

1. Introduction

I am reporting about the experience in Gadjah Mada University. First of all I would like to express my gratitude to all of the people who supported me. This is my second time to spend in Indonesia. I could get more information on health and education in Indonesia.

Moreover I could spend Ramadan in Indonesia this time. This experience was very impressive for me. I would also like to report this experience.

2. Summary of activities.

Duration: 2015/06/02~2015/07/27

University: Gadjah Mada University

Activities: Interchange with Thai students and Sweden students.

Visit to Sarjid Hospital.

National Examination in Indonesia.

Ramadan.

3. The result of each activity.

1) Interchange with Thai students and Sweden student

During my stay there are other exchange students from Thailand and Sweden. I participated in some activities with them. I took a lecture on Indonesia health profile from Ms Elsi with students from Thailand. We learned that it is important to understand own country and we could compare with other countries.

With Sweden students we went to Sarjid Hospital and observed the nursing work. In my image hospitals in developing counties are not clean and not organized. However Sarjid Hospital is one of the top class hospitals in Yogyakarta. It was clean and well organized, which led to good experience for me.



2) Nursing National examination

Nursing National examination in Indonesia started in 2013. It is held twice a year. They are supposed to be held three times a year, but considering the geographic situation in this country it is difficult to hold them that often. We cannot learn about the pass rate. Only the government knows it. After Nursing National Examination started, each institution started to support the students. Now there are many Indonesian nurses who want to work in Japan. They have to pass the National Examination in Japanese. But they didn't have enough experience of National Examination. I hope they can more easily adapt the National Examination from now.

3) Ramadan

More than 80% of people are Islam in Indonesia. Ramadan, which is the biggest event in Islam, was held during my stay. For one month, from sunrise to sunset, they do fasting. Before Ramadan there are some kinds of banner hanging in front of the school entrance. I had been restless before Ramadan. Ramadan started on 18th June. One of my friends took me to the mosque and I could have good experience in the mosque. There were a lot of people praying. It was very mysterious.

My colleague invited me to the open fasting in the camps. So I tried to do fasting and succeeded. Strangely I didn't feel hungry. When I could finally eat for the first time in 12 hours, I thank for all things. I'm Buddhist. But for me the religion is something like a culture. It is sometimes difficult to understand the values of people who believe the God. But while I had been spending the time of the Ramadan in Indonesia, it was great experience for me to understand other religions and to rethink about my religion and values.



4. Conclusion

I would like to say thank you all of the people who supported me. It was great experience for me. I could learn not only the health situation but also religions and culture in Indonesia. Hopefully I could visit Indonesia again and continue to understand about Indonesia.