Japan, Country with Modern-Traditional Integrated Concept

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It's so clear that Japan is expanding an integrated concept. We could see, not only on program studies in Kyoto University-Japan, such as Asafas (Asian and African Area Studies program) and CIAS (Center of Integrated Area Studies), but also on developing of Kyoto city. It means that integrated concept in Japan (Nippon) is not just talked theoretically-intellectually but also applied factually in the developing city and daily life.

For example, Kyoto city is built by sophisticated technology facilitation, at the same time it is designed by the Japanese cultural architecture. Look at the Kyoto University building and people's houses in Shirakawamura and Miyamacho Kitamura which are equipped by modern technology but within touching the Japanese traditional nuance.

The government is also extending the environmental and community based development ,in which based on local community necessity. In that case, we had seen , when we visited to Shiga prefecture which is located of the Lake Biwa Environmental Research Institute, which is around 500 km west of Tokyo and 10 km east of Kyoto. Lake Biwa's water source is from Ibuki and Suzuka mountain ranges in the east and Hira and Mt.Hiei mountain range in the west. Lake Biwa's water could be drink directly. The water supplies through pipe line to every house hold of the peoples.

We can imagine or estimate how awareness of Japanese people for keeping cleanness and freshness of the water from the mountain till Lake Biwa without any pollution .The official of the Lake Biwa Environmental Research Institute monitoring the water from source to destination.

The government also expands its policy for developing village (Back to village program). In Kyoto province, there have been some already regency or district which successfully applied 'ecotourism development' namely; Shirakawamura and Miyamacho Kitamura. In this district, the houses have been still remaining with the Japanese traditional architecture and have equipped by the automatic tools such as toilet is just touched by fingers, sprays water and once again spray if we leave for guarantying clearness and annihilating smelt. In the houses, there is also mattress with warming body tools.

Results of Miyamacho Kitamura people products are processed, shops, run by themselves. Then, they sell their production in his district by cooperation management. Miyamacho Kitamura, by its economic structure and behavior, There has been remaining their nature resource itself which made tourists to be interested to visit. As consequences, Miyamacho Kitamura people become survive with prosperous.

Integrated concept also could be seen on 'the bicycle culture' in Kyoto. All of us know that Japanese have achieved the high technology but Japanese people not consuming and using their sophisticated and modern technology abundantly. The Japanese people have an effective and efficient principles. Inside the city the Japanese people prefer to use a bike than a car. Bike has become 'an obligation' to use in the city. Therefore, bike used not only by pupil, student but also by professor, police, official government so forth. The road rule is made to be available for bike driver.

We have seen all cities, as long our trip during in the excursion program, it seem very clean, nice and attractive and we have also been welcomed and treated excellently by professors in Kyoto University. Basically, we have a good experience and impression during our participation in the Exchange Program for East Asian Young Researchers held at Kyoto University. And we hope that, this program could be held continually once in a year. Because this program can be made as moment for exchanging knowledge, information, and experience among young researches in East Asian countries and the most important thing we could plait brotherhood and good relation among countries in the East Asian area countries.

Good Luck and Arigato Gozaimase