Now I feel really sad to write this Journal because it is reminding me that last wonderful three weeks have gone. This was my second time I participated in GEE competition after the first one in last year. I have been so eagerly waiting for last one year to participate in GEE, work with people around the world, learn from my colleagues and be busy with contributing to the team that can change the world. Actually, I got the thirst to know new people after I had participated in GEE in last year. I think nothing can be better than working with a team rather than going alone. In our team, we developed an amazing culture that appreciates every little contribution. All the members came with their ideas freely. We were engaged in communicating each other for every single issue to develop our team activity. It was like a second family to me—I found myself starting my day discussing something with my colleagues and saying good night before going to bed. For sure, I will be waiting for another year with much more enthusiasm to have such a family.

Just a week ago before the contest started, I went to Sylhet (noth-eastern part of Bangladesh) with some of my friends and there I found the idea of using Agar Wood to produce fragrant oil that has a high demand in the foreign market. But the matter of fact is this sector is still unfocused and ignored. That inspired me to think more about this field and how I could contribute to my society and economy exploiting this rich potential market developing social and economic cohesion in Bangladesh. So, I brought up with this idea to my team and after a thorough discussion and analysis, we came to a consensus to work on the idea I proposed among some other good ideas my colleagues also came up with. Working with a team and if it is an international team comprising of people from different parts of the world is always exciting and enjoyable but at the same time highly challenging. It needs very strong commitment to the teamwork, high level of patience and very high skills of communication, specially the part of listening and understanding your colleagues. I remember, each and everyday, I was busy with collecting more information about our idea and sharing it with my colleagues, answering their questions and queries, helping them organize, design and plan their assigned work. As I came up with the idea that is totally new to my colleagues and most of the information about this product and industry was in Bengali language, sometimes it was very difficult to make my team members understand the process more comprehensively and from a better inside. Apart from this, I sometimes had to work with some of my colleagues individually to get finished his part successfully so that the total coherence of the actual idea is ensured in everyone’s task. And these challenges were again reinforced with the time distance among us and the extent of facilities of communication.

I personally appreciate new ideas and opinion and at the same time I believe in participation, cooperation, professionalism and hard working. Yes, last three weeks were more challenging than I expected. But end of the day, I am happy working with my team. It does not matter who did better or best but it does matter what we did together. Every day was a learning session for me I strongly feel that. I learnt how to make the bridge among people, how to break the ice, how to negotiate, cooperate and develop a healthy environment to work together. It is a life long learning to me. I believe we had a nice experience with each other and every one of us contributed most to the teamwork. And that was only possible because of our commitment to work, cooperative attitude and understanding. I wish every success of my team members wherever they are and highly hope to meet them someday in person.

I am truly indebted to Global Enterprise Experience to a greater extent. GEE showed me how to think global, how we can change the world with our new and innovative ideas. It grew high enthusiasm and passion in my mind to be an entrepreneur. Now I can feel that how much new ideas excite me and how much I appreciate entrepreneurial endeavor that I never realized before. I am wondered to see the skills I acquired in making a business plan and organizing everything effectively. GEE made me more confident in dealing with new ideas and taking the lead to bring change. I strongly reckon that like me, there are lot many youths around the world now came to realize how much the world need them and started to contribute to their respective society and community. And Global Enterprise Experience is the platform that made this difference.