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a Different life in the Other Side

Unlike the other children who solely dreamed to be an astronaut, football player, or a police officer, living in the other side of the world has been my dream since I was a kid. As a matter of fact, I don't know why was I thinking like that due to the fact that I had not traveled anywhere before. When I graduated from high school, I was fortunate enough to win a full scholarship to the USA, so I started thinking that my childhood dream could be my reality. Last July I came to the USA for the first time. full of ambitions and unquenchable desire for learning things. This trip has revolutionized my personality forever especially my point of view about education and life experiences.

During my childhood, I studied all my educational levels in a boys' school in a small city. Beside all of this, there were many strict teachers who had their own ways of punishment and they enjoyed applying them on us. For instance, when I was in fourth grade, my school's principal hit me with a glue stick for nothing. Growing up facing numerous punishments, ended up making me thinking that school meant to be a scary place for crying, ruthlessness, and pain. Also, it led me to be taciturn and shy which have affected my communication with people. One the other hand, I saw a various relationship in the USA between the teachers and the students that amazed me. The teachers are always close to the students, and try to support them as much as they can. When I saw this, I realized immediately that I had an incorrect viewpoint about schools. They were found for a greater meaning which I didn't comprehend back then in my

country. Over time, I started being more confident which has impacted my education in such an effective way. For the time being, I always get high grades, can talk, and participate with people easily knowing that I am not going to be hurt by the people that I loved and learned from.

As I have mentioned before, I didn't travel anywhere before coming to the United States. I didn't know what the world looks like, and I know indeed that there were a lot of life experience that I have missed. I was relying on my parents in everything. Being their older spoiled son who just did nothing caused me a lot of issues. Consequently, I didn't learn how to do the basic things like managing my time, my money, or even my diabetes. In contrast, traveling to the USA taught me things that I would not learn if I remained in my country for a thousand of years. Even though my first month was horrific and I felt homesick, I started noticing that I depend on myself in everything and it was the most beautiful feeling that I have ever felt in my entire life. I understood how to manage my budget by utilizing the budget planner application, my time by making "to do list", and my diabetes by visiting an endocrinologist regularly.

Now after being in the USA for more than seven months, I could say that my little international experience has affected my perspective of the world principally my education and my life experiences. It has made a new and a better version of me in such an astonishing way. William Langewiesche once said "So much of who we are is where we have been". In my point of view, all the people across the world have to get out of their comfort zone and try things which would alter them for the rest of their lives.