

Is there "Education Gap" in Vietnam?

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Before going to Vietnam, we thought...



And after went to Vietnam ↓ ↓ ↓

Japanese international school

A school with imported Japanese style education and systems. Which we felt were far better than Japan. The students were from the wealthier class. students were interested in Japan and were very enthusiastic to learn.



High school in Hanoi

Public high school similar to ones in Japan. One of the best school in terms of education levels and only students with good grades were able to enter. Talking with same age students, we felt the differences of the characteristics of our nations.



Childcare facility

A facility for children with defoliant diseases with a hospital. The facility was not the best, but education for individuals were arranged. Also, we felt the lack of staff. They looked mentally stressed and busy.



Elementary school in rural area

A school which was new and clean in a village in the suburbs of Hanoi. The villagers were living a good life. Also the curriculum seemed to have no problems. The students all had a clear dream to chase and were very eager to learn.



Before going we thought that we could learn everything about the problems in Vietnam, but afterwards, 4 days seemed too short to handle such a large theme.

Happiness differs between person to person. It is not right to consider them as poor when us Japanese don't know about their lives.

They certainly didn't have much money. But having money was a Japanese point of view. They knew that something was much more important than money.

It's impossible to learn everything in **only 4 days.**

We can't **decide** whether they are happy or not.

Even if we think about what we can do, we can't afford economical support. As high school students we don't have any power to support them.

The local people looked **happy and satisfied.**

There are few things that we can do **as high school students.**

The range of schools where we went was confined within a limit. We couldn't go to places where we wanted like the poorest areas since it was a school trip.

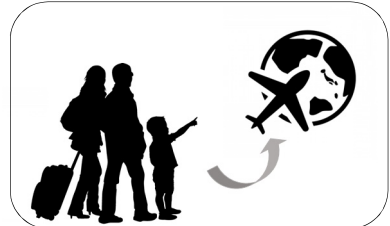
We had **no choice** where to go and what to do.



We thought that Vietnamese needed help. But after we saw their smile and lifestyles, we reconsidered if they need help or not.

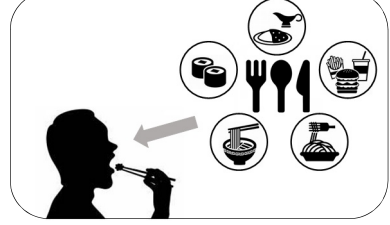
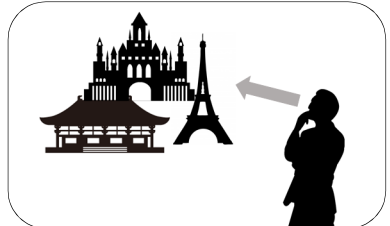
It's **wrong to say** "we have to save them."

What can we do??



What we can do is first to **Know** and to **Experience** the reality in various places as individuals.

- Travel** around the world,
- Eat** local foods,
- See** many kinds of cultures, and
- Talk** with the local people.



Only after that will we come to know what we can do. Furthermore, since our trip was not enough we need to Act in order to know deeply as individuals in the future.

