

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: Soegijapranata Catholic University Country: Indonesia

3. Host Institution— Name: Providence University (靜宜大學) Country: Taiwan

4. Study Period: from 02/2013 to 06/2013 (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 about ACUCA-SMS from my lecturer an Internationa Office in my university. International Office gave me some information and introduction about ACUCA–SMS. Then i also had a look about that program on ACUCA Website.

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

I took four classes, Multicultural Learning and Exchange; Cinema and Social Culture in Taiwan; Intermediate English Conversation; and Chinese Language. I did some activities, such as:

*411 Study Abroad Festival, This activity is called 411 Festival because it was held on the 11th of April.

Here we are introduce and promote our Home Institution (Soegijapranata Catholic University).

*I-Corner, this is an activity where each exchange student must present all matters relating to each individual states and was witnessed by students of Providence University and the entire exchange student from another country.

*There are also another nonacademic activities such as BBQ One Day Trip and Farewell Party for all exchange students.

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

I think the most difficult thing is about Language. It was not that difficult to live inside campus, but when we go outside the campus, it was difficult. Because you know, if we can't understand Chinese language in Taiwan, it's hard to read bus rute, food menu, and everything that most of them written in Chinese characters. Eventhough we can speak or understand English, but most of the origin people there can't speak English.

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

Student Mobility Scheme is very very useful for me. I met a lot of friends from other parts of the world, we like to sharing about culture, food, law, and etc in our countries, then we compare it each others. By join exchange program like ACUCA-SMS, we can study, get more information about international education, connect with lots of people around the world, and get so many experience, that All will be UnForgettable.

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

Yes. Now I can understand Chinese a little bit, read it, even write some Chinese characters. Because during my stay in Taiwan, I had Chinese class and practice everyday, eventhough only 2 hours, but it's very worth it. I start to love Chinese language, then after I finished my bachelor I have plan to study Chinese in Mainland China or maybe in Taiwan.

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

I feel that asian cultures are very interesting, friendly, and fun. Every cultures have each differences. I'm very glad to live for a semester at Taiwan, one of the developed countries in Asia.

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.¹

¹ The photos are advised to be the subject of activities, learning, etc., and should include the student themselves. Please attach the photos dividedly within the Email.

Hello..My name is Della Hardiana. Here, I wanna share about my live and big experience during my stay in Taiwan as Exchange Student for one semester.

I arrived in Taoyuan International Airport, Taiwan on Febuary 16, 2013 and I was picked up by Providence University team. We got on the bus with all participants exchange students from various countries (China, Japan, Korea, Germany, France), and do personal shopping (bought some daily needs) at mini market and finally arrived in dormitory. The dormitory was inside the University area. My room consist of three students, me, my friend that also exchange students from Indonesia, and the other one come from Thailand that took master graduate in PU. Eventhough we slept together (3 people in 1 room), they're not bothering me. We were enjoyed , and always have dinner together.

First week I came to Taiwan, I felt so difficult to communicate with the others people, even they are exchange students too. Because most of people from Taiwan, Japan or mainland china can not speak or understand English well. But day by day, I felt everything become better and I have enjoyed stay in Taiwan. I met a lot of friends from different countries and we have a very good friendship.

We have some activities presented by International Office from my host university (PU). On April, we have "411 Study Abroad Festival". This activities called 411 Festival because it was held on the 11th of April. Here we are all from different countries and universities introduce and promote our own universities (Home Institution). Then nonacademic activities such as "BBQ One day Trip". We got on the bus in the morning and had a trip to one place, there we did BBQ together for lunch and play some games like Outbond. This activities followed by all Exchange students.



411 Study Abroad Festival



BBQ One Day Trip

In Taiwan, I have Chinese class everyday from 10 o'clock until 12 o'clock. My Chinese class is a beginner level (start from zero) that also consist of students from various countries (Japan, Korea, America, Thailand, and Colombia). My class taught by a very kind and funny teacher, I like the way she taught us chinese so much. All of us have study hard everyday. I felt in Taiwan, my Chinese language become better and better until I can buy something by myself, read some of food menu in food shop/restaurant, and have a conversation with my friends from China (eventhough my Chinese speaking and grammar not good enough yet.haha).



➔ This is my Chinese class

In Taiwan, I can say that I “Study hard, Play hard”. Yes, because I have travelling many famous places in Taiwan together with my Hongkong friend, Taiwanese, Japanese, Thailand, China, Korean, etc. We are happy to know each others and have fun travelling together.



In Alishan



In Tamsui, Taipei



In Lotus pond, Gaoxiang

At last, I want to say that I’m very pleased and proud to have the opportunity to join this ACUCA program. By this exchange experience I can develop myself to be more independent, respect people, make friends with the others International students, and improve my English, even Chinese Language. I hope in the future, more and more students from Indonesia join International programs such as ACUCA-SMS program. So that, the name Indonesia will be increasingly recognized in international eyes. I also hope that a lot of students from the others parts of the world choose Soegijapranata Catholic University as their host university exchange student.

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