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.

1. Name: Chuang, Hao-Lin

2. Home Institution:

Name: Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages Country: Taiwan

3. Host Institution:

Name: Ewha womans University Country: Korea

4. Study Period: from 08 / 2010 to 01 /2011 (mm/yyyy)

5. How did you hear about the ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme? ☑International Office at your institution, ☑ ACUCA Website, From Fellow Student, _ Others (Please Specify)

Comment:

It was a great program and gives people chances to study aboard.

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

I mainly studied Korean in the morning classes, and took some university class during afternoon and night class. I also participated in local social services and helped those kids study English and accompanied them. It was a great experience.

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

It was difficult when I went abroad at the first time. Communication is the first problem and at the first three months, it's hard to make friends, order food. It's lucky that we had been living in the dormitory and students in Korea speak some English which could help us with daily life. I thank to friends who helped me before and they colored my life in Korea.

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

It's a great program. I highly recommend students who want to study abroad.

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

I know better to make friends from other countries. Some I faced some cultures difference and misunderstood its meaning. On the other hand, because of the cultures difference, I learn to be more open-minded and people in a more sensitive way.

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

I met people from Japan, Korea, China, Thailand and Indonesia. Many friends are from Asian country. Different country has its unique culture, I am a person who like trying new things. This exchange program brought me chances to experience different way of life, people's characteristic and food from other country. I believe all human beings are all the same, we all have a good heart.

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.

I had the chance to go to Ewha womans University for a semester. It was an awesome experience. As part of the program, school provides free languages class for exchange student in order to get closer to local people by speaking their languages. I believe people get closer by communication, so language is the first step. After I learned Korea, I can sense more Korean culture and talk to more people in Korean.

As being a student, our job is to enjoy school life, especially time while studying aboard. I participated in many activities in and out campus. It's another way to know people out-campus. I always people it's destiny for us to meet together in the place and the moment so I cherished the time there and enjoyed the time.

You can also meet friends from other countries except Korea. People in the world participate this program and meet at a foreign country, isn't that amazing? Take me as example, I met a twin form Denmark and found out they can speak fluent Chinese. Our friendship started from the orientation and we still keep in touch now. You will never know what kind of people you will meet and what will they bring into your life. So please be positive and work hard to get this chance. It's an amazing program.

Thank you ACUCA.