

Lao PDR-Vietnam trip diary

Before the trip, I expected not much about this trip. I think it is study trip not have much activity but it is not when I went there. After the trip I gain a lot not only the knowledge but also "experience".

The first day from airport, I went at 6.30 AM. It is early for me but I went there on time. We went to Nakhon Phanom and went to Lao PDR border. This is the first time in which I cross the country by car, normally I went to border many times, including Myanmar and Cambodia but just for gambling, by walk cross the country. In this day, we have a chance to go to Savan-Seno Special Economic Zone and Royal Thai Consulate-General which is the chance that very hard to reach and it is very good experience to talk with some Leader of Lao PDR. We talk with them and know about some policy of Lao PDR. We also go to dry port in Laos which I am interested in but bad luck for us so we just sit in the car and look around. Next we went to small market which is located nearby the Khong river, the interesting point is Laos country can use THB currency which means THB is stable enough. This is the first day in which we went there but it is not end of the day since the hotel has casino which I really like to go! I spend time a lot in casino and can make profit from the hotel. This casino is the most luxury casino if I comparing with other casino that I went before.

In the second day, we went to border of Lao PDR-Vietnam and cross to Vietnam by bus. We spend a lot of time in the car and we went to Vinh Moc Tunnel which is air raid shelter for Vietnamese. It is very bad environment if you live in there but it is necessary for them. After that we went back to hotel which has a beach. This is my first time to play in the beach in the country which is not Thailand but I think it is more trash than Thailand. In this day, we did not have many activities but I am so tired because of beach or spend time in the car.

CP is one of the biggest firms in Thailand and we can see products from them everywhere including 7-11.

In the third day, we went to CP Vietnam in which I think if I go for vacation not in the name of university, I will not have a chance to go there. We saw many systems of producing shrimp and some operations of CP. In CP Vietnam industry, 90 percent of shrimp are exported to other countries including European countries and 30 percent export to Japan. We also know about the salary of CP workers which is \$300 per month with 8 hours a day. After CP meeting, we went to some famous places in Hue including Thien Mu Pagoda and Royal Tomb.

of Khak dinh king in which many tourism went there. Hue is very small city and we can walk around some area. Hue separate into new town and old town in which have river in the middle. We went to Italian food restaurant and after that is free time for us. I choose to go to hang out with my friend in Hue Sport Bar in which we spend time a lot there and change the bar. The point that i choose to tell some story about hang out is not for talk about i drunk or very fun but our relationship in the course get better. We know each others a lot and fun together. The point of drink is not for drunk but it is for the moment.

On Thursday, 11th July 2019, it is not a good day because we are going to Da Nang and have nothing to do. We are going to some department store (Mall Vincom Plaza) and look at the market of it. We find that Adidas brand produce in Vietnam but it is more expensive, in my opinion, i think it is from the name brand i the market is popular. The air condition in that department store is not good, it is the hottest department store that i ever been. There are no activity to do in this day. In the end of the day Ajarn give us some money to buy something to present after the trip. I choose to buy coffee, fan, and candy. Da Nang is such a big city which is have an airport and have many entertainment places. The river in Da Nang is very beautiful when you walk along it because of the light of the city.

In the fifth day, it is a big chance to visit SCG cement of Vietnam. SCG is very big firm in Thailand and try to have a branch in Vietnam which is successful. We gain a lot from this, they talk about strategies of them which is use the old brand and use Thai word in the product since Vietnamese trust Thai product and they love to use Thai one. In Vietnam cement industry, we can say that it is monopoly market, the big three are only 25 percent of the market. We know how they join the Vietnam market and boom in that. They talk a lot useful knowledge not only cement product but also how to live in Vietnam. We know the market mechanism in Vietnam better and improve the skill in investing. After visit SCG Vietnam, we went to Hoi An, it is the new experience to biking in Vietnam which is the most dangerous road as i went before. I have ever bike in Belgium but it is more safety than Vietnam.

In sixth day, firstly we don't have a plan yet but Ajarn change the plan to visit Bana hills which is very big hill and created by France. There are another name which is Sun world, i think it is from the city near the

sun. There are many people there including tourism or Vietnamese family. The cable of Sun world is very long which we have to spend more than twenty minute to go up. The weather in the top of Bana hills is very good. We walk around Bana hills and then we go down which use twenty minute down too. There are many interesting thing which attract tourism or Vietnamese to go there including the cable is very long and we can see the view of the hill in which have waterfall or beautiful forest and you may met some animals-i can see eagle from the cable-beautiful city view. The city in Bana hills is French style which is beautiful and have the signature one which is the hand holding the bridge. You will not have a beautiful photo from that bridge if you are not go early because there are many people want to take a photo with it. This day still not end, we are going to eat Korean Barbecue but the power of the restaurant off in 2 times. This situation mean that the management of electricity still not stable or not enough. We can invest in this term.

In the last day, we went to museum which is have some ancient things of Vietnam. We don't have much activity on this day and we went back to Bangkok.



In the end of the trip, Laos is small country which i cannot reach it much because i go there only one day but i know some policy of them. Vietnam is the new competitor of Thailand, the country is very good improvement. The impresses the most in this trip is friends and Ajarn, if i am not going with them, it will not fun like this, we have a good memory together-when we fun,we fun together,when we sleepy,we also sleepy together. In East-West economic route also the important route in the world for sure because we can transport by many type including car or airplane. The improvement are occur now and it will be the big industry in the future. I am sure that in the future, Laos and Vietnam can be same as Thai or better than Thai especially Vietnam which now be the first ranking improvement in ASEAN. Vietnam is interesting to invest in but if in the future i have to work there, i think i will not happy like working in Thailand. There still have different.

The thing that i do not like in Vietnam are food and weather. I think the food in Vietnam is not clean as Thai and the weather is too hot for me. On my point of view, Vietnam also have better in structure of city than Thailand ,for example, they put the wire under the floor. Thailand Experience occur from this trip a lot, this trip is different as other in which i go before but it is very fun. I can say that this course is the best course ever and i want to thank you to Ajarn a lot for take care of us and make us fun.