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9<sup>th</sup> August            Saturday

In the morning, I arrived at Capital Airport. This is my first flight and I am very excited. Thanks Pen International to give me this precious chance to London. How wonderful London is! Jim and Bill, the leaders of Pen International, they're so nice. We got a warm greeting and I don't feel lonely at all with the company of my teachers and these lovely leaders.

10<sup>th</sup> August            Sunday

This Castle is so amazing! We had breakfast and I'm not accustomed to having the meals here. But I know different countries have their own life styles, customs, languages, culture and food. Then we visited Castle and took part in some interesting ice-breaking activities. I learnt how to make a self brief-introduction and introduce others. The lectures about leaders' abilities gave me a surprised. I was shocked. They were terrific!

11<sup>th</sup> August                            Monday

Today I knew how Alan and his wife became successful deaf leaders. They were very outstanding. I knew how to make a deaf leader. I admired them very much. I was determined to learning from them. I learnt a lot about diversity of culture in the world. I realized that different countries have different culture. We should be brave to understand and learn others' culture and customs. Don't be shy, just try!

12<sup>th</sup> August                            Tuesday

Today's topic is about the deaf's assumption and expectation. What impressed me a lot was I knew we could do anything which the hearing could do. And we also learnt how to get along well with others and overcome difficulties in communication. We should insist on things what we think are right We are young. Nothing is impossible.

We must never give up. Man can't be defeated. We are intelligent and we should solve the problems wisely. The methods are very important for things to be done. Even if you failed, you should persist in doing. And I also learnt how to make an effective communication and some skills to cooperate with others.

13<sup>th</sup> August                      Wednesday

Today we had a day-trip to London. What a nice day! Oh! A short and unforgettable journey!

We experienced a totally different culture such as Big Ben, British Museum and so on. London is very fantastic!

14<sup>th</sup> August                      Thursday

This topic is about how to set a goal. Goal is a dream but having a deadline. I realized we should be models and strive for our dreams and goals. To share with others and have a good teamwork will be a key point for leaders to succeed. And I also learnt we should have good skills to communicate and be patient to explain when there are obstacles for communications.

15<sup>th</sup> August                      Friday

Today I learnt a lot about transition and doing what when I graduate from college and what I fit in doing in the future. To set up connection network is an art in one's life. How to make an effort and strive for our goal is very important and necessary for us. This Summer Institute is a very rich harvest for my personal life. I am so lucky and we appreciate Pen International very much!!