



STUDENT MOBILITY SCHEME REPORT

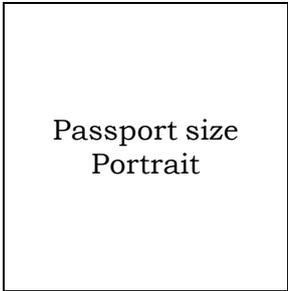
This form should be completed by **EVERYONE** participating in the SMS program and returned to the ACUCA Secretariat.

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Study Period: 01 d/ 09 m/ 2009 y/ to 21 d/ 12 m/ 2009 y/

How did you hear about the ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme?

Your University's International Office Website From Fellow Student Others(Please Specify)

I heard about the ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme from my university's international office (the OMIP).

What did you study and what kind of activities did you take part in while abroad?

I studied Japanese 6, German A and the perceptual of psychology at ICU. I have been participated in the Gakuennsai () and helped to run a store with the AK section.

Was it difficult adjusting to life abroad, and if so what were some of the difficulties?

I did not have much difficulty in adopting the life style in Japan, a country that shared similar cultural background with China. I did have problems, however, with the German and the psychology courses at the beginning as these lectures were conducted in Japanese.

What was the most positive experience that you had at your host institution?

I am certainly delighted with the group of local students (the AK section) who welcomed me at the airport. I enjoyed a lot of happy time with them, a true inter-cultural exchange.

What advice would you give to fellow students at ACUCA universities who are thinking of taking part in the Student Mobility Scheme?

I think students who would like to go outside their homeland should be more active to meet the local students.

Have you been changed in any way by the experience, and if so how?

My friend told me that I am more active after coming back from the exchange program and more willing to give my opinion.

How do you feel about other Asian Cultures now?

I have learned that the Asian cultures did share a lot of similarities but at the same time, we should also respect our differences of other Asian cultures.

Below please attach a **more descriptive account** (300-400 words) of your experience with the SMS for possible publication to allow others to find out about the ACUCA SMS Program. Include such



information as the type of study you did as well as the cultural experiences you had, and any other things you would consider interesting. Photos are welcome.

The precious days at ICU

I went to the International Christian University (ICU) which is located near Mitaka in Japan. I would like to share here with you my experience at ICU about the courses I studied and the cultural I experienced.

I studied Japanese, German and the perception of psychology at ICU and therefore I got a chance to see how the school in Japan planned the courses for local and foreign students. Regarding the Japanese course, I would gladly say that the tailor-made course is perfectly fit for the foreign students. Despite a series of tests and homework, the course encouraged the students to express themselves in Japanese, as well as giving us guidance to explore the fascinating Japanese culture. We had classes on the lawn outside the classroom. We visited temples. We even had gathering after the classes. Being exposed in such environment, I learnt to perceive the culture in various perspectives and learnt the importance of respecting the others' cultures.

I had difficulty in the German class at the beginning since I could not adapt to the Japanese well. What impressed me the most was that the teacher, knowing that I came from Hong Kong and had problem with the Japanese language of instruction, wrote down the explanations of every single word in Kanji on the blackboard. Meanwhile the neighboring students were willing to offer help, explaining the grammar to me and lending me their notes. I was moved.

Apart from my routine classes, I have been spending most of the time with the "AK section", a group of local year one students assigned to help the foreign students to adopt the school life. Even though I could not understand their chatting sometimes, they were very willing to talk to me and invited me to join their gatherings. I had run a store called "SMORE" with them at the Gakuennsai (学園祭) and celebrated with them the birthdays of AK fellows. I had a lot of fun at the Disneyland with them. These days were so unforgettable that the AK section was an important part to my exchange experience at ICU.

I believed that the ACUCA SMS program provides students chance to explore an Asian culture and widen our horizons. I am sure that all of you would treasure the time in a foreign but intimate country.

