

## GLP Abroad Program Report 2022 Summer

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London must be a famous tourist destination, especially during summer for its relatively comfortable temperature and low humidity. But my first trip to London was not solely for sightseeing (although not excluding it). I participated in the LSE Summer School Program' course titled "Great Leaders and Pivotal Thinkers". This is an introductory level course of international relations (hereafter IR) history, focusing on important thinkers and their thoughts. To name but a few, we learned historical figures such as Adam Smith, John Locke, Karl Marx, and John Maynard Keynes. As you can guess from that short list of figures, this course is a bit tailored to international political economy, a subfield of IR studies. However, it covers other issue areas like decolonization and feminism. Daily routine was a 90 min class discussion and a 3h-long lecture. We also held one excursion session to Imperial War Museum to enjoy hands-on study of what it was like to remember two world wars and the holocaust.

Life in London was full of excitement and surprise. Everything I saw at supermarkets and department stores are totally different from what we expect in Japan. There are lots of sightseeing spots (British Museum, National Gallery, Buckingham Palace etc.). Strike on National Rail Service affected entire itinerary of the final, farewell party and my departure from London. But all in all, I enjoyed every single experience I encountered there.

Tuition fee for summer school, as well as accommodation and airplane tickets are expensive for ordinary Japanese students. Therefore, I'd like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the generous support from Tazaki foundation, without which my journey would not have materialized at this moment. Thank you very much for your support to GLP Abroad Programs. I will never forget this impressive memory of LSE summer school and vivid life in London as well!



From left: one corner from LSE buildings, Big Ben with the statue of Sir. Winston Churchill, a photoshoot with my colleagues at the farewell party (last one adopted from Facebook group for summer school students)