Learning Report

In this service project, Service Trip to Nepal, I have experienced a totally different life. This was a memorial journey and inspiring experience. It was not only an 8 days service trip, instead, also an invaluable chance or me to raise my enthusiasm and interest in volunteering as well as broadening my horizon. Everyday waking at 8:00 a.m., we started to prepare our own breakfast. We formed groups for conducting lessons in the school and also, washing and cleaning up the utensils with limited water. We were welcomed by children’s smile when we arrived at the classrooms. We taught students with the materials we prepared and guide them to think about the box with an interesting learning game in English. After a few hours of English lessons, the children took the initiatives to introduce their cultures and games to us. This daily routine was a great culture exchange indeed. Apart from volunteering services at school and working sites, we also engaged in discussions of various social topics, cultural activities and sharing with the local community. Different cultural activities such as language lessons, cultural sharing sessions, dancing and local families visiting were experienced which facilitated cultural exchanges.

Taking a shower with hot water or having full-day access to Wi-Fi might be things that most of us feel we cannot live without, but in this service changed this thought for good. I have learnt to live a much simpler life, one without social networks and unnecessary extras. The trip made me realize the secret to a happy life would never lie in material objects. A hug from a kid or a word of blessing from the local would come to seem more precious to us than any material object.

To my belief, what I have learnt on this trip would not be less than those of the children in Nepal. To my surprise, children in Nepal were unbelievably cheerful and happy and the adults were very friendly and welcoming despite the shortage of materialistic items. Among all the valuable experience in Nepal, doing the traditional dance with bunches of kids was the most memorable for me. Although we could barely communicate, we could still develop a friendship and bonding when we danced together on the uncultivated land. I was greatly inspired by the locals. The relationship and feeling were so pure.

Throughout the trip, I was captivated by nature, unpolluted beautiful scenery, the unforgettable lessons, as well as the unique cultures in Nepal. But what impressed me the most, was true, the children there. They taught me what was happiness. What happened in Nepal would not only stay in Nepal buy would always be part of my memories that serve as a reminder to me. When back to Hong Kong, memories from Nepal were still popping up in my mind all the time, reminding me how fortunate we were with precious learning opportunities that we all should grab them tight.