

STUDENT MOBILITY SCHEME REPORT



[For participants]

Your experience can help other students when they are planning for their study abroad program. To make sure that prospective students have a chance to learn from your experience, everyone who has participated in the SMS program should complete a Student Mobility Scheme Report.

Upon completion of the form, please submit it to the office which handles the ACUCA SMS at your institution.

Please note that the information will be shared with other students who are interested in the SMS through the website.

Thank you for your cooperation.

[For coordinators]

This report will be posted on the ACUCA Website. We would appreciate it if you could email us the file electronically.

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2. Home Institution— Name: Providence University Country: Taiwan(R.O.C.)

3. Host Institution— Name: International Christian University Country: Japan

4. Study Period: from 09/2010 to 11/2010 (mm/yyyy)

5. How did you hear about the ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme? (Please Specify)

Comment:

The information was given in the announcement for annual examination of outbound exchange students.

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

I took two hours of Japanese course on weekday. For the rest of the time, I join the international club and explore Japan as much as I can.

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

The temperature can sometimes drastically increase or drop.

My dormitory does not have a laundry room for drying rack. Using drying machine may not be very environmental.

It's recommendable to get a bicycle to reach nearby stores.

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

1. You can send your luggage to the host institution prior to departure because some train or subway stations do not provide escalator or elevator. Dragging luggage via stair is inevitable.

2. Prepare personal seal and extra ID photo before departure. They will come in handy.

3. Feel free to ask around. The staff is very friendly.

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

When I was abroad, things that I took granted in Taiwan all the time has become unique. People tend to conceive beautiful imagination on foreign country. However, each country is unique in its own way with positive and negative sides. I found it equally important to learn from other country and meanwhile give credits to my origin country for its outstanding performances.

10. How do you feel about other Asian Cultures now?

ICU staffs are very friendly and eager while they speak fluent English. Students here are good English user in average. ICU is an internationalized school.

11. Any comments?

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.

Being an exchange student in college time is quite great. Although studying abroad also broadens your horizon, the process isn't exactly all interesting. Various problems are expected through the documents preparation and daily life abroad. However, it's always good to ask around and things are not that difficult any more.

ICU staffs are very friendly to students. I'm very impressed with the fact that there are many excellent English users in ICU. It is my privilege to study abroad here. Although I stayed only for 3 month, my trip is still rewarding. Many thanks to the timely help from people of Providence University and International Christian University.