

【Campus Asia Report】 KANG SEONGEUN

Your major in home university ; Department of Medical Humanities and Social Sciences, Graduate School, Yonsei University College of Medicine

The period of your stay : October 2019 – September 2021

The laboratory you are accepted : Department of Biomedical Ethics and Public Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka University

1. Why do you participate in the Campus Asia Program?

I was motivated by the fact that this Campus Asia program is the last chance for studying abroad not as a researcher but as a student. And the language barriers, significantly Japanese is not being a problem for me to conduct the research on social medicine and to spend my everyday life comfortably. I also believe that Osaka is an attractive place, and it's new to me. I was thus convinced that various experiences would grow me into not only a specialist but an all-round player. I'd want to be an academic connector between Korea and Japan, by extension, East Asia through DDP program in Osaka University. It's one of my goals (Figure).



Campus Asia alumni session
@Yonsei Univ., Seoul (Jananuary 2020)

2. What do you study in this program?

During the first six months, I studied the basics of medical ethics and conducted

some gemba walks through our classroom weekly seminars and symposiums on the research ethics and bioethics (Figure). I have been participating in research projects since this year. Here, I'm trying to approach two pillars from a governance perspective. One is to identify research and development, implementation, and utilization of AI in the healthcare area, and analyze the current state of the AI through a scientific literature survey called scoping review frameworks. The other is a semi-structured interview based on the results of a scoping review of AI in healthcare and its various stakeholders; patients, doctors, nurses, healthcare providers and researchers, AI developers. The first time I became interested in AI in healthcare was indeed when I participated in the AI Hospital Symposium held in Tokyo last year. Although AI was implemented and is still implementing in the clinical coalface, I thought it was necessary to investigate whether this implementation was based on true needs. Through this project, our team aim to make recommendations from the viewpoint of governance for public policy in healthcare and make the results more participatory way of publics and patients.



Lab life in Suita campus (March 2020)

3. How is the stay in the country you visiting?

I am spending every day in a meaningful way and doing well both in my life and research (Figure , ,). This is also due to the generous support and cooperation of the Campus Asia Program staffs and our Kato lab members. Thank you very much. My stay, actually it was an ongoing pandemic of COVID-19, so I had a hard time with limited experience in Osaka. This notwithstanding I do keep my “social distancing” properly, and because of the appropriate measures from the university, I am continuing to study in Osaka as usual.



Scenery of dormitory in Toyonaka campus



Nakazaki-cho, Osaka
(December 2019)



Cupnoodles Museum, Osaka
(December 2019)

4. Others or some messages for future participants

I am participating in a long-term program at present, but actually it took me about a year to prepare myself for my studies in Japan. I have made quite many contacts on the DDP program to both Campus Asia Program offices in Yonsei and Osaka universities. And my two advisors helped me a lot with my plan to study in Osaka. In fact, there's not much chance of opportunity for PhD students to major in another field, and even that in overseas. This chance, Campus Asia Program, is up to you. Please consider this program as it is a rare opportunity to grow you up, get some broader insights, and meet new colleagues. If you are okay with me, I'll listen to you anytime!