

- wrong format of writing

↳ Please explain the content learn in class
e.g. What is AEC? AFTA? statistic trend

- No opinions explanation were given.

↳ you gave only your "feeling" in something.

8

Pattaranat Samranvedhya

ID : 5904641585

Essay1 <June 20 afternoon> ASEAN: Origin, evolution, and economy

The first lecture of EE551 and EE561 began with 10 questions about ASEAN. I like this activity because it was not boring and it was fun to think along with the questions Ajarn prepared. I did wrong with two questions and got 8 corrects in total. I think learning through this way make me remember the correct answer fast. And everyone in a class could joined together and played with it. I would like to request this kind of the activities more in the future.

This lecture mainly talked about ASEAN and AEC. Ajarn clearly taught the difference between these two. To state, the AEC is ultimately designed to create a single market and production base within ASEAN while ASEAN is a regional intergovernmental organization for 10 countries in Southeast Asia. To talk more about ASEAN economy for example history, international trade and investment, labor and pollution and human capital.

Many information about AEC and ASEAN were something I have learnt before. Nothing new that much but could recall my memories from the past. It was a good starter for the class. What new for me were all about graphs and tables as the evidence from Economic subject. I could learn more about how the data increase or decrease from each year to each year. It made such a clear picture in my mind.

I also agree with Ajarn that Thailand labor is more expensive than in Vietnam. It is no surprise that nowadays , many investors go to invest in our neighbor countries instead. This would lead impact the Whole Thai nation in term of economic.

I was quite impressed with ASEAN song that Ajarn opened from YouTube. It was something I have never thought before, I just knew in the class that ASEAN also have a song with the old style and repeated the same words ever and ever.

I like the ASEAN Economy table that Ajarn read. It would be hard for me if I have to analyze GDP current price, real GDP growth volatility, share of debt to GDP and inflation rate on my own. To know that too low inflation rate is not good because the price stay the same and you cannot increase profit. Ajarn gave a good example of Japan situation where they are -0.6.

I agree with the population growth and age structure that Ajarn warned. Thailand is following Japan and will become aging society soon. Hence, to look at demographic is also an important things because it means we would get older labor to work. They have more limits than the younger ones. For having more expensive labor cost is bad for Thailand and now it will be even worse when time passes because the graph make it clear that Vietnam and the other neighbor countries have more younger generation than us.

I could see how important to learn about ASEAN from it because we need to prepare before the Aging time come. Like the old sentence ; He will win who, prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared.

- ⑨ - need more relevant content from what you had learned
ex SET, ACMECS.
- the opinion was detailed & valid.

Essay2 <June 21 morning> Cambodia economy

Today's lecture are all about Cambodia. A country where I have visited twice unfortunately, when the guest speaker asked how many people have been there, just only two people including me who raised our hands up.

There is one topic talked about Cambodia government tried to attract more entrepreneurs to invest in Cambodia. The guest speaker said that Cambodian government would give tax free in return but I do not totally agree with her that much since I have been to Cambodia in 2016 and the guide tour said that Cambodian government give natural resources and sell lands to entrepreneurs in cheaper price and all the money go to Samdech Hun Sen, Cambodian Prime Minister's pocket instead of National fund. I think it can be possible than what the guest speaker told us because I have heard many bad news about Samdech Hun Sen from many places and also in reality, Cambodia is a developing country, there are many poor people in all the area, it is too risky for entrepreneurs to invest in something when they know there are just a few of people who has the purchasing power such as in Siem Reap, South Korean and Chinese entrepreneurs go to invest there a lot. Some of them built a hotel and even make a smooth road for people to be more convenient to travel to their place. People who actually spend their money to the hotels and the restaurants around in fact are tourists who travel there to see Ankor. Thai entrepreneurs also invest in Poipet because it is legal to have a gambling place there, Cambodian government must get such a good profit from it. So many stories behind the back of Samdech Hun Sen and his government but the guest speaker talked only about the good side and how the relationship between these two countries so, I did not get anything new that much.

This must be the flaw of the guest speaker because she works with her own Prime Minister so, she is supposed to say nothing bad about her leader of the country. Anyway, she is such a talented one. I respect to her from the way she shows herself in front of the class.

The most interesting part of the lecture was when our fellow students asked the questions. Their questions were something I want to know either. One of them were about Cambodian laborers who came to work in Thailand like the Robin hoods, I mean they come here without working permit more than 500,000 people, that's very interesting story because I thought there are many Myanmar workers in Thailand but I have never thought that there are many Cambodian workers too.

I would be glad if the guest speaker talked more about Cambodian history, I found that Khmer Rouge and their Khmer Empire are one of the interesting topics

that we should know. Once they were a big empire, full of culture and had many important events through their histories. However, we could learn about the overall Cambodia due to the time limit we have had.

At the end of the day, this lecture was not boring like I thought. The guest speaker could speak English very well in such an easy accent to understand. I have a chance to see Cambodia national costume for the first time. Big thanks to the guest speaker who wore it.

You have an interesting opinion but
for me, your opinion is too strong.

I think she talk only a good side of
Cambodia because she is Cambodian
or "Cambodian representative." I think it's
really good though to learn what's the
good side of Cambodia. Please be open-minded.

Once you talk about FDI in Cambodia,
I agree partly with your opinion but I think
investor always do a survey before spend lots
of money to invest in something. FDI in Cambodia
might show us about the targeting group they
have. I think this is very interesting.

Have you ever heard that Cambodian
always come to Siam Paragon with luggage
that contain only "USD note" inside to buy
those designer handbags and lots of thing.
I think this reflect that Cambodia has very
huge gap of population. Moreover FDI can
reflect us in this part as well.

Still, you have an interesting opinion but
I need you not to use a strong word/opinion
because sometimes, we don't really know insider
data. I need you to be open-minded and you're
gonna get lots of knowledge & interesting experience
for this class.

Finally, I didn't grade your
essay from your thought / logic so I
won't deduct the point. I don't know who you

are so I need you to know that I
didn't write this because I bias. I just
need you to improve your wording.