

Understanding our nature through culture

----My final report

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Part 1 What I have experienced

Fortunately, during this semester, I participated in two field trips. In the first half of the semester, my classmates and I independently designed questionnaires, developed research plans, and finally distributed questionnaires in Kamakura to collect people's views on “microplastic contamination”. Based on the results of these surveys, we have come to many conclusions about “microplastic contamination” and give our own suggestions and inspirations.

In the second half of the semester, I came to Yamagata Prefecture and felt the charm of modern organic agriculture. I spent a full day at the local farmers' home, inspecting organic rice farming, personally participating in farm work, and forming a deep friendship with the locals. Furthermore, after returning to Tokyo, by summing up our experiences, we conducted the final report presentation and shared some of our views and experiences on organic agriculture with all our teachers and classmates.

Part 2 What I have learned

During this semester, I also learned a lot of things, both from the classroom and outside the classroom. In the classroom, we discussed the theme of presentation through the group discussion, and cooperated to complete the final report. In the process, I learned to work together with students from different countries. In addition, the lectures given by the visiting professors of this semester have also brought me a lot of inspiration; the agricultural situation in Yunnan, the pollution of the Fukushima nuclear power plant, and the cooperation between Vietnam and Japan in new agriculture, these topics are very novel to me, but through the lectures of visiting professors, I have learned a lot, and also develop a better understanding of these completely strange areas.

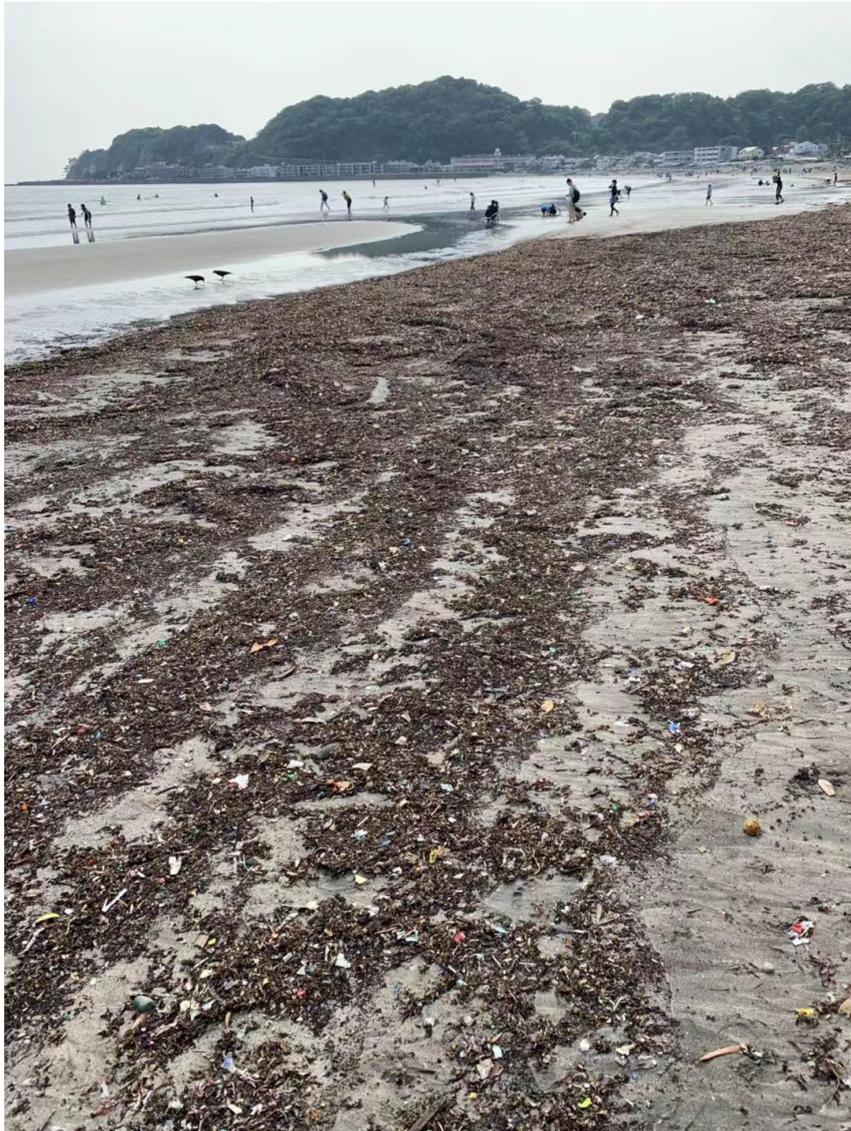
Outside the classroom, I also gained a lot. During the trip of Kamakura, I was surprised to find that the garbage on the beach was everywhere, including all kinds of plastics, food, and sand. This situation tells me that the road to environmental protection has a long way to go. In the three days and two nights of Yamagata Prefecture, I felt the charm of the rural area. Although there is no developed business and no group of tourists, the natural and beautiful scenery deeply fascinates me. Through the two field trips of this semester, I felt a more authentic Japan and a deeper understanding of the theme of “nature and the environment”.

Part 3 The people I have been gratitude for

At the end of the semester, I want to thank many of the people I met. First of all, I would like to thank Professor Yoshikawa, who has taken care of me so that I can learn more in class. Because I cannot understand Japanese, the professor would come to me at the beginning of the lecture and translate Japanese into English for my understanding. When she was in class, she were willing to discuss issues with me and paid attention to my learning process. In addition, the kind people in

Yamagata Prefecture also left a deep impression on me. Their hospitality and their caring and thoughtfulness made me moved. Finally, I would like to thank the Japanese classmates who were in the same group with me. You patiently introduced me to the situation in Japan and helped me to complete the final presentation. These actions made me moved, it is my great honor to meet all of you!

Part 4 Some photos about my unforgettable life



(the garbage in the beach)



(with my partners)



(the party in the mid-term)



(the rice field in Yamagata)



(work in the organic farm)



(family photo)