



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: Soegijapranata Catholic University, Indonesia

3. Host Institution: Providence Catholic University, Taiwan

4. Study Period: from September/2011 to January/2012

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

International _ Office at your institution, _ ACUCA Website

_ From Fellow Student, _ Others (Please Specify)

Comment:

International Office gives information and makes some briefing and introduction about ACUCA - SMS. Then look for information about that program on ACUCA Website.

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

I study in English Department (Business English, Oral English, English Conversation) and Chinese Language. I have a trip at famous place in Taiwan. I also join "Sing a Taiwanese Song, Win Big Prize", and win as Best Costume Award. There is an activity called I-Corner, where each exchange student must present all matters relating to individual states - each. The event was witnessed by students of Providence University and the entire exchange student from another country.

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

The difficulties are about language, because most of origin people (food seller, cloth seller) can't speak English and almost menu in food court is in Chinese character.

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

Student Mobility Schemes is very useful to open our eyes about International Education and connection with people around the world. This opportunity gives me a lot of information about culture, language and many other useful things. We visited many famous places in Taiwan and learned about their culture also their food.

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

Yes, during exchange student I get a lot of information about Master Degree. First time my parent asks me to continuing my study (Master Program), I didn't want to do it. I reject their offering about Master Program. But, it became different when I attended this SMS program. My perspective on education has been changed. After I finished my Bachelor, I have plan to continuing my study (take Master Program) in this country, even in Providence University (my host university of exchange student)

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

I know a lot about Asian culture. As far as I feel, Asian culture is very friendly and fun. An honor for me to live for a semester at one of the developed countries in Asia, Taiwan.

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.

On September 7, 2011, we went to Taiwan and on arrival at Taoyuan International Airport, we were picked up by the Providence. We have dinner with all participants to exchange students from various countries (China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Australia, Germany, Serbia, Spain), and do personal shopping at the mini market and finally arrived at the dormitory. We find roommates who are from Taiwan (local student), with the intention that we can get to know both the culture of Taiwan and can communicate with the language they daily used, which is Mandarin.

We chose subjects relating to the business, Oral English and Conversation being taught in English. In addition we get the Mandarin language courses are taught as many as 10 hours in a week. The language we use everyday - today is English, and a little Mandarin. This is a very memorable experience for us, because we are required to use English as our primary language to communicate with friends and teaching staff at Providence University.

The first time we in this place, we had difficulty in communicating, because it turns out the bulk of Taiwanese people do not understand English. Even when we want to buy food and drinks in school canteens and restaurant outside of school, all the menus in the form of Mandarin characters and we cannot read it. At first we could not feel at home, but finally we got a friend - a good friend, who will assist us in communicating in English and Mandarin. After one week we were finally able to adapt well in Taiwan. The majority of Taiwan residents use the bus as the main transport. We bought the card in the mini bus and the card can be used for travel to all cities in Taiwan. Originally we got surprised, to go to some place we have to walk a long distance away. Although in the beginning we shocked and feel very tired because it's much for me to walk that far, we finally get used to it.

We are very pleased and proud to have the opportunity to join the program. We do hope that in the future, more and more students follow UNIKA International programs such as this ACUCA SMS program. Thus the name of Indonesia and the name UNIKA Soegijapranata be increasingly recognized in international eyes. We hope that UNIKA can be a host university exchange student.

Not to forget that we say thank you for - the amount in the Lord Jesus who has been waging all our plans, although there are some obstacles, but we can skip all well. For the whole party from the Faculty of Agricultural Technology and UNIKA Soegijapranata and friends - friends who have helped us to get this program.

