My Experience in Japan and the Lessons Learnt

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I had a great time in Japan and discovered a lot of things about Japan and the people in Japan. The first impression I had when I arrived at Narita International Airport to do custom clearance, everything was computerized and you will have to pass through several gates before you are finally cleared. That impressed me a lot because the system is tight and secured.

Another thing that impressed me and I learnt from them which I would really appreciate is that these people are time conscious and punctuality is the vital factor in Japan. I have seen people running to and fro with briefcases on the street. I was surprised and amazed to see big clocks in every part of the cities. That justifies to me what I heard about them prior to be in Japan. This is something I have never seen in back in my country. In my country time is another issue. We cannot control time but we can manage time and this something I have learnt.

The Japanese people possess all the good quality a man should possess such as respect, kindness, polite, friendly, etc. This is something I admired a lot when I was with my home stay family, in the shops during evenings, checkings at the terminals and the visited areas. This is something I have also learnt. Back in my country, we are Christians not like Japan people in which most of them are from different religions such as Hindu and Buddhism. The qualities mentioned is what Christian emphasised a lot in our doctrines and should be possessed. I was very impressed with way they portray these qualities.

Another important thing I have realised and learnt is that the people of Japan are really hard working people and are committed to their jobs. This is another thing I really admired. The time we visited the disaster sites, everything was perfect and in good conditions and it seems as if no disaster occurred. The recovery effort was so quick and 90% of the damages are fully recovered with no traces left behind. That tells me of the economic strength and their government priorities.

Finally, I have learnt and admired the government of Japan with the things that are recycled especially rubbish. These rubbish are actually not the rubbish as its name tells but they are the resources. Why, because these rubbishes are recycled into useful substance such tar used to sealed roads and make bricks. This is something I have never
seen. I was fortunate to be in the plant at Shinaghawa called Incineration Plant to witnessed and taught about the process it takes to convert rubbishes into useful substances. Its just impressed me a lot. Also I cannot dispose any rubbish into one bin like I used to do back in my country. Certain rubbish has to be disposed into its respective rubbish bin so that it can be recycled.

All in all Japan is just great I have learnt a lot about them and had a great and wonderful experience. I have a lot to preach about Japan. However, I am restricted to a page to talk about my overall experience.

This is from my experience in Japan and Thank you to read about it. I encourage you the reader to discover Japan if you have not been there before. Japan is just awesome and great indeed. A place to be and discover.

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