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What motivated you to pursue a career in a development-related field?

Why should a person's life be determined by where they were born? This is a question which I have been wondering about as a person who was born in and raised in one of the most economically-developed countries. I have been enjoying this privilege that I did not earn by my own effort. In the aim of finding the answer to the question, I have pursued working experiences in a development-related field which included joining NGOs (non-governmental organizations) during my university years and working in a Japanese company that provided technical assistance for developing countries. Also, I teach ICT in schools in Egypt and Morocco. The more experience and knowledge I gained, the stronger my enthusiasm for contribution to development has grown.

How do you envision the JJWBGSP will help you contribute to your country once you have completed your program?

The JJWBGSP enables me to become a mid-career professional with experiences in the field of development projects. With this hands-on experience, I will be able to begin a new career as a mid-career professional after completing my program.

Thus far, what has been the most rewarding and challenging part of your study abroad experience?

Besides the fact that it is a perfect opportunity that I can learn from distinguished professors and relearn my experience with academic perspective, the learning environment with colleagues from over forty countries is the most gratifying aspect in my study abroad. I learn and get inspired from them every moment not only during classes, but also in daily conversation.

The most challenging part is communication in English which includes becoming naturalized to the culture as well as speaking the language itself. However, it enables me to obtain better understanding of the diverse world.

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