

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: WENZAO URSULINE COLLEGE OF LANGUAGES Country: TAIWAN

4. Study Period: from 02/2013 to 07/2013

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:

First, I heard about ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme from friend. When I asked them how to being an Exchange Student, my friend told me about ACUCA. They explained that this organization have link with many Christian University around Asia and I can chose in where country and which university that I want to be an exchange student. Furthermore I got more information about ACUCA from international office at my institution and they help me applied.

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

I studied cross culture communication, drama, writing business letter, English and Speaking, Reading and Writing, and I also physical education, Taichi. I become a member of Wenzao Indonesia Association in Wenzao. Member of this club is not only Indonesian student but also Taiwanese student at Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages. Together with this club's member, I have a performance about Indonesian Culture. We played Angklung (Indonesian Traditional Instrument), performed Kecak and Saman dance, and also played drama about Indonesian culture.

We presented about how Indonesian celebrates The Independence Day in Dragon Boat Festival and also I wore Indonesian Traditional Clothes, Kebaya in Wenzao Sport Days and together with another international student in Wenzao, we attended the opening ceremony.

Another activity that I have taken part in was an event that organized by AIESEC in National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology. This activity was about to introduced our country and culture.

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

Yes, it was very difficult at the first time. I felt the most difficult once was the culture differences. When I first time arrived in Taiwan, I lived at my foster parent's house. At that time, I felt the different culture with Indonesia about how to eat, how to speak with other people or people who older than me, even some culture same as in Indonesia but still I found differences.

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

Don't be afraid to be an Exchange Student because it is not so difficult to be an exchange student, we can adapt. Christian University that be ACUCA member has very good Even though maybe you will find different culture but from that you can learn and in the end you will feel that you have many experience behind because you ever been an exchange student with ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme.

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

Yeah. I felt, I have become a different person after back to my home country. Becoming an exchange student has changed my paradigm about people, about time, and also how to make a decision. I learned how people greeting another in different ways (depends on where is the people comes from; French, Czech, Korean, etc. The way they greeting people are different).

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

Asian has many cultures that very unique in each culture. Even though some of them is quite similar from one country to another but we still can find many differences. That is made Asian Culture very unique.

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.



This picture was taken when Wenzao celebrate The Sport's day. Almost all international students at Wenzao must wear traditional outfit or mark that represents their country. In this picture, there are three people from Czech Republic, three people from right side, then one people from Thailand who wear short skirt, then one people from Korea who wear Hanbok, Korean traditional outfit, then one Taiwanese, the girl who wear red shirt, then me on the left side who wear Indonesian traditional outfit, kebaya. In those days, I learned about traditional outfit form many countries. It was very awesome.



This picture was taken when Wenzao organized free trip to Pingtung, South Taiwan, for all International student. From this activity, I learned that Taiwan has aborigine tribe in the past. Taiwan has not only one aborigine tribe and nowadays Taiwan's aborigine tribe still exist in Taiwan's county or in Taiwan's country side.



This picture was taken when Taiwan celebrate Dragon Boat Festival. To celebrate that festival, Wenzao organized activity which all international students must presented The Favorite Holiday at their country. Each people who come from same country are grouped into one group and each group must present about their favorite holiday and how to celebrate it. From this activity, I learned about how Japanese, Czech, France, Chinese, and Korean people celebrate their holiday.

I am really happy because ACUCA gave me this opportunity to going abroad. I learned many things by my experiences there. Meeting many friends from another country also knowing and learning about their culture. This experiences I cannot forget it in my whole entire live.