



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: Silviana (Fang Wei Ya)

2. Home Institution: Name: Soegijapranata Catholic University
Semarang Country: Indonesia

3. Host Institution: Name: Providence University Country: Taichung-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:

I heard from my University's International Office

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

I took Chinese Language Courses it about 10 hours for a week, Business English, English Oral Training, and Intermediate English. I went to some famous places in Taiwan such as Sun Moon Lake with all of exchange student, had a dinner with all of the exchange student, and visit many other place in Taiwan.. Because of this exchange, my English become better and I can speak and read Chinese a little day by day. It's so interesting and memorable event for me.

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

The difficulties are when I communicate with all of the people here. Many people here, can not speak English. They just only speak in Chinese, so i think it's the hardest part because I can't speak Chinese at the first time.

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

To be an exchange student is very big chance for our future. Because of it we can improve our Language in English and also other Language like Chinese and etc. Don't be afraid to live alone here. Many people will help you. GO, and TRY. It will be a memorable event in your lifetime.

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

Actually YES. My English become better day by day, because everyday i must speak in English with other people, and sometimes must speak Chinese too. Besides that I become very inpedent, because everyday I must do all of what I need by myself. So it can improve my personality too.

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

I think Asian Culture is very interesting and beautiful. In Taiwan, there are a lot of temple and they are very beautiful. Chinese Traditional Culture is very interesting in here. Many traditional festival and foods, the are all amazing. We must keep the Asian Culture.

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 interesting to go to another country because I want to learn about their cultures and languages. When I become an exchange student in Providence University, I must live in the dormitory. It was my first time to live in dormitory. Because i always live in my home before. In dormitory, I must sleep with local student in there. First time i think, it was difficult because many people in Taiwan can't speak English. But actually, my friend can speak English a little. So i taught her about English, and she taught me about Chinese Language. So it was very interesting. If you always use and keep practices about language, so you be better day by day.

Many people here taught that I am Taiwanese; they always spoke with me in Chinese. I feel a little stress and stress at the first time. When I wanted to eat in some restaurant, all of the menu in Chinese Language. It's very terrible because I can't speak and read Chinese character. But, actually, my Chinese become better, so I am not afraid again to communicate with other Taiwanese again. I think it is very challenge for me.

I had a lot of friends from other country here. I had friends from China, Taiwan, German, Japan, Australia, Serbia, Korea, and France. I like to make a friend. Many friends from China always taught me how to spoke in Chinese and how to read the Chinese character. It's very usefull for me. I could know the culture from other country, i could know many famous place in other country. Experience to be an exchange student is very amazing. I got a lot of friends and experiences here. It's very memorable in my lifetime.



Picture when I and my friend go to Gaomei Wet Island



Trip to Kenting near Kaoshiung



Trip to Sun Moon Lake in Nantou





When my friend join the Singing Competition in Taichung



Trip to Dajia, very famous in bread.