

The country you may be looking for

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Today I am extremely enthusiastic about offering an alternative for those who would like to study abroad in the future or have been recently considering which country might be the best. So I am happy to give you an answer. Go to the Philippines! Why? Is the Philippines an appropriate destination to study English? And is the Philippines actually English speaking country? Absolutely right! The reason why I'm standing right here is because, as a person who has studied in the Philippines, I would like to recommend it as a place to study, dispel unreasonable prejudice toward this cheerful nation, and lastly raise awareness of the potential of studying English. Let me clearly state that the most desired place to study English is the Philippines!

In the first place, it's extraordinarily cost-effective compared with some representative countries like America or England. You would like to know the astonishing overall cost for accommodation and tuition in the Philippines wouldn't you? If you stayed there for one year, it would cost about 1.3 million yen. How about America and England? It would take up to 3 million yen! In the Philippines, your usual accommodation would be a luxurious hotel!

Aside from studying, you can have a wider range of leisure activities. Don't underestimate this tropical island. You can scuba dive, snorkel, watch whales, explore caves, have relaxing massages and shop in the mall, etc. These activities sound relatively expensive but you can surely afford it. For example, scuba diving would cost only 1000 yen! Isn't it incredibly appealing to you that you can definitely concentrate on studying during weekdays while refreshing yourself in a gorgeous spa resort during weekends?

Secondly, if you would like to brush up your English conversational skills, I must urge you to study in the Philippines. In my opinion, to efficiently strengthen your speaking capability, you need to put a great emphasis upon output, in other words, talking a lot! In the Philippines, an overwhelming majority of English academies specializes in one-on-one class where you can have a face-to-face conversation all the time. In my case, I had five

one-on-one classes, two one-on-three classes, and one group class. Therefore I could practice speaking English a lot. Again, isn't it absolutely tempting that you can freely ask any kinds of questions and talk about anything you want in a face-to-face setting?

Lastly, I would like to warn you about one thing. Be extremely hard-working no matter where you study. As a matter of fact, I have witnessed countless people who failed to improve a lot because they just hung around every day and neglected studying. Going to English speaking countries does not necessarily guarantee any improvement in English. What I am exactly saying is that the Philippines can provide a good environment for you. What matters most is not where you study but how you study. Thus, think twice before you decide. And today if you feel motivated to study English or start considering studying abroad in the future, it is my great privilege to stand up and speak out in front of promising students like you. Thank you.