

Review from NEWAL Study Tour 2023

What was good?

It was truly a wonderful experience to participate in the tour. The opportunity allowed us to witness firsthand how things are done in another country and to access new and high-quality resources. Moreover, learning alongside students from OST and exchanging our own knowledge with theirs was a great aspect of the journey.



What were your highlights?

My first highlight of the tour was visiting the water sanitation plant. Although I had previously toured a similar facility in my own country, I harbored doubts about its efficacy due to hearsay. However, during the tour, I gained a newfound appreciation for our own sanitation process. While the Swiss plant showcased superior technology, it became evident that with some improvements, we could achieve comparable quality.

The second highlight was exploring Old Zurich. The charm and grandeur of the old town left a lasting impression on me. I encountered numerous breathtaking sights that I will fondly cherish in my memories.



What did you take with you from this Study Tour?

After the tour, I returned home with newfound confidence in our water sanitation process, a deeper understanding of recycling and composting, and an expanded community with whom to share my knowledge and learn from them.



Could you already use your knowledge from the Study Tour?

I have been able to apply some of the knowledge gained from the tour, with the most notable being the composting process. In fact, I've purchased salad seeds from Switzerland with the aim of producing safe and healthy food myself. I consistently collect the organic waste from my household for composting. Recently, I had the pleasure of preparing a delicious dinner using the product compost from my own efforts and the seeds from Switzerland.

Another positive change I've made is sorting my plastic and metallic waste. Inspired by the tour, I've taken steps to make my city a more pleasant place by educating my family and friends about recycling. I've located nearby plastic and metallic recycling facilities. Although my loved ones are not yet accustomed to the practice, I ensure that once a month, the sorted waste from my home is sent to the recycling center.

Lastly, I've started using the bus for transportation. Before the tour, I relied heavily on taxis to navigate the city. However, the frequent transitions from trains to buses during our tour significantly influenced my decision to embrace bus travel. I strongly believe that this shift can positively impact the carbon footprint of my country. The journey has inspired me to take action towards environmental sustainability, and I'm committed to making further positive changes in my community."



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