

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: Sanata Dharma University Country: Indonesia

3. Host Institution— Name: Providence University Country: Taiwan

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

SMS ACUCA was firstly offered in Sanata Dharma University last semester (Fall 2012) At first, I was only interested in joining ACUCA Student Camp since I have some friend who were chosen to take part in previous ACUCA Student Camps (South Korea and Japan). Then, I read an announcement about SMS ACUCA, I looked it up on ACUCA Websites, dare myself to apply and I made it! ☺

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

I studied many things! English (elementary school education, literature and linguistics –mostly linguistics because it is my biggest interest) Chinese (Providence provided free courses for all International students) and Taiwan culture (I took some culture classes offered, for example Culture Learning and Taiwanese Religion and Culture) It was very interesting because in some meetings, we made comparison and contrast between Taiwan culture and students' home culture.

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

Mostly, it was not difficult at all adjusting to life abroad. Somehow, Taiwan is my second home. All the people are very nice, the food is very good, and the environment is very amazing. I just couldn't stand for the weather. For almost whole of my life, I live in Tropical country. People also said it was not that really cold so I was unprepared. Yeah, it was still too cold for us sometimes.

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

SMS ACUCA is one of the best ways to experience and discover new things that you have never imagined before. You will make new friends and probably will also surprise that you will find many culture similarities between countries. You will also learn and study many things yet having a great fun in the same time!

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

Sureeeee.. Many things have changed in me. I am more open in accepting differences. I learn that sometimes, differences are your biggest similarities in life. I also more value my life, friends, and especially myself. I changed because I should and want to change. I've seen a tiny part of the world so I hope, later on, I can bring a better change for people around me and Indonesia.

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

I always think that Asian Cultures are beautiful. After seeing and experiencing by myself, I was amazed that we have many similarities, for example Indonesia and Philippines. Moreover, it becomes more beautiful because we can respect each other, just like the rainbow ☺

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.

Taiwan: Second Home for Everyone

Ni Hao!



It was the very first greetings that I learnt when I came to Taiwan. It was not only greetings for me. Soon enough I found out that it meant friendship and family.

When I accepted in Providence, I was sure that Simplified Chinese I learnt in High School would so much help me. However, I was wrong. I never practiced it and I had already forgotten it. Yet, since Taiwan uses Traditional Chinese, I was really hopeless at

that I was Providence with patiently



gradually. Somehow, by the time, I know my Chinese quite fast because people teachers, even shopkeepers why I keep falling in love with

that time. Then, time flies. I am glad worried too much. It was because provided a very nice Chinese class wonderful teacher who were helping us to improve our Chinese was getting even better. I could learn around me, my friends, classmates, were really encouraging☺. That is Chinese language ☺

I am also falling in love with Taiwan Cuisine. There were many new things I found from Taiwan, like Bubble Milk Tea, Tofu Pudding, Stinky Tofu, Hot Pot and another Taiwan not spicy food ☺ my favorites are Bubble Milk Tea, Tofu Pudding and Hot Pot. Although many people hate Stinky Tofu, I love it somehow! LOL

Taiwanese people also make me keep and keep falling in love. They always help me and never fail me. They are shy at first but once you know them, they are so creative, helpful and know how to have fun! LOL

For the last part, I want to introduce my best friends I make in Taiwan. They come from many countries in the world: United States of America, South Korea, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, China, Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan and many more. We were very different but we are like one big family. They were there in sadness and happiness, friends to help you study, to share your random thought, to do your hobbies and we know how to have fun!





Pictures (from above, left to right):

1. Gao Mei Wetland
2. Hsin Ju Elementary School
3. Formosa Aboriginal Theme Park
4. Kao Shiong
5. My Chinese Character
6. Me and Dragon
7. Drawing Lantern
8. Isabel (Korea) and Seina (Japan)
9. Farewell Party
10. Last Goodbye