## **Exploring the World**

Summer Exchange programmes at Boston University (Boston)











The Boston Summer Exchange Program gave me an amazing summer—I not only experienced American culture, but also got to know other exchange students from all around the world. As I was taking some courses at the University, I enjoyed attending classes with other students, and I realized that their learning cultures were very different from that in Hong Kong.

The professors are open-minded and always invite students for discussions and active participation to let everyone engage in learning. This is quite rare in Hong Kong, where learning is more unidirectional.

During my free time, I also participated in activities organized by Boston University. The staff were very nice and helpful. They showed us around and took us to local activities to let us experience more local life.



## Seoul National University Study Tour (Seoul)

This was a one-month trip to Seoul, Korea. It was an unforgettable experience living with other exchange students from Guangzhou Sun Yat Sen University in China. We had good interactions with them, and it was nice working with different people. I also formed a project team with a local Korean student, who took us on a walk around the university campus and introduced us to different parts of Seoul.

SNU also organized some tours on weekends. We travelled to the countryside to enjoy great views and good food. It was full of fun and laughter.

## Guangzhou Sun Yat Sen University (Guangzhou)

On the weekend, we went on a short trip to GuiLin, China, about a two-hour train ride from Guangzhou. My most impressive memory is hill climbing. Although it was so hot that day, when we arrived at the peak of the hill, we enjoyed the spectacular view and it was all worth it!

## Singapore Internship Programme (SIP) (Singapore)

The Singapore Internship at RSM is a turning point in my life. After joining the Singapore/ Shanghai Internship Program (SIP) organized by AC department, I was recruited by an international audit firm, RSM Chio Lim LLP. I worked there for five months. Not only did I gain valuable hands-on working experience, but also able to develop friendship with my Singaporean colleagues and clients. Working in Singapore, I was happy to cooperate with Singaporeans, Malaysians, Indians and so on. My internship experience has enhanced my flexibility to deal with people of various cultural backgrounds. I was also grateful to stay connected with all the friends I made. This internship also provided me a chance to know

more about Singapore, which is a financial center similar to Hong Kong. I can experience the working culture in Singapore in person. I cherished most the chances to interact with the local people. Singapore is quite similar to Hong Kong in the way that both cities are international cities and embrace cultural differences.

Moreover, during the 5-month stay, I was living with three other CityU girls. It was a good opportunity to live more independently and the experience was great. During weekends, I always traveled with my CityU schoolmates to nearby cities, which definitely helped me know more about the local cultures in that metropolitan city.

Participating in SIP has really changed me a lot. I am now becoming more independent and mature. Going to Singapore is the smartest decision I have made ever.







AC department always encourages students to step out of the classrooms and learn <u>outside</u> the book. It also provides me with numerous overseas exposure and widens my scope of horizons.