

20th June 2019 Lectures

For the first class on June 20th, at the morning session, the professor had mentioned about the details of course outlines and the details about the field trips. It was actually surprised me that there are 2 field trips that we would get to go to Chonburi as well. However, it seems to be a very short trip. I bet it is going to be fun because there are some classmates that I am familiar will be going with me as well. I feel enthusiastic by the coming activities. However, it feels like there is a loop hole in the course outline for example, I was very confused about (the deadline) when we have to submit the essay. The rest of the outlines are stated about the information that I need to know about the course in detail very well.

Talking about the afternoon class, I really like how the powerpoint slides because they are so easily to read. The first slide showing national customs of the countries in the ASEAN, which some of them I had never seen before. Also, I got to learn about the flag of each country. So, I wrote down my notes to remind me, which flags belong to which countries. Then, we moved on to what's ASEAN vs. AEC topic. In this part, it was about the time lines of ASEAN Economic Community's history so that we know what was going on in each period. There is the table concluded the events happened in ASEAN history. Then, we got to know about the Cold War details in SEA, for example, the 1st war, which is called "Indochina war", following with the 2nd Indochina war, which occurred during 1961-1975 and the 3rd one occurred in 1978-1991. During this time, CLMV countries had introduced the gradual economic reforms. Next, we talked about Bangkok Declaration in 1967, which had the goals to promote regional cooperation and ensure stability. The next topic was about the phases of Economic Integration in SEA, which was about the information of the early years, the Pre-AFTA, and the AFTA period. We got to see the graphical results of ASEAN trade shares, which were fluctuated through out year 1990-2012 and FDIs through out 1997(After Tom Yom Kung Crisis)-2013 among ASEAN countries. The next one, we talked about AEC, which were contained information about its FDIs and the goal of closing the development gaps. We also got to

learn about Extra-ASEAN FTA. For the rest of the afternoon, we had discussed about the factors through the graphical data about growth & ages, FDIS, ASEAN shares, Trades of goods, partners for exportation, opportunities and challenges, and communication, etc. For this first class, we have obtained a lot of overall information that we need to acknowledge about ASEAN, AEC, and CLMV.

21st June 2019 Lecture and Discussion Activity

There was a guest speaker from Cambodia Embassy; her name is Mrs. Ray Chanramey. She has introduced us about her background. I have felt grateful to have her speak in our morning lecture. The following event, we got to receive the information about Cambodia from Mrs. Ray, including Cambodia profile, its population(which the interesting fact is they have a lot of young age work force), GDP per Capita (of year 2015-2019, recently), international checkpoints(how people cross the borders through these checkpoints), trade volume of Cambodia worldwide, bilateral agreements done with other countries in the world through the map with the flags of those countries. I got to know that our HRH Sirindhorn has done about of good things to support Cambodia Education. She has provided scholarships and given opportunities to Cambodian students. We also learned about how labor corporation works in Cambodia. Then, we learned about the details of Bilateral Mechanisms and another interesting fact that there are a lot of Cambodian tourists, visiting Thailand that us going to their country. I have acknowledged about their 2 kinds of checkpoints, which are international checkpoints and bilateral border checkpoints. Then, we got to learn what is ACMECS. We also discussed about the ASEAN summit, which has occurred in Bangkok this year. The last one was about SEZs(Special Economic Zone).

In the afternoon, we got assigned the task to research about the topic we got. My group was doing the topic relating “Garment and Textiles Industry of Cambodia”. I am very glad we got to choose this topic because I have done some research about this topic before. Therefore, it was not to difficult for me and my teammates to discuss and present about this topic. We had consulted and assigned each group member task on their presentation. I think we have done a pretty good job on our presentation. It is also such a good opportunity to get to hear the other groups’ presentations and got to asked them questions. It helped us think and question what we have received from the presentations and processed on our own analysis to come up with questions. It has also given a chance for us to get to see how other groups worked on their information and presented what they

have known. So far, I have enjoyed the classes and I think I have had a great opportunity to know more about ASEAN and CLMV countries, which are our neighboring countries.

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