What experience had the most impact on you?

To me, I think the experience of being able to go to different corporate companies and factories had the biggest impact on me. Unlike my classmates who all have a wider experience in the working world than I do, the trip let me know how business is done and what the people inside the company think about when it comes to decisions. I think I liked the companies and factories tours the most because these are experience that you can’t get in the business world. Through these visits, I was able to broaden my horizon and learned more about production than from a book.
What were your expectations for the trip? How did your experience differ from your expectations?

The experience actually exceeded my expectations. I honestly did not expect to go through numerous eye-opening experiences like I did. I had some basic knowledge of both countries before going, so when I arrived I already prepared myself for adapting to the environment. However, what shocked me the most was I got pretty comfortable in both countries like it was home. What shocked me more, were the numerous connections that I made with locals and the group.

What were some of the biggest cultural differences you witnessed or experienced while aboard?

I noticed that in Taiwan most people knew English while in Japan majority didn’t. I thought that this could be because Taiwan is an emerging country. Since that's the case, they need to know multiple languages and resources in order to attract business with other countries. Japan, on the other hand, is already a developed country. From this, they do not have to learn numerous languages because if someone wants to do business in Japan, they would learn Japanese or hire a translator.

What surprised you the most about your time abroad?

I honestly have to say the part that most surprised me about the trip was how close the group became. We saw how the previous group had a bond and I had experience in an ambassador program before, but the bond that this group had was really different.
than my last trip. Our group's bond is something that's indescribable. A person will only understand if he goes abroad with his group and experience this. All I can say is that I'm really thankful for the close bond in the group.

Has this experience changed or had an impact on you? If yes please explain how.

I definitely changed. Honestly, I did not expect I'll have such an impact, since it's my second time abroad in a group. The experience made me more bold to approach others and start a conversation. I have to say, I'm very, very, thankful for this trip because I've been able to become more talkative. I can get talkative, but I used to have a problem approaching others because I was shy. After this trip, I really opened up and not as nervous when approaching others like during the Career Fair.

Blog, YouTube Video, or website link about your experience?

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