Journey to Day by Day

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This is morning 7 am, we went to Videoconference because CSB and NTID Students show First Videoconference. Jimmy Liang (President of the NTID Asian Deaf Club), Clarice Bondoc (Vice President of the ADC) and Andrew Kucharski (ADC Board Member) participated in this "cultural exchange" because they will guide for us.

This afternoon, Mrs. Techie discussed with my team, 3 faculty and Christine Ella (alternative) about values but I realize what she say that it is important “Values” also I have concern about what she say… Also I was really attracted and inspired with her because she has been of help with us because I have realize about it. I remember what she say… that “She tell to need help to other Deaf community how to have good values but not alright because Deaf community always think skills/talents and but nothing "values." But Deaf community need to think that it is important to have good “values”
This afternoon at 5:45pm, my group and faculty meet to them but I already met my mom before at 12:00 to 3:00 pm during lunch or CSB. I felt excited also my group and faculty feel excited too because this is our first time that we go to America in Rochester, New York then we go to NAIA but I have concern about what she (Mrs. Techie) say. They realized but they must try to change good values but not fast so mean slow they have concern that how to change good values. We arrived in NAIA then checked in our baggage and present our ticket and passport. We went to the waiting area and wait up to 10:30 pm but my group; faculty and I got hungry because we have not yet had dinner so we were patient.

At 10:30pm, we boarded the airplane, I sat beside Ms. Florisa and Sir John because lucky for me my seat number is beside them. When the airplane start and took off I felt excited but a little nervous and cannot sleep because this is my first time to ride on an airplane.
April 25

- This is morning at 10:10am; we arrived in Rochester New York but I see Rochester, New York is beautiful because it is my first time here. Mary Lamb and Mary Beth Spinelli fetched our group then we walked outside airport for a ride on “Shuttle Bus” and I feel very cold because I feel warm in Philippines but temperature different here. We go to “Radisson Hotel” but when I saw new environment that it is beautiful and nice environment here cold.

- When we arrived at Radisson Hotel then I ride off and I get my bag in bus. We wait for Mary Lamb talking with Radisson Hotel manger for our room. Mary Lamb told my group and faculty about full room & wait up to afternoon. We told to Mary Lamb that it is okay then Mary Lamb tells us about tour to NTID but only soon then we tell to her that is okay. We & Mary Lamb walked to NTID but Victoria saw a deer but I did not yet see it because I saw trees that it start to grow tree called is spring that is why I guess and not see deer.

- We arrive at NTID then we visit the Arts Museums and I see the Arts Museums is beautiful and intelligence arts by Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I see wonderful Deaf own creativity and many opportunities because I see here much creativity mean Deaf and Hard of Hearing can do. Mary Lamb tell us that we have to go back to Radisson Hotel because we will eat lunch but we walk to Radisson Hotel later we are not except that meet to Sidney McQuay then we talk with him about New York’s cold and spring. Sidney Mc Quay and we talk about Philippines and Rochester but we are eating our lunch in Radisson Hotel. Sidney Mc Quay leaves. We meet them in the lobby in Radisson Hotel at 5:30pm then we go to our room.
In the room whom with me by Victoria but Victoria and I feel tired and fast sleep but we are already plan for alarm with vibration 5:30pm but later Ms. Joy Crystal and Ms. Florisa go to my room but Victoria and I cant hear to bell because we are deep sleep so then Ms. Joy and Ms. Florisa ask to service in Radisson Hotel to open our room. Ms. Joy and Ms. Florisa call to Victoria and I wake up then Victoria and I panic because we are late wake up and get to my clothes but we are shame and shy because we are late wake up. Then MS. Joy, Ms. Florisa, Victoria and I meet to Mary Lamb for fetch lobby in Radisson Hotel and we will go to NTID. We walk to in NTID.

Then we go to EPB Conference but Victoria and I still shame because we are late wake up but they never mind about it. Asian Deaf Club goes to EPB Conference that we like to have interaction with my group and faculty because I like learn many new situations here. Later Alice and Mei like to tell me introduce that I tell myself introduce also Alice and Mei introduce that they are good friend and they talk with me about Philippines and Sign Language. But Alice and Mei ask me about same ASL from Philippines but I tell yes but not all because before since 1907 that someone American teach to school for the Deaf in the Philippines that is why it have influence in different school that it have learn ASL. Philippines have own Filipino Sign Language but it not yet find but it has 2 researches about FSL that is continue. But Alice and Mei tell me that good because it easy communication America and Philippines that almost same sign language but I tell to them that it almost but different sign language. Later they ask about Philippines culture and anything.

We go back to Radisson Hotel but I see the sunset 3 or 4pm but sure time 6 or 7 pm that it different time here from Philippines. We arrive to Radisson Hotel then I go to our room in Radisson Hotel and I like to change my clothes then I go to sleep because I really feel tired.
April 26

When I woke up this morning then I took a bath and got my clothes. Later Victoria and I went to breakfast with my group and faculty that we had together breakfast but I see breakfast bacon, bread, egg, potatoes and juices that are delicious then we finished eating and we went back to our rooms. Victoria and I met our group, faculty and waited for Mary Lamb, Tony Chen, Minoru Yoshida, interpreters, named Lisa and Nina to fetch us then we went to George Eastmans House on the “Shuttle Bus”.

We arrived in George Eastman House then we are toured it as an old woman tell the story about life of George Eastman and I really great wonderful that George Eastman House is good & intelligent by with arts and creativie design that he started own KODAK but he is rich because he have own business KODAK. We visit around in George Eastman House.
Later we go to Lunch at Rochester Museum and Science Center and we wait for Mary Lamb, Tony Chen, “Minoru Yoshida who ordered lunch for us then we had our lunch also we talk about George Eastman House that it is great & wonderful. Later we went to Strasenburgh Planetarium Show then we watched the Planetarium about eclipse and I was really amazed because it was like real evening with stars and moon also I really love stars so mean I am lucky because it has here star but I want to know what is the meaning of it but it has no interpretation because it was dark there and no light so I just looked what the show is about how the astrology and months. But I really felt sleepy because it was like evening but was not and I was really excited because I want to know about stars, moon, astrology and anything.

Later we went to Rochester Museum and Science Center and has driving tour of Rochester/ High Falls area that is great, beautiful and cold. Again, I felt tired and sleepy because it’s cold here that is why it makes me sleepy but I am really excited because I like to see High Falls but I already see to building “KODAK” but I not yet go to building “KODAK” but I only see it. Then we had our dinner at Pittsford Wegmans but I looked not evening but it looked like afternoon near evening. We went back to Radisson Hotel then I went to my room and changed my clothes then I went to sleep because I felt really tired.
April 27

When I wake up this morning then I relax for a few minutes then go to bath later I get to my clothes also I wait for Victoria have do and again I watch television have caption. Later Victoria and I go to breakfast that we are together eating our breakfast but we see to Jamilla and Karen eat for breakfast then I get 1 more bacon because it's delicious. We go to lobby in Radisson but my group and faculty not yet arrive here so Victoria and I wait for them. Later my group and faculty arrive here and also Mary Lamb, Zheny Chen “Tony”, Minoru Yoshida and we ride in bus that we go to Mass@ Emmanuel Church of the Deaf.

Then we arrive to Mass@ Emmanuel Church but Diana tell me that she only familiar to Patrick but I tell her that I only familiar because she and I watched movie VHS title “Falls of House Ushers” during our class that is why she and I look familiar later start holy mass that I see familiar Patrick use sign language that I know that who he because I remember movie VHS title “Falls of House Ushers” then I tell to Diana that is right and I just tell to our group but my group ask to Patrick about Falls of House Usher then Patrick tell to them right but he ask to them that how we know about who he so we tell to him through movie VHS title “Falls of House Usher” during class that is why we have familiar to him. I really amazing that Church of the Deaf but not hearing that is great wonderful because Mass@ Emmanuel Church have own Deaf but not hearing and I saw Deaf community have daughter and son is hearing but they still go to church of the Deaf. Later Holy Mass finish then we gets to picture camera with other Deaf community also we have interaction with other Deaf community.
When we are ride in bus but with Patrick that we go to Niagara Falls, we had our lunch on the bus. Then we went Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and we like to visit church here. We buy rosary and pin (Mary, angel and any) that are beautiful but I like to buy pin for gift to my grandmother and close friend and my group and faculty also like to buy anything then we rode the bus and leave to go to Niagara Falls that it is far for 1 hour then we arrive in Niagara Falls and we walk to Niagara Falls and it's really amazing that it is great beautiful. Mary Lamb asks who like to ride in the boat near Niagara Falls and that we want to try it then Mary Lamb went to buy for ticket. Later Mary Lamb give to us the ticket that we are going to boat near to see Niagara Falls then we are enjoying because we really want to see and go near Niagara Falls and we feel the cold water of the falls.
This morning, I feel to deep sleep then Victoria call me that I wake up but I feel tired because we went to Niagara Falls that it is strong falls water. I take a bath then I get my clothes also I have get to relax and talk with Victoria about Niagara Falls that it is great and beautiful. Later we eat our breakfast then we go back to my room because we get things and we are going to meet to my team and faculty that we are going to walk to NTID.

And we arrive in NTID lobby and meet James Decaro and Corrine and Mary Lamb have guide us because we are going to Pen-International room that Welcome by NTID Dean Hurwitz have himself introduction about RIT-NTID that is good. Then James Decaro, Minoru Yoshida and they are going to tour in NTID that introduction about it. Later Minoru Yoshida, Zheny Chen “Tony”, and we are going to Lunch @ Dining but we are together with Sidney McQuay for lunch and also we are talking about different food and something.
When we have finished eating and we go to LBJ-1625 that introduction about engineer but I see that is great because it have high technical and again we go to OFT Lab LBJ-1570 Diane Heyden speak about optical that I really amazing because optical Deaf can to do. Then we go Bill LaVigne speak about self-instruction same like SLLP (Sign Language Learning Program that is high technical.

We go back to Radisson Hotel that we have relaxed and talk about tour. Then we go to NTID in lobby that we meet to Clarice Bondoc because we are together with Clarice Bondoc for dinner at Dinner @ Grace Waston and we are talking about different food and Philippines because Clarice Bondoc is Filipino so she shares with us. Then we have finished eating and we are enjoying and tease but joke because we want to know weight that some my group have fat add that is why we are laughing and enjoying. Then we go back to Radisson Hotel and Macky, John Paulo, Victoria and I talk about funny and something because Macky, John Paulo near in our room. Then we go to sleep.
April 29

When I wake up this morning then I get to relax few minutes also watching television and take a bath later I get my clothes. Also I wait for Victoria has done and again I watching television have caption. Then we go to eat breakfast then back to our room because we get my things and we are going to meet our team and faculty that we are going to walk to NTID.

And we arrive in NTID lobby and meet Minoru Yoshida have guide for us then we are walking to go tour in RIT what about Student Life Ctr. Ritter Ice Arena Clark Gymnasium, Student Alumni Union/Bookstore, and Wallace Library but I really amazing that is great beautiful because it have many opportunity for RIT-NTID. Then we go to Wallace Library Joan Naturale speak about Library.
We go to Lunch @ CrossRoads then we are eating and talking with Jimmy Liang (President of the NTID Asian Deaf Club) about how to organization and what purpose Asian Deaf Club so he will explain about it. Then we have finished eating and again we go to Hi-Tech Center Ed Mineck speak about high Technical that is nice.

We go back to Radisson Hotel that we have relaxed and talk about funny. Later we go to Baseball Game that we watching Baseball Game Rochester v.s. Buffalo but I really very cold so Pam’s friend give to me that blanket but I really enjoy and watching Baseball. Then we go back to Radisson Hotel and we just relax and cool because it here is warm later I sleep.
April 30

When I wake up this morning then I get to relax few minutes also watching television and go to bath later I get to my clothes but I wait for Victoria have do and again I watching television have caption. Then we are going to breakfast later we are going to my room because we are getting to things and we are going meet to my team and faculty that we are going walk to NTID.

We are arriving in NTID lobby and meet to Asian Deaf Club for guide us then Asian Deaf Club have division for my team that who Asian Deaf Club guide by Andrew Kucharski (ADC Board Member) with Diana and I. Andrew, Diana and I go to Dorm in RIT-NTID that is wonderful because it have good for Deaf and Hard of hearing that is why hearing world have interaction with Deaf world and Hard of Hearing world so mean Hearing, Deaf and Hard of Hearing have aware about it through good interaction that is great wonderful. Then they are going to Lunch & dinner that Andrew eat for Breakfast but Diana and I talk with him about how about study in NTID later they are walking to go tour RIT so what they are do then he tell to them that they are going to Wallace Library but they tell to him that is ok then they are going to Wallace Library. During in Wallace Library that Andrew ask Diana and me about Philippines, Business and Economy so Diana and me have share with him about Philippines, Business and Economy also it have show internet www.wowphilippines.com to him so then he have know about it that they are enjoying.
Later they are going to Lunch @ Dinner that they are eating for lunch then they are eating finish also they are going to class but he’s teacher is absent so he have continue time for work to do for homework whatever he’s teacher is absent but he’s teacher have send through email to he’s classmates that they have homework but I really that is great nice because it is easy.

We go to Alice’s apartment because we meet to other Asian Deaf Club so we talk with Alice, Jimmy, JK about Jillians then Jimmy fetch us in his car and go to Radisson Hotel because Bus fetch with us. We go to Jillians and we are together Asian Deaf Club for dinner. We are enjoying because it here game, billiards and different games but I feel interest and interaction. Then we go back to Radisson Hotel and we talk about funny. We go to our room then we go to Ms. Joy in our room because we have practice for presentation at tomorrow then we check clothes for Filipino culture then we go to sleep.
May 1

When I wake up this morning then I get to relax few minutes also watching television and go to bath later I get to my clothes but I wait for Victoria have do and again I watching television have caption. Then we are going to breakfast later they are going to my room because we are getting to things for presentation and they are going meet to my team and faculty that we are riding in bus to NTID.

We are arriving in NTID lobby and meet to Tony and Minoru for guide that auditorium then we clean in here then we have practice only soon because it near time so we go to change clothes and make up for face. Later we go to formal lunch and we are together with Jim DeCaro, Corinne, Mary, Zheny, Mary Beth and Minoru for formal lunch then Jim DecCaro speak about Certification that who call name for us. Then we have got to camera.
We go back to auditorium and we have planning for anything then Jim DeCaro speak about start presentation that program then we have souvenirs to Pen-International, Asian Deaf Club, other person. Then we go to eat (party) and Asian Deaf Club Ethnicity Fair about seminar that I really attract because Johnny speak about 5 E mean 1 Education, 2 Experience, 3 Excellence, 4 Effort, and 5 Efficiency but E more have meaning many that what fit for personal. Then we have enjoyed here that is great.

We go back to Radisson hotel and talk about 5 E because it is beautiful seminar about 5 E. then we go to sleep. Good night.
May 2

When I wake up this morning then I get to relax few minutes also watching television and go to bath later I get to my clothes but I wait for Victoria have do and again I watching television have caption. Then we are going to breakfast later we are going to my room because we are getting to things and we meet to my team and faculty that we are tour to Genesee Country Museum and riding in bus to NTID.

We arrive to Genesee Country Museum and we tour in Genesee Country Museum that I really amazing because it here old house and things that is great and beautiful. Then we eat for lunch at Museum and we talk with Ms. Joy about it here nice and beautiful that is old things. We are continuing tour.
We go back to Radisson Hotel that we have relax because later we go to Dinner and Shopping @ Shopping Marketplace Mall so we think what planning for buy things. Then we ride in bus and go to @ Shopping Marketplace Mall and we arrive and eat for dinner. Later we go to around in Shopping Marketplace Mall that we have bought for thing.

Then we go back to Radisson Hotel that we have arranged for clothes in bag because we will be back to Philippines. Mei, Alice, Clarice have souvenirs for us then we tell thank to them and they talk with us about something and funny and we get to camera. Then they tell us that they miss us and they feel comfort us because they have easy communication us so we tell them same too. Later I feel sleep but Victoria have arranged for clothes. Good night.
May 3

When I wake up this morning then I get to relax few minutes also watching television and go to bath later I get to my clothes. I just arranged for my clothes in my bag because we will be back in Philippines but I really miss here that I have experience what situation here. Then Ms. Florisa and I go to breakfast and talk about it. Then we go back to our room.

We leave in our room but we just get to camera in our room then we go to lobby in Radisson Hotel and we meet to Jim DeCaro, Mary Lamb, and Minoru that we go to Airport and we eat and together with them for lunch then we have answer for evaluation that I feel here. Then we get to camera with them then we go to airplane but I hug with them and I feel attract and inspire that I cry because I really never forget that is why I have learn many opportunity here. So I want to thank a lot to them because they give to us many opportunities.