

Report for Exchange Program

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A. Abstract

The main purpose for me taking the exchange program to Germany is to experience the difference. Especially in cultural exchange, teaching methods and class ambience. As a foreign student study in Yuntech, my curiosity and my eagerness to learn more about other culture and study more from different type of lectures is very high. I already felt the difference from Indonesia and Taiwan learning situation. This exchange program from Yuntech to Germany will positively open another learning experience for me that will bring many benefits for me in the future.

Germany also famous with their MBA courses, which is one of the reason I always want to study in Germany. I took 5 classes in my exchange program In TH Brandenburg. Two courses related to Germany cultures which are Germany language and Profiling Germany. The others are related to business; Business Plan, Economic of Strategic behavior and Business English. For me, this is a lifetime experience that I will remember as great memories.

B. Relevance with your study

All of the courses I took offered different kind of things. I genuinely really enjoyed every single of them, and I felt like I learn tremendous amount from all five classes. The most memorable course was Business Plan. I really like how the lecturer (Mr. Julian Kea) used many technologies and active learning situation to make the class more interactive such as mentimeter application to give feedback to our friend's presentation, lots of interesting games indoor and also outdoor, and the most special part was Lego building as final presentation project. We have to build our business plan idea into Lego and explain it to our classmates. He also used many good business plan theories and methods to present the class. I really like this class.

Meanwhile the other classes for most of the part, the teaching methods and environment were relatively similar to Yuntech. They used powerpoint presentation to assist with their teaching, and attempted to involve the students as much as possible through questions and discussions. One major difference was the courses time. They had a very packed class because they have a short semester time in comparison with Yuntech. I even had 6 hours class for several courses. However they are very flexible with the learning situation so that the long classes were not that awful.

C. Experience Sharing

I stayed on dormitory campus, as I felt that moving to the other side of the world and almost entering the unknown, it would be the easiest option, and likely the most cost-effective. Here at TH Brandenburg, the dormitory is quite different to Yuntech. I also stayed in Yuntech dormitory for my first year so that I can feel the difference for both dormitories. In TH-Brandenburg I got single room with my own bathroom and kitchen. My room has very simple but functional furniture that I even call it like IKEA's room. I really like the kitchen because it has everything inside such as refrigerator; electric stove, and even my own baked oven. I cook my meal almost every day and I found it very different with Yuntech's dormitory which I cannot even cook and I shared everything with my roommate. It really shows me that individual side of westerner's environment. The dormitory in TH Brandenburg was extremely more expensive than in Yuntech I really can tell from the provided furniture in the room. I paid three times more than in the price in Yuntech.

I also met so many great friends from different countries. Most of them are Erasmus student so that they came from European countries like France, Netherland, Latvia, Poland, etc. I really like this exchange program gave me many new connections and new cultural experience.

While it seems like such a cliché thing to say, it really is difficult to choose just a few highlights from my time here. Since I went to Germany in winter semester, the most highlight thing was I can experience their winter tradition. They really paid big attention to Christmas celebration it was similar to Chinese new year in Taiwan. We can really feel the Christmas 1 even 2 months before the Christmas day. They held many festivals like Christmas market in every city in Germany on December. It was very beautiful because they have many light decorations for their special month. I even got invitation from my German friend to have dinner on Christmas eve with her family. I can try their special food for Christmas like raclete; it was almost like barbeque in small pan however the special thing is they use raclete cheese to eat with meat and vegetable.

I also like how Halal food was very accessible in Germany. Halal food is many kinds of food especially like meat that Muslim can eat. This was because there's many Turkish and Arabic people stay in Germany. My very favorite food is Turkish kebab. I will miss that a lot.

This exchange program also gave me opportunities to travel to some Germany's neighbor countries such as Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and so on. I visited some of my friends that live in those countries. It was very wonderful time.

D. Suggestion

I hope the courses can be more directed to what Yuntech also offer so that the process to convert the score can be automatically done without complicated process.

E. Appendix



Kitchen in my dormitory single room



My favorite class “Business Plan” with Lego building



My favorite Turkish Kebab



In one of Christmas Market in Berlin



City tour with my Erasmus friend