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Summary of Dissertation Contents	<p>The research seeks to understand the sojourning experience of the Japanese students who participated in the exchange program with three universities: University of British Columbia (UBC) in Canada, University of Hawaii (UH) in the U.S., and the Singapore Management University (SMU) in Singapore. Most of the Japanese students in this study wished to study abroad because they wanted to improve their English proficiency. In the process of the exchange program, students found that the small size of students in the classes provided better opportunities to speak up and this helps to improve the use of English in public setting. Furthermore the students have strengthened their global identity as they interact with foreign students abroad. Thus many preferred to get an overseas job after graduation from the university. Except at the beginning most students found the Study Abroad Program positive in that they gained confidence in speaking English. So the program should be extended if Japan wants to internationalize its higher education.</p>		
Summary of Dissertation Screening Results	<p>The dissertation was given a minor rewrite first. After the Committee checked the revisions, the student was allowed to take the oral defense. She made a good presentation and was able to respond to the questions asked. The Committee finally decided to pass the dissertation.</p>		
Summary of Exam Result or Academic Skills	<p>When the dissertation was submitted the Screening Committee found the empirical part of the study quite solid and well conducted. However the theories were good but they were not assembled together in one chapter. For this reason members of the Committee suggested the students to reorganize the theory section and to edit the whole dissertation since a number of typing errors were found. The initial result from the Committee was a minor rewrite. Only after the students did revise her dissertation following closely the comments given her did the Committee decide to pass the dissertation.</p>		