
visit Korea again, I can chat with Korean natively.

Home Sweet Home

Before studying in Korea, I had never borrowed reference books because there were too much to read and some of the contents were not easy to understand. However, I got used to read reference books in Korea, and realized that they contained lots of useful information. I will try to read more reference books in my study in Hong Kong.

In Korea, I always visited different places when I was free. I always looked around because I am curious about things around me. I apply this good habit when coming back to Hong Kong, and have realized that in the past, I used to miss a lot that were happening around us. Now I am learning to observe more when I am walking on the street to discover more interesting things.

Sharing

I would like to encourage student to be more brave and proactive. Lots of students do not have enough self-confidence to believe they could be selected in interviews for going on exchange. I also thought the same way when I was in year one but I regret. I made up my mind to apply for exchange program even I knew that I had to defer my study. After finishing my exchange life in Korea, I realized that it was really of great worth.

Overall Rating

I would like to rate my exchange experience 4 (out of 5). I had experienced many aspects of Korea that tourists never have chance to experience. I overcame many difficulties that I had never met in Hong Kong. Also, I had done lots of things that I would not do in Hong Kong. All these reflected a new kind of me and helped me improve myself. I hope my friends could also be able to grasp what I experienced in Korea.



My Exchange in Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

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My Pre-departure Checklist

Before I went to mainland China, I checked the expiry date of my Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macau Residents.

Please also get ready with you the address of your school and the dormitory for locating the place more conveniently.

Just Arrived...

The first day was unforgettable. I went to my host university by taxi. When I arrived at the university, I did not know where I should go first. I asked the local students for help. Finally, one of the students brought me to the place for registration and got me to my dorm. I was grateful for his help.

Orientation

There was no orientation organized by the host university but it was not difficult to meet new friends since we could use putonghua to communicate. The students in the university were very nice and friendly and most of them helped eagerly the new students to adapt to the new environment.

My Place

My accommodation was fair. I lived with a Taiwan student. When I arrived at my dorm, it was a little bit dusty and I cleaned it for half an hour. Insects were common in our flat for the summer. To avoid the insects coming into our room, we turned on the air-conditioner.

Our dorm is on the school campus but it is far from the place for lessons. So, most of the students rode their bicycles for travelling. Our dorm is rather safe and we had not heard about thefts in the dorm. However, some bicycles of the exchange students locked outside the dorm have been stolen.

My First Class

The learning style was different from CityU. In Shanghai Jiao Tong University, they only have lectures but not tutorial classes. The lecturers are more focused in teaching the knowledge and you

will not be taught for methods to solve any questions. It is the responsibility of students to prepare for their exam and not much work will be tailored for exam preparation. On the contrary, in CityU, we have tutorial classes allowing students to work on more questions and to seek help from the instructors whenever we have problems in the questions.

After the exchange, I realized the importance of self study. Students should be more active in learning.

People I Met

I met some local students in class and they are really nice. Although my Putonghua is not good, they listened to me patiently and helped me whenever I got problems.

It was observed that the local students would spend most of their time on study, and spare very little time on entertainment.

Out of Classroom

I spent some time to travel in other cities in China. I went to Beijing, Xian, Nanjing, Hangzhou ,etc. I travelled with my friends from Taiwan and Hong Kong and found that Taiwanese are generally very polite and friendly. My friends taught me a lot by sharing their experiences with me.

Besides, I spent much time on sports activities too. I played football quite regularly with the local students and did exercise in gym room quite often.

Money

I brought enough money for this exchange trip. The daily cost was not high in China if you did not travel to other cities. Also, Hong Kong exchange students will be given a bit subsidy from the China government.

Goodbye

The most memorable moment is having a long talk with my friends before we said goodbye to each other. We spent a few nights doing deep chatting in the dorm allowing our better understanding of one another. I miss my friends so much and I hope I can meet them again in the future.

Some of them did visit Hong Kong after the exchange and I was

very happy to greet them as host in Hong Kong and have taken them to travel around.

Sharing

I learnt a lot in this exchange programme. I am now more independent in taking care of myself and become more adaptive to a new environment. I have more self-confidence and always believe that I have the ability to handle problems and accept new challenges.

Joining exchange programme is a great chance to explore the world and our own. It helps you know better about yourself and helps you grow.

Overall Rating

I will rate the exchange experience 4 (out of 5).

