Commitment and initiative can help us overcome challenges. This is what I get from my three-week experience in the Global Enterprise Experience (GeeBiz 2016). Working with seven people from different parts of the world has taught me about the importance of courage to communicate our ideas, thoughts, and perceptions, as well as getting things done. Although I did not meet them directly to work on the report, I could feel the sense of collaboration among most of us.

To be honest, the first week of our project was not an easy one. Some team members do not respond Georgia’s (the leader) messages. While the leader was still trying to encourage us to share our ideas, only five of us responded with one idea each person. Ten days passed, the situation did not change much. I started to think that it was impossible to get all members involved.

Considering those situations, I decided to post some comments to encourage us to make decision as early as possible. I also proposed three more ideas. Next, the leader contacted me personally through Facebook. I proposed to her to make some decisions since she was the one who was having authority to lead the team. She agreed with me that we needed to make the final decision as soon as possible as ten days have passed.

Finally, the decisions were made. Firstly, all of us tried to integrate all of the ideas proposed by each of us. Although I was not sure whether it was a unanimous decision (as some members still did not respond till that time), we then started writing our report. To help the team, I sent an outline to the leader so that she could edit it and propose it to the team. Second, everyone agreed with the outline and the deadline from the leader before we started drafting.

Several more days passed. Everyone should submit their parts for us to be able to finish the draft. The most challenging part for me is, when final days come, I had to deal with a hectic time. I had a thesis defense on 20th of April while at the same time Georgia asked me to help her editing the draft. Fortunately, everyone in charge of each section of the report had sent their parts. Although there were still some members who did not respond quickly, the draft was finally done after everyone who responded to the leader finished the draft. Thus, I could do some minor changes while I was preparing for my thesis defense. After the defense, I worked on the final revisions of the draft.

I believe that everyone in my team who has contributed to the report has done his/her best in getting it done. I am grateful that most of the members in my team wanted to stay committed in getting our report done. Especially the leader who worked hard to contact each of us, she has done her job really well. Finally, the commitment and initiative of everybody contributed to the report has enabled us to send the report on time.