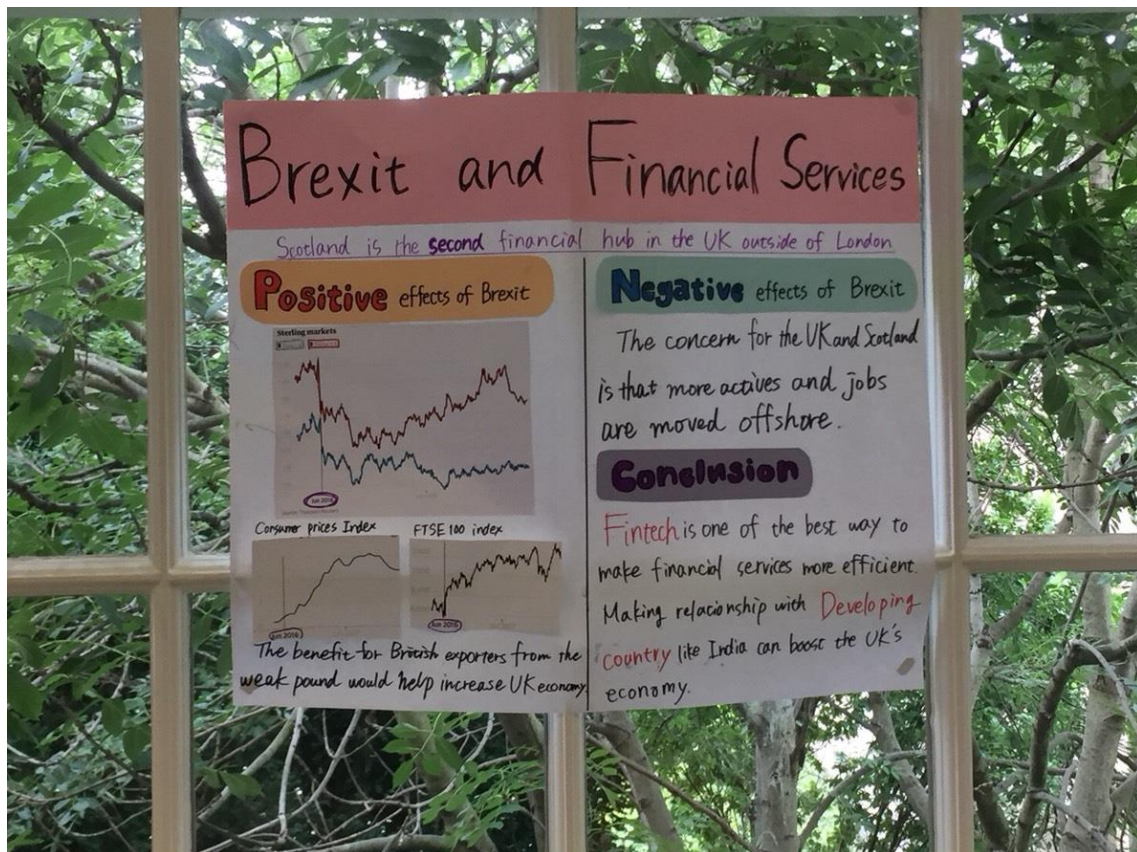
Daisuke Ishii

Today, I will write about the economics lessons at University of Edinburgh. First, I will write about what we did in the classes. Second, I will explain good point of this economics lessons.

In the class, we learned a lot of things about economics. There were Scottish economy and Japanese economy and developing countries economy. In the class, we were given a lot of times to discuss the topics, so we were able to exchange a lot of information about the topics. By means of this, everyone in my class were proactive and I also spoke up. In addition to regular class, the most exciting lessons are presentations. We had two presentations. One is poster presentation and two is final presentation. The poster presentation was first presentation. We made poster and explained the poster and answered the questions. The most difficult thing was answering the questions. We prepared a lot of information about our topics to answer the predictable questions. Final presentation was more difficult than poster presentation. We had to make the questionnaire about our topics and conveyed the survey. It was so hard.

There are many good points of this lessons. I think the most good point was the level of the class. I was not good at English but even I can keep up the class. That is because the class was level up gradually. The class started at the basics of English such as pronunciation and at last we challenged the final presentation. In addition to this, the environment was good. If there was something we just cannot understand, we can ask quickly. I asked teachers a lot of things.

In conclusion, the economics lessons at University of Edinburgh was wonderful. I got many things in the lessons. I had a good experience in Edinburgh.



Tomoya Hagiwara

Reflecting unordinary life of a month in Scotland, the Highland tour was one of the best event for me. There are two reasons why I like this tour.

First, Highland tour was unbelievable experience to feel magnificent nature of Scotland. We saw a lot of mountains and lakes through window riding on the bus, and we stop at some famous places like Glenfinnan Viaduct, Lealt Falls and so on. Glenfinnan Viaduct is a model of “Harry Potter.” I like the movie, so I was happy to see that bridge. And some time, we climbed too. They were little hard but the scenery from high places were very beautiful and impressed me. Besides that, there are a lot of animals like sheep and cow. They were very cute. I took plenty pictures of beautiful scene and those animals. Long-time move and a lot of walk exhausted me but let me feel spectacular nature.

Second, the tour was nice opportunity to deepen friendships with participant of this program. It was first weekend that Highland tour was conducted. I could not talk with all participants before this tour, so this tour was a big chance to talk all members. Through this tour we can deepen our relationships. Those members became my valuable friends. We talk a lot, took many photos and do some games at some famous spots, bus and hotel. Even now, we play with, talk at school and attend some classes with. Highland tour played an important role to improve our ties.

For those two reasons, I think the Highland tour was nice event. This tour costs little much money, but I will never regret to take part in this tour. It makes “Applied Economics intensive” jollier program. So, I recommend participants of this program to attend the Highland tour.



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I spent one month in the beautiful, historical city Edinburgh. In there, I took part in various kinds of the social events, for example Ceilidh, a Scottish social gathering at which people dance to traditional music with the sounds of bag pipes, the trip for Isle of Skye, and then Military Tattoo, one of the biggest events in Scotland. I was very impressed, with this unique event. From now on, I would like to explain the experience at Royal Military Tattoo.

Before getting down to the main topic, I would like to illustrate the basic information about Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. In this festival, a lot of international military bands including Royal Armed Forces, US Navy and also the Japanese Self- Defense Forces come to perform marching with drums, pipes and other instruments. The stand is set every year against the amazing backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. It ends with the big fireworks and fabulous illumination.

I went to Tattoo with a YNU member. Before the tattoo, the chairman called the name of the countries and response to our country. I am Japanese, so when he called “The guests where are from Japan” I shouted “yes, here!” like others did. Then, the couple from Edinburgh next to us talked to us. They said they were interested in Japanese culture. And we enjoyed talking about Japanese culture. Unfortunately, Japanese marching band didn’t perform at that time, but I really enjoyed the performances of the bands from around the world. I liked the Mexican one the best. I was impressed with that our heart can be together as one by military even though it was established for the war.

When I was having lunch with the mentor, I told him this experience. He told he has never visited it. I recommended it so strongly. He concerned about the price of the ticket. It is true that the ticket is very expensive, ours are £150 for each. Even if it is expensive, I highly recommend you visit it. I think you can make money if you get

every lunch at the supermarket near the campus.





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We participated in the Highland tour during this course. Scotland is famous for beautiful nature so that many people visit there every year. We also visited there. I understood the reason why Scotland attracts many people.

First day, we gathered early morning and got on the bus. While taking the bus, DJ Ola, who is our guide, played music. We enjoyed listening music and singing but many students could not sleep well. On our way to lake, we saw a beautiful and colorful garden, which had purple, red yellow and pink flowers. As a result, we were not bored on the bus. We arrived at a lake. Some young men jumped into the lake even though there were warning signs which said “No swimming.” Someone said “swimming is not OK in this lake but jumping is OK.” We laughed. We felt happy because of sharing the time. Their smile and character were so sunny that they gave us energy. After that we visited Harry Potter locations. The train was smaller than that we imaged, it looked like a miniature. However, it was fantastic enough to be moved. We felt like being in Harry Potter’s world. Everything went well but one problem happened. It was dinner. Most of restaurants were closed. We did best to find delicious food but we couldn’t. Finally, we bought sandwiches at a supermarket.

Second day, we climbed a mountain. It was hard but the beautiful sight made us forget it. There were big rock, grass, clean water and moss. I thought it represented highland. While we felt impressive, our guide claimed her phone was lost. We looked for it for a long time. One student called her. And then her bag rung. Her phone was in her bag. For us, the mountain was impressive for two meaning.

Highland tour was so funny and impressive that I recommend you to participate in it.

