

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 Catholic University Country: Taiwan

4. Study Period: from 02 / 2013 to 6 / 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:

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

I studied a lot of things. I mainly studied Chinese from Monday to Friday for 2 hours per day. I also took 3 others classes: Cinema and Society, Multicultural Class, and Intermediate English Conversation. I also did several trips and learn about Taiwanese Culture. I ever stayed in my friend's house and I learned a lot about Taiwanese family there. They are so kind and very nice!

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

Language and weather was the first problem that I faced in Taiwan. It was difficult for the first time because I can't speak Chinese but I have to order the food which is the menu in Chinese character but luckily I have friends who helped me to translate the menu. Thanks to all my friends who helped me to order the food! I lived in tropical country for more than 21 years and I came to Taiwan in winter, it was a weather shock for me. I felt so cold and got a cold at the first time I arrived.

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 hesitate to apply!

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

Yes, during exchange I met a lot of different people from different country. This experience has been opened my mind and I become more active now. These experiences made me want to go to other countries again. It was great can made friends from many different countries. My English and my Chinese also become better

and better because I have to use English everyday and had a Chinese class from Monday to Friday.

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

So great and very various!! I took multicultural class in Providence University. We are coming from many different countries and we did sharing and made comparison between Taiwanese culture and students' country culture, that's why I know a lot of Asian culture now.

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.



When I accepted the acceptance letter from Providence, I was really happy. But at first, I was extremely nervous about study abroad because it was my first time and I can't speak Chinese. But, after I arrived in Taiwan, all of the fearness suddenly disappears because I've got a lot of fun and a lot of friends. At the first time, my friends always help me to order the food because the entire menu written in Chinese character. The orientation also was so fun, we were divided into groups (each group have 2 learning partners who will help us if we faced some problem in Taiwan) and we have some event like BBQ party and trip to Sun Moon Lake with our group. Besides that event, sometimes we also had dinner or hanging out together. These events made us getting closer and closer like family. I made a lot of friends here, it always nice and interesting to know a lot of people from many different countries.



I learned a lot of thing in Taiwan such as culture, friendship, and lifestyle. I was not just learning about Taiwanese culture but also learn about America, France, Japan, German, Puerto Rico, and Hong Kong culture. I took one class named "Multicultural Class" and it was a really great class because we came from different country and we can share each other about our culture. We was not just sharing with our friends but also sharing with the children from elementary school. One time a week we went to the elementary school to sharing and playing with them. From this exchange experience, I think I become a better person now because I become more independent, more active, more confidence, and my English and Chinese also become better.

I really love Taiwan food especially bubble milk tea and ji pai. When I arrived in Indonesia, I was so shock when looked at the weigher and realized that I gained 4 kilos. I become so fat now. >.< Thank you Taiwan for giving me such unforgettable memories and made me feels like home until I become so fat. LOL! Thanks a lot International Office UNIKA Soegijapranata who always help me to prepare anything until I can join this program.

It was a hard time when I have to leave Taiwan, it was a short time but it's enough to say I love Taiwan!! Thanks a lot ACUCA for give me a chance to study abroad. I will never forget this experience. I hope I have another chance to study abroad again and I hope there will be more students can join this program. Don't hesitate to register all!!



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