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## The Meaning of Geography to Me

Geography intertwines my passion in both science and social aspects of the world into a practical discipline, integrating with spatial analysis. As I love travelling around the cities, geography gives me a unique lens to observe this world, and fieldwork expands my horizon in urban design and public policies. Geography became a whole new world for me, allowing me to explore this world continuously. Using various tools in geography to closely examine the problems, I found potentials to develop any neighborhood, country, region, or this globe. Therefore, I decided to spend the rest of my entire life in geography, particularly, urban policy and development. I believe that to make my community better, especially in my hometown Bangkok, geography is a necessary tool to achieve my dream society.

## Impact of iGeo Preparation on my Life

Without the Geography Olympiad....

I would not have an opportunity to discover how much passion I do have for geography.

I would not enjoy myself in high school with a discipline and people whom I connect deeply.

I would not be able to meet amazing people who are interested in geography across the world, not even thinking about geographers in Thailand.

I would not be able to receive the scholarship from the Thai government to study geography abroad in the United States, where I significantly cultivated my geographical skills among talented students worldwide.

My life would be meaningless, and my dream for the ideal society might be buried.

Preparation for Geography gave...

deeper understanding of relationships between nature and humans.

life-long friends whom I am very grateful to spend my life with.

passion to breath and push my dream to become true.

unforgettable memories of tears and joys, cry and laugh.

### **Ideas for Promoting Geography**

- Online gallery (ex map/ artwork/ research paper) for iGeo alumni that they can share their work in geography/ geography-related disciplines
- Open online discussion forum that anyone can come discuss and connect with people in this field.
- A group for iGeo alumni that they can connect with one another globally from the first year of competition up to the present ones.

### **Suggestions for the iGeo**

The only thing that iGeo should improve was food in my year. Even though there was a typhoon hitting, which was unexpected, I still had a good experience, apart from the food.

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