Navigating through multiple cultures as a “Third Culture Person” : an experiential sharing

A “Third Culture Kid” (TCK) is a child of globalization. A TCK lives in a culture that is neither the place of birth nor the place of main development. TCK has thus been described as adaptable, versatile, and easy to adapt to new places and time. In this seminar co-organized by the Curriculum Centre and the International Student Exchange Center, I would like to share my experience of having been a TCK and, now, a “Third Culture Person” while listening to students’ experience of this apparent nomadization [nəʊmædəi’zeɪʃn] at global scale. I shall also share my experience that globalization has not always been convenient and easy for me and my family. In fact, history of globalization is loaded with conflicts and they are far from over. There is therefore a more fascinating non-neutral and non-touristic globalization. In this less comfortable globalization, a Third Culture Person navigates relatively well through social tensions and cultural shocks.