The Effectiveness of a Short-term Overseas Study Program: Offering New Aspects to Enhance University Students' Ability

Fumio KOBAYASH

The purpose of this study is to re-examine the effectiveness of short-term overseas study programs and to offer new aspects to enhance university students' ability. The article analyzes six university students' reports about a short-term overseas study program. The participants received pre- and post- program sessions in addition to the overseas study program including Korean language and culture. After finishing all the programs, students wrote essays regarding self-evaluation based on their performance and the goals they set before the program. The results showed that the students learned several things that were different from ones conventionally observed, and new perspectives about students' learning were thus found. This means that short-term overseas study programs can be improved to further enhance the ability of university students.