K-Water Global Internship Program (AIT Chapter)

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This year on 2014 seven students from Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) were selected for the internship program in Korea Water Resource Corporation widely known as K-Water. The students are

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Following write up is a snapshot of the 4 weeks internship program and the experience in South Korea.

23rd June: Orientation

It was a pleasant morning when we landed at the Incheon airport at around 6.00 a.m. After collecting our luggage we headed towards the exit point where a designated man was waiting for us holding k-water signboard. We were taken on a limousine which took two hours to reach to the final destination k-water academy. After reaching there we were given our room password and other necessary documents. After a short break delicious array of lunch were served where other global interns from different countries joined us. We were then taken to the head quarter for attending the orientation program. The CEO of k-water Resource Corporation and few other high officials were present at the occasion and we were given a warm welcome by all of them. Later we were allowed to see different work and processes of Head Quarter. Soon we were separated into two groups one of which was assigned to work at the academy and other was supposed to work at the head quarter. I, Thaw Thaw, Pau, Somayyeh and Shakeel was guided to separate division of k-water academy and Huy and Ajay stayed at the HQ. There all of us were received by our mentors and after a brief orientation to our designated departments we were back at the dormitory. From the next day we started our regular work in the office from 9 am. To 6 p.m. We had mainly two tasks during the 4 weeks.

- Working on own projects and self introductions
- Helping the department with their regular tasks

1st July: Hydroasia photo shoot

First of July was one event of HydroAsia. We were introduced to the program and after that a day-long video and photo shoot took place featuring all the 20 global interns. These photos and video will be used for advertising both HydroAsia and K-Water. It was really fun posing in different manner for the photo again and again and we enjoyed it thoroughly.
9th July: Water tour

On 9th July k-water organized a water tour for all the global interns. We were taken to Daechong multipurpose dam and Chongju water treatment plant. It was a rainy day but it couldn’t stop us from seeing all the water treatment process step by step which enabled us to learn more about water treatment and dam management. After visiting the plants we had lunch at a flamboyant restaurant where numerous courses of delicious Korean meal were served. Our next destination was Monnu cultural village where we made pottery and roam around the beautiful place that resembles to Korean traditional village. It was the end of a beautiful tour and after that we came back to our dormitory at around 6 p.m.

17th July: Closing and award ceremony

Our four weeks internship had come to an end on 17th July with a brief closing and award ceremony. All interns submitted their final project report on 14th July and after a careful selection three of the projects were selected for a 5 minutes presentation each. One of the students-Nguyen Huy from AIT got selected for presenting his report. I, Siffat Shabnam received award for excellent leadership. After the closing ceremony everyone were taken to have lunch outside. And thus our 4 weeks of wonderful experience came to an end.

Besides this we made many trips by ourselves on the weekends to Seoul, Busan and not to mention around Daejeon. Overall this whole experience was a prospect for all the interns to learn a new culture, new working environment, a chance to meet new people, make friends and most importantly gain professional experience in Korean atmosphere. I would like to thank both AIT and K-Water for giving us this excellent opportunity which will be beneficial for AIT in terms of promoting their image and also for the interns to improve their skill and ability for future career.

P.S. Please see the photos given below
Hydroasia introduction and photo shoot
Award giving and closing ceremony
Weekend tours