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Country	Japan (Oki-Dozen High School)
Title	Trip to ASEAN countries
Objective	To experience and understand different cultures
Outline	I thought the most important thing to understand different culture is seeing them directly when I was participating in TYCA. I am interested in ASEAN countries. So I decided to go there. The goal that I set before go to ASEAN countries is understand different culture to talk with many local people. Also I wanted to try to acquire new knowledge through my trip.
Actions taken & result	I went to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam and stayed there for two weeks. The reasons why I decided to these three countries are good value for time and cost. Also I was really interested in Thailand through talking with my friend who is participated in TYCA at the time. I felt this time would be good opportunity to encounter South East Asia culture directly. I learned two things through this trip. Japan has enormous influence on South East Asia, and there are differences in features of environment, culture, and sights though the country by the other country. I thought Bangkok is influenced by Japanese culture the most. There are not only Japanese restaurants but also Japanese supermarkets, department stores, and stores of Japanese animation character. These Japanese enterprises are concentrating around Bangkok. I heard that Thai tourists visiting to Japan are increasing in recent years and I found these things are factors. Also Thai people are kind to Japanese people because Japanese enterprises are contributing to Thailand in many ways over the years. What is more, it is also developing in Cambodia and Vietnam. Regardless of neighboring countries, the background of culture and history were different. While Buddhism is spread in Thailand, there are traditional buildings influenced by French culture in Vietnam. I don`t know how foreign people are capture Japanese people in South East Asia. So I want to talk with them a lot. I have an opportunity to volunteer for foreign people such as poor children. Through do it, I want talk and understand different culture more.
Plan in the Future	**My experience** I have a plan what I'd like to do during my university life. To connect local in japan and overseas is it. This is because I had some experience that have

connection with it. I've live in foreign country for nine years. There is no special feeling for me to live in there. I was feeling that is usual. But I found that here is really exciting place for me while my father going to foreign countries. Most of the people who are living there are foreigner, conversation is English or the other language. Habit is also different. That's why overseas is exciting and Then I decided to go to high school in island. Because I found how viewpoint of "outside" is important, also I thought school life in local must be good experience. And finally I could have learned a lot of things, experienced and grew up mentally in this island. Because I had a kindness of people who live in island and I could challenge many things to face myself in nature. Island and overseas is not completely different. It is "outside" for people who grew up in Tokyo or the other area. I think more and more people should be experience, understand, learn, feel the "outside" for new choice. So I would like to create an international for Japanese students or foreign students to experience and understand an "outside" during mu university life.

International place into local education

Bringing the "Global" perspective into local area cause new things. We can understand about foreign countries but also local area where you're living. I would like to create an opportunity to think, learn and understand the foreign countries. I will create an international place to do that. To gather absolutely different people aspect of values, ideas, cultures and customs, we can understand the world. If I create these situation into local education, many more students can find value as choices in "outside". Continuing this activity, I hope local will face global and bring up possibility each other.