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#### **Efficient Working Environments**

#### 1. Motivation behind Research Paper

The school I want to go to after I graduate from high school has many foreign students. I want to talk with them and I also want to go abroad. I want to understand them more and accept their opinions that may be different from that of mine. I want to keep communicating with them, so I chose the global group "the power is produced by global". At first, I didn't have any topic which interested me. Then I watched a video about the poverty problem. I learned that some people work for low salaries. After these classes, I thought that I wanted to understand many different cultures, for example, thinking about how people spend time. Those are my motivations to do the research.

# 2. Introduction

We want to create an environment where foreign workers can work comfortably in Japan and we accept that there are cultural differences between Japan and other countries. First, in Japan, people use chopsticks when they eat something but in other countries such as in India, people use their hands when they eat something. Things like eating habits are what make up different cultures. When people travel around the world and experience different cultures, culture shock occurs because we experience something we might not understand. For example, in Japan, water is supplied for people freely but in Singapore, drinking water is costly. Also, if we throw out trash, we have to pay money. I think the reason we can't accept foreign cultures is because we don't experience them in daily life.

I found out that inhabiting and seeing something and experiencing a change in cultures makes us more aware of our environment.

#### 3. Results and Analysis

We seek what the most important point is that can help foreign workers work easily. We had an interview with foreign employees. We asked them about any troubles that they experienced, any environments that needed to be improved, and the way they learn Japanese. Firstly, the employees said, "I can't think of anything that needs to be improved, and one positive thing is that women have more chances to work easily." However, she appreciated the company paying for learning Japanese. We found an application called "Musubi connect." It teaches people Japanese culture by watching movies, weather and so on. We want to tell many people about this application but it's only for the company so we had to give up. Therefore we changed our aim. We started to think about helping Ukrainians who live in Japan. We made a board about useful Japanese information. It's about how to use chopsticks, and how to make Japanese food like Miso soup. We put this information on Twitter but we don't get reactions from people.

### 4. Conclusion and Future Problems

We think a future aim is to convey the condition of the present. Foreign ]workers think of wanting to work in Japan more so we investigated a lot of information. For instance we went on Twitter. Many people feel sick now and then around the world. We made a poster with information and we spread more information about the environment so that people can live in Japan more comfortably and we thought about the connection between countries deeply. Even if there are cultures that are difficult to understand or accept, I would like to see them in a positive light, as if I have discovered new things or broadened my world. Most people have firm concepts so we feel culture shock sometimes. We researched a lot of information about foreign cultures by ourselves.

### 5. Reflection

Acting positively is the first thing we have to do. For instance, we need to think of something we need to solve and problems from different countries and cultures. We did something worthwhile with group members. These are useful to connect to foreign friends. Also, we continued to share information on social networking sites . We will be going on research activities now and then.

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