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## **The Proposal of** **ENVIRONMENT**

Through the discussion among youth from China, Japan and Korea, regardless of our country's different backgrounds, we acknowledged that East-Asian counties were facing environmental problems (such as pollution, global warming, yellow sand, etc), which will be serious threat to our nation.

In this respect, what we have learned from this program is the importance of;

- Dialogue - discuss environmental problems in our countries, share opinions, spread ideas
- Education - promote school activities related to environmental issues (e.g. internships credits for universities)
- Cooperation - encourage cooperative action for environment among stakeholders; government, corporation and youth
- CSR - promote companies to take the social responsibilities, especially on environmental issues

In order to achieve the purposes above, we propose to establish **EYE (East-Asian Youth for Environment)**, a youth NGO which focuses on corporate watch and environmental education programme.

- EYE will make and send a report on environmental issues, give awards to environmentally successful corporations, publish environmental magazines (maybe we can introduce environmental activities in schools), and send it to educational institutions.
- EYE can be organized with various committees on environmental issues, (e.g. Global warming, water, etc) and recruitment every year (also welcomes high school students).
- EYE can cooperate with the government, such as financial support at the foundation, to promote educational programs (exchange programs), and to help recruitment (need higher advisors).

As youth is responsible for the next generation, we should be leaders setting the environmental standard for sustainable future and deliver the message to our local communities, nations and international society.

## **The Proposal of** **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Through this program, we came up with one shared vision, which is we are all East Asians. We achieved mutual understanding and discussed possible future collaborations for sustainable prosperity and peace of East Asia.

To realize the concept of East Asia, we have come up with several plans as below. We need to share our educational resources for young people to deepen their understanding of East Asia, and further develop their leadership with the promotion of higher education. It includes the sharing and expansion of scholarships and exchange programs among East Asian Countries.

With governments' support, we, as East Asian youngsters, can develop communication channels among us voluntarily, for example, using of the Internet or some new ways, which include broadcasting systems. These communication channels will be crucial for our future relationships as East Asians.

To reach our goals, our proposals are as follows;

- More scholarships are necessary. Some people cannot go study abroad due to the cost
- Make communications channel (home page, facebook, etc). To have communication later on and through these activities, we can have another action.
- High school in Korea and China don't have much time as Japanese has.
- Give opportunity to high school students for exchange program in Korea and China.
- Make TV Channel to communicate each other for youth. Good opportunity to improve the technology. Very directly report other person their situation, such as mass media.
- Domestic level: Higher education is more important to grow up youth leader. High pressure on exam needs to be lessened to achieve development of youth more effectively.
- International level: Exchange program is important. After this meeting, communication is essential.

## **The Proposal of CULTURAL EXCHANGE**

This is a suggestion from the youth of Japan, China and Korea to encourage mutual understanding. The concept of our suggestion is an ancient Chinese saying; ‘捨得’ which means we have to lose something to gain something. What we lose is our old prejudices and biases we have created. And what we gain is a peaceful and cooperative future among the three countries.

To reach our goals, our suggestions are as follows;

Firstly, enrich the education system. We should include traditional culture learning in the school curriculum. This will teach the youth their own culture and history through studies and experiences. An in depth understanding of their own culture will enable them to become associated with their own history. In addition it will ease people to share a correct version of their own culture with people from other countries.

Secondly, promote personal cultural exchanges among the youth. Moreover, more communication and conversation should be encouraged in order to strengthen ties of the three countries. For example, provide financial support for a movie project that includes crewmembers from the three countries. This movie will be about the history, culture and people that will introduce a multi angle point of view. A multi angle view of the history may become a significant solution to historical problems that are causing a lot of misunderstanding and conflict among the three nations.

The second example is to spread the idea of a student buddy program. This program will assign one local student to partner a foreign student for ones study period. Foreign students may have a chance to home stay and experience the life of the local family. In addition, the two students can exchange their knowledge of their own culture, which is more factual than what they have learnt in their textbooks. This can broaden their knowledge about a different country and also originate a feeling of affection towards the others’ nation through personal bonds.

The last example but not the least, a multi national company should be established. This company with products and employees from all three countries will offer an opportunity for people to have a further understanding of each other’s everyday life style. It will also provide the employees a place to cooperate with each other in order to achieve the same goal as a co-worker.

Our goal of creating a peaceful and cooperative future of the three countries can only be achieved if the process of losing our prejudices and biases can be carried out through the nations. We must break the barriers of prejudices that are preventing us to cooperate despite our abundant similarities. The suggestions we made may become ways to realize the similarities of the three nations. Once mutual understanding is accomplished, we believe that we will be able to gain ‘得’ a peaceful and affectionate relationship after our tiny loss ‘捨’ of our pride and biases built up through misunderstandings. We sincerely hope that our suggestions mentioned above will contribute to the mutual understanding among these three Eastern-Asian countries so that we can wholly embrace these truly remarkable cultures of our own.