

# 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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Country: South Korea

**3. Host Institution—** Name: Ateneo de Manila University

Country: the Philippines

**4. Study Period:** from 05/2012 to 10/2012(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:

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

Education

After exchange student program, I participated in internship at Education Center in host university

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

Language

Food

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

As long as you do things that relate to international, this will help you get used to living in other countries

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

I had a prejudice about people who are Muslim, homosexual and so on but I realized that I was wrong and they are such good people.

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

It was quite excited to find similarities and differences among Asian cultures at the same time.

**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.

During exchange student program, I was able to spend a time with international friends in the world. Since all of us are foreigner in the Philippines, we had lots of common and tried to challenge new things as much as possible. To be specific, With Asian exchange students, It was fun to compare similarities and differences between us. With European exchange students, it was worthwhile to know about their culture by talking each other. Before being exchange student, I was just able to experience other culture indirectly such as book or article, but listening by people from their countries was much easier for me to understand and memorize what they said about their culture.

For the first time, everything was challenge for me and I had to ask local friends for help. Sometimes, I was desperate and upset for different culture until I got used to their culture and felt lonely as well. As time went by, I was getting to know different culture and being independent. I always recall the sentence that it is not the strongest of the species that survive, not the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change by Charles Darwin. This sentence gave me motivation to do my best to adjust to live in other country.

I usually hang out with Asian exchange students since we have lot of common like that main food is rice and spend lots of time to share our culture. Especially, it was interesting to know about southeast Asian culture with exchange students from Malaysia, Thailand, and Brunei. Sometimes, I joined the travel organization. It was quite fun to travel with local people and exchange students. I think that both traveling alone and with friends are always good.

Middle of semester, I was a bit busy doing my homework and quiz but getting to be close with local friends. We experienced to local culture like taking a jeep and going to local restaurant by learning the food from local friends. Before that, I just found out area of surface but could know about something by relating the culture and history because of local friends and this made me memorize easily as well. I also went to capoeira class, which is one of the martial arts for Brazil, with exchange student who has learned it before. Thanks to that, I have met lots of local friends who are not near my university.

Choosing the Philippine was great choice for me. It was easier for me to get used to Asian culture and able to share our cultures with local people. At the same time, It was excited to spend a time with European exchange students who are interested in Asian culture by comparing our cultures. The Philippine is English speaking country but they have their own language as well so I also tried to learn their mother language because I think that language is basic measures for communicating with people. I am sure that exchange student program made me come to maturity and I got motivation to keep challenging.

