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This was my first time to do a homestay and at first I was so insecure. Also I had never been to Taiwan at that time and there were lots of differences between Taiwan and Japan. Taiwan was a wonderful place and I think it was a really good experience. There are main two things that I learned through participating ASEP.



The first thing is about what I learned from interaction. I came to realize this when we were practicing our presentation. In the main process of ASEP, there is the presentation. We used powerpoint and script to show the audience what we can learn by traveling. During we were practicing I couldn't remember my script at all, and I thought that I was pulling everyone's feet. I was so negative. At such time, I was helped by a lot of people. Teacher Alan who is the teacher of Shu-te, told me that I was doing a great job and don't have to worry about anything. My host, Joan helped me practice for a long time. Also, my host family told "JIA YOU" which means to try your best, and made me delicious Taiwan dishes. I was so encouraged by them. Although I couldn't say all my script in the competition, I think it was a good experience for me. By the end we got platinum award and I was satisfied. Through ASEP I learned that we can be positive by making friendship and by communicating with others.

The second thing I learned is the importance of English. I spent most of the time using English. Though I had many English classes in Japan, I didn't really have a chance to communicate in English like this time. First, I was very nervous and tried not to make mistakes like, grammar and pronunciation. However, by the end, I was able to speak English without worrying about those. I learned that it was more important to try to express my feelings than to get nervous about getting mistakes. Also I was so surprised that we got close to each other in such a short time. It was a very precious memory and I am looking forward to meeting people whom I met in Taiwan soon!