

## 【Campus Asia Report】 恋水諄源 Jungen KOIMIZU

Major in your home university : Biomedical Ethics and Public Policy

Period of your stay : January 2018 – February 2018

Name of the host department : Asian Institute for Bioethics and Health Law, Yonsei University

### 1. Program description

In this stay, I studied social issues on robotic surgeries and ethical issues on precision medicine with literature review and tried to compare Japanese and Korean situations. My mentor had time to discuss my idea and helped me to refine my arguments. I made presentation twice in this stay: on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> as the progress report, and on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> as the final presentation. In addition to these main studies, I had chance to visit the Department of Plastic Surgery in Severance Hospital (on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>) and to learn the actual circumstances of Korean plastic surgeons. Also, I attended informative lectures and meetings discussing Korea health system, strategic foresight of technology and society, and sustainable development. Furthermore, all of students visiting with this program including the students from Beijing University, attended Korean language lecture every evening.

### 2. Learning outcomes

This stay provides me very good circumstance for research, because it free me from daily duties which interrupt my concentration. I completed two articles in relation to the study in this stay after I came back to Japan. As the AIBHL, the department which accepted me, was timely planning to publish a new bulletin, I submitted my articles to it. Also, as an outcome of the Korean language lecture, I became able to provide oral reading of picture books in Korean to my sons, making comparison with Japanese version.

### 3. Experiences in the country you studied

I could have chance to make comparison between Japanese and Korean situation in relation to my research field and the medical systems. My mentor prepared for me the opportunities to meet the famous researchers in Korea. I greatly appreciate her coordination. Besides, the Korean language lecture was also fruitful not only for

language skill but also knowledge of Korean culture. The class was also a good place to communicate with the Chinese students. We could discuss our differences and common grounds in the culture and social systems.

#### 4. Influence on future career goals or choices

Because I am student working as medical doctor at the same time, it may be difficult to connect this experience directory connect to my career goals. I fact, I feel it will be interesting for me to work in Korea or the other foreign countries as a researcher. However, it seems nearly impossible for me to do so actually, because my MD license does not work in foreign countries. Even if I could have an occupation as a researcher, I will need to have part time jobs as a medical doctor in order to support my family. The choice of clinician researcher is my fundamental problem of which I hope to achieve a balanced solution, although it might be unrelated to this program.

#### 5. Comments

In this stay, I enjoyed the comfortable circumstances in Yonsei University where I could concentrate on my research. Though the length of the stay, just one month, was too short to achieve some academic outcomes like a peer-review journal article, I could experience fruitful discussion with Korean researchers. Here, at the end of this report, I would like to show my great appreciation for those who cooperated on the program, including Prof. So Yoon Kim, Ms. Ji Hyun Yang my mentor, Ms. Soo Kyoung Kim the Korean Campus Asia officer, the Japanese Campus Asia officers and the other colleagues.