

# 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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**3. Host Institution**— Name: Central Philippines University      Country: Philippines

**4. Study Period:** from 10/2012 to 02/2013 (mm/yyyy)

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

International Office at your institution,  ACUCA Website,  From Fellow Student,  Others

Comment:

I heard it from my school's Office of International Affairs.

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

Subjects I took at Central Philippine University were Study and Thinking Skills in English, Natural Sciences, Religion and Ethics and Mathematics. And I went to El Nido Palawan, I enjoyed swimming, helmet diving and island hopping.

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

It took me awhile to adjust not only to the unpredictable weather but also with the lifestyle, the people and things around me.

**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 is a really good opportunity to experience other country's lifestyle, for seeing is believing.

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

I am thankful for my experience, I learned how to be independent, to deal with other people, and see things in a different light.

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

Philippines have its own uniqueness. I know now that Asian Culture has similarities and differences but with respect we can leave with each other peacefully.

## 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.

“Experience is one of the greatest teachers in life.” Life in Philippines has taught me this. I now truly appreciate what I have in Taiwan; I learned and discovered how it is to live in a country that is totally different from what I’m accustomed to. I often look for the comforts of my home in Taiwan. It took me awhile to adjust not only to the unpredictable weather but also with the lifestyle, the people and things around me.

Subjects I took at Central Philippine University were Study and Thinking Skills in English, Natural Sciences, Religion and Ethics and Mathematics. Classes in the Philippines usually start 7am. We met on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for an hour per class or Tuesday and Thursday for one hour and a half per class. This gave me a great opportunity to improve more and enhance my English skills in listening and speaking and also to familiarize myself with different accents.

Iloilo is a warm and friendly City. Locals are very helpful and nice, and they always smile. (It seems to me that they are always happy for no reason at all.) I’ve roamed around down town; you can see a lot of old buildings, sidewalk vendors, and shops that sell imitations and cheap merchandise. In Jaro, you can find the Cathedral church and the belfry is outside next to the plaza/park. There are Sari-sari stores everywhere; this is similar to a convenience shop but only smaller and most products are sold in retail. Second hand shops are also a very common sight. Mang Inasal spicy chicken barbeque with unlimited rice and Jollibee fried chicken, big champ burger are only a few of the favorites of locals and foreigners alike. People with low budget, students or workers usually eat in the carenderia, which sells Filipino home cooked style meals.

An unforgettable moment for me is that I went to El Nido Palawan, where I enjoyed swimming, helmet diving and island hopping. Filipinos really like Christmas time. They have fireworks and you can see Christmas trees and Christmas decorations on the sidewalks and parks. I witnessed the opening of lights in Pototan or Iwag, and I had fun in the “Peryahan” similar to a carnival with rides and games. Bonding with other International students during our Christmas beach party was totally awesome.

I am thankful for my experience, and I learned how to be independent, to deal with other people, and to see things in a different light. Also, I learned that Philippines have its own uniqueness. I know now that Asian Cultures have similarities and differences but with respect we can leave with each other peacefully.



This festival is held every year. They invite people from neighboring towns to take part in the festivities.

You can enjoy different kinds of rides and can feast on popcorns, hotcakes, street foods and a lot more.

A marching band performs for the crowds, and game of chance was the most interesting thing in the “peryahan.”



It's my first time to be so close to the fish.



Jaro public market sells cheap vegetables, meat, fish, fruits and condiments.



Island hopping with other people.



Beach Christmas Party for international students with ma'am Jessica Chin. Singing, dancing, and playing party games were lots of fun!



Fully decorated jeepney



Miagao church is one of the world's heritage sites, It's an hour ride away by bus from Iloilo City.