

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— Paypa University Country: Thailand

3. Host Institution— Ateneo de Manila University Country: The Philippines

4. Study Period: from May 28th, 2012 to October 16th, 2012

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 also saw many posters which promoted about studying abroad program around the university.

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

I was studying in Humanities Department and majoring in English. I joined an organization which was provided for all exchange students in ADMU and we did many kinds of activities for examples: City tour, Hiking, Welcoming Party and etc.

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

I was a little bit difficult because it was the first time living in the new country. Therefore, I needed to adjust my life style and learn how to live harmoniously with new people and new environment.

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 it is the best chance for them to gain more scholarship knowledge and new experiences which they can't find in their own country. Living and studying in a new country will improve them to a better ability moreover; they would be ready for the AEC.

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

Yes, I have. My life perspective has been changed since I went abroad. I became more mature and responsible because I had to take care of myself there and solved all problems by myself when I was studying in the Philippines.

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

In my opinion, all Asian countries have a similarity between their cultures. I was familiar with Filipino culture when I was studying there.

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 required.

Studying abroad in the Philippines was my first time as being an exchange student. I had a great moment when I was there in both academic field and new social life experience. The ACUCA SMS Program was the best trail for me to become more effective in studying and living on my own. Moreover, I learnt much about the new country such as culture, life style, religious and so on which are all beneficial for me to get ready for the ASEC.

During studying in Ateneo De Manila for a semester, my idea about education including the way I learnt had been altered in a better way. All students in the university are both activists and educators. They put a lot of affords on studying and working hard on activities that they are interested in therefore, I was influenced by the atmosphere and it led me to a progress. Also, I joined the organization which was provided for all international students to exchange life experiences and interesting information about their countries along with doing some recreation activities together such as city tour, the Philippines' food festival, the Philippines racing and so on.

As I met many international students from many countries (France, Japan, Brunei, Taiwan, Korea, German, Spain and America), I got more knowledge about their county and I also had a chance to disseminate all interesting things about Thailand which most of them, who have never been in Thailand, were excited and interested to come and see how amazing Thailand is when heard about it. Filipino students were also impressive, they were always willing to help and most Filipino I met love Thailand. It was a good chance to build connections with people from around the world which is the most important for my future career in a near future.

About health and life security, all students were assured that they would be safe and be in secured during studying abroad. There is office of health and services for students available in the college and there wouldn't be any charges in case that students get sick or health condition.

If any students are interested in studying in the Philippines, ADMU is one of the interesting choices to get your new college experience and I can assure that it is worthwhile to study in this fascinating country. You can enjoy travelling around the country and there are many nice places to visit there.



Hiking at Tagaytay Volcano

Classmates from Basic French Class



The City Tour

Welcoming Party for all exchange students

