

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: Payap International College, Chiangmai Country: Thailand

3. Host Institution— Name: Handong Global University, Pohang Country: Republic of South Korea

4. Study Period: from March/2012 to June/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:

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

I studied 4 business classes, 1 language class (Korean), and 1 class in art (basic drawing). I got to participate in many activities covered in many area such as Culture community, Handong International Church, Team meeting, Festival&Contest, etc.

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

It was difficult at first according to new environment language, and culture. Different style of teaching and learning were also parts of that. The most difficult thing was about missing familiar place and people. However it will not take long adjusting yourself. After that real great fun will come!

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

Experience that, join them!

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

Yes, I have. I would say that I grew up in many ways on self improvement, social skills, and Christianity as I had to take care of myself in many aspects being far from home. I learnt on how to live with other in a place I did not know before. Moreover I also get to know more in Christian life.

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

Even though we are Asian as other call us, but we are still different in some aspects according to the country and culture we are shaped. Personally, my Asian friends who I known when I was there were very interesting and cool!

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.

Hi, my name is Chisa Pusuwan. My major is International Hospitality Management. I got to know ACUCA because of staff from Payap's Study Abroad Program. With all helps and supports from the staffs of the program, I had an opportunity to be an exchange student via ACUCA to Handong Global University (HGU), Republic of South Korea in the spring semester 2012. HGU is one of members of ACUCA. It is the university that has an excellence in academic based on Christian faith. Even though it was only one semester there, it definitely was a great time and great experience of my life.

Korea is one of the countries that I am interested in because of its culture, food, music, language, fashion, etc. I spent about four months there from the end of February to the middle of June 2012. The main purpose of mine being an exchange student that time was to experience all of the aspects I have mentioned while be able to take classes and transfer the credits back to my university. At first I was little scared because everything was new, being in a place and language where I did not familiar with. However, a month later I realized that I had nothing to be scared of. The life there was fun and interesting full filled with warmth and kindness from my friends and the people there.

All the classes I took in HGU were taught in English. I would say that they were tough for me according to the different style of teaching and learning. It took me awhile adjusting myself to be familiar with. The people, professors, students in HGU were so nice. They were very kind and helpful. Whenever you asked for the helps, a help would be definitely there for you.

I also got to hang around with Korean people from my university. I got to try on what the people there really do, the real Korean ways. They were very interesting. I really had a great and fun time. I also got to try traditional food, snack, game, Jim Ji Bang (traditional bath place), and even traditional singing style. The best way to experience in culture you are interested in is being in place of that culture. I definitely believed so, and decided to attend the program especially to Handong Global University. You will not be able to get these experiences until you decide to see them by yourself.

