

Report
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IARU Global Summer Program-2010

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The IARU Global Summer Program (GSP) provides me great opportunities to know about other universities education system and meet with new friends all over the world. Therefore, it's a very big chance for any partner universities' students. It was my first experience. This year we were 15 students for the course of "International Environmental Policy" at the Australian National University. I would like to give my cordial thanks to select me as a participant from the University of Tokyo.

After reach at the university campus, we stayed in a university hall. We had reception on June 28, 2010. We stayed there 1 week with all other students. It was nice that we talked with many international students during having meal with them. The University hall's food was very nice which makes me weight gain. During the weekend and holiday, we traveled some natural park, national assembly with the faculty members. After one week, we went another campus to stay 4 days there. After that we came back the main campus for a week to stay another hall. It was very nice experience in life.

The course duration was from June 29 to July 16, 2010. Though the course is called summer program but it was winter in Australia. This course focuses on the dynamic and rapidly expanding field of international environmental policy. International environmental policy has

grown rapidly and driven the concern over unprecedented and large-scale global environmental changes, including climate change, biodiversity loss, deforestation, marine degradation, and expanding trade and consumption. International environmental policy now directly and indirectly affects the behaviour and decisions of governments, corporations, NGOs, local communities, and individuals. Therefore, the course was very important for future environmental problem.

The course takes an interdisciplinary approach, drawing insights from areas including ecology, law, economics, international relations and politics. The course was well organized with experienced faculty members. They are very knowledgeable in this field. We had class and assignment regularly that we enjoyed it very much. We have done assignment in a group like 3-4 students together. We made poster presentation in particular topics. It was very interesting that we went to Australian National University costal campus for policy paper writing. I cannot believe the place which was so nice to full concentrate for the study. We did real practice to learn how to negotiate in international issues within different countries. It was really nice practice. We met with Australian aboriginal people and listened the history of their life.

It was a very nice experience in my life. It was a big professional development. I would like to encourage more opportunities for the students. We can learn many things from this type of opportunities. I would like to suggest some meeting among alumni students in future. Finally, I would like to tanks again the authority of the University of Tokyo, coordinator of GSP (UOT), and all to give me such a big chance.