

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.

1. Name: Wang Siao-Han

2. Home Institution:

Name: Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages

Country: Taiwan

3. Host Institution:

Name: Ewha Womans University

Country: Korea

4. Study Period: from 08 / 2010 to 12 / 2010

5. How did you hear about the ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme?

V International Office at your institution, ACUCA Website, From Fellow Student,
 Others(Please Specify)

Comment:

This is a great experience and unforgettable exchange during my academic study; I've learned a lot of things when I studied at Ewha Womans University.

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

I spent most of the time taking classes mainly related to my major at home institution, and also studied practical classes and language classes when I was at Ewha Womans University.

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

It's a difficult time when I came to Korea first time, although I have a buddy with me, the most difficult problem is communication. It's very important and necessary to communicate with other people. Because of the language barrier, I think this is a major difficulty to make friends. In the beginning, I even had a difficulty to communicate with landlady or buy daily things at market; however, I adapted soon and learned how to communicate with other people.

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

I think this definitely is a good program for students to give a try.

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

Yes, I have changed a lot in different ways, especially through making friends. To me, making friends is the best way to know a new culture; meanwhile, I also correct the misunderstanding of culture and people.

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

As I was an exchange student to Korea, I met a lot of international students from other countries. I have made a lot of friends most from Asian countries. They shared their cultures with me, and I shared my experiences in my country. Thanks for the culture sharing; I have new thinking on their cultures, and also appreciated the differences.

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.

It was my first time to study abroad. I am very interested in going to another country because I want to learn about new cultures and languages. When I came to Korea, I completely became a stranger in Korea. Although I have applied for a buddy from Ewha Office of Global Affairs, it was still difficult to communicate with other people, such as on making friends, and handling the details on daily life in the beginning. Because I wasn't staying at school dormitory, instead, I stayed at livingtel(a typical accommodation model at Korea), I tried my best to adapt myself to the new environment.

I started to learn Korean after took Korean proficient test, and this was a new experience, too. Besides the Korean language class, I also choose global journalism and business English at Ewha. During leisure time, I participated social service or hanged out with friends. I studied hard and shared my experience with my new friends. To me, this was not only the best way to learn many things but also a wonderful experience while I was at Ewha. I played with new friends and shared with each other about memories and experiences; this was a amazing and unforgettable memory on my life.

Actually, I wasn't good at expressing my own ideas and feelings, so I was grateful and would like to thank my partner—Holly. She is another exchange student from my home institution. She is an open-minded girl, and she taught me many things and helped me a lot. If I wouldn't have given myself a try, I wouldn't have these friends, and these wonderful memories.

Last but not the least, thanks ACUCA for giving me a chance to give myself a try!



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