

PKU Exchange Reflective Journal

My three-week summer exchange at Peking University was an unforgettable experience that left a lasting impression on me. The university's campus is renowned for its breathtaking beauty, and I was fortunate enough to witness it firsthand. One of the most captivating spots on campus is Wei Ming Lake. This U-shaped artificial lake, with its serene waters and picturesque surroundings, offers a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. The comfortable and inviting vibe of the campus made it an ideal place for both study and relaxation.

During my stay, I also had the opportunity to explore several iconic landmarks in Beijing. Visiting the Temple of Heaven, with its stunning architecture and historical significance, was a profound experience. The Forbidden City, with its vast courtyards and intricate designs, provided a glimpse into China's imperial past. Tiananmen Square, a symbol of modern Chinese history, was both awe-inspiring and humbling. The Lama Temple, with its vibrant colors and spiritual ambiance, offered a peaceful retreat amidst the city's energy.

Academically, my time at Peking University was incredibly enriching. I have joined a course named Financial Decision in Engineering Project Management. It challenged me to think critically and expand my horizons as I haven't learned any financial knowledge before. The interactive and engaging teaching methods encouraged active participation and fostered a deeper understanding of the topics discussed. And one of the most valuable aspects of my exchange was the opportunity to interact with students from diverse backgrounds, there are many students from different universities for example UBC, NUS, and some other universities in different countries. Engaging in discussions and group projects with my peers allowed me to gain new perspectives and develop a more global outlook. The friendships I formed during this time were truly special, and I am grateful for the chance to connect with such a dynamic and talented group of individuals.

In addition to the academic and social experiences, I also had the chance to immerse myself in the local culture. Exploring the vibrant streets of Beijing, trying out traditional Chinese cuisine for example the Peking Duck, and participating in cultural activities enriched my understanding of the city's heritage. The warm hospitality of the locals made me feel welcome and added to the overall positive experience. In conclusion, my summer exchange at Peking University was a wonderful journey that broadened my academic and cultural horizons. The stunning campus, the

historical landmarks, and the enriching academic environment all contributed to an unforgettable experience. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this exchange programme and look forward to applying the knowledge and insights gained during my time at Peking University in my future endeavors.