

Across China, South Korea, and Australia

I have participated in various study tours and exchange programmes, visiting mainland China, South Korea and Australia. When I was a freshman, I joined the Tsinghua University Study Tour to Beijing and the Young Scholars Programme (YSP) South Korea Study Tour to Seoul, in collaboration with Seoul National University. I had the chance to study in top notch universities in China and South Korea and develop my analytical skills through conducting research and giving presentations. Participating in the Culture and Language Immersion Scheme for Professionals (CALIS-Pro) at the University of Adelaide in Australia was my first time traveling to a continent other than Asia. I studied Oenology, which is related to wine studies, and stayed with a host family—I could not imagine all this before I started university! During the 6-week CALIS-Pro programme, I was assigned to a work experience placement at Adelaide City Council, which is the local government in Adelaide. This was a unique experience for me as I never considered having the chance to work in a government organization. For my sophomore year, I have joined the CityU Mandarin Debate Team and participated in the Chengdu Study Tour. I am truly grateful for these chances to travel to different parts of the world.

I have also been on exchange at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra, which is the capital city of Australia. This was my second visit to Australia, after the summer exchange programme to Adelaide, organized by the College of Business, during my Year 1 summer. As I was on exchange during Semester A, due to the academic calendar in Australia, I started my exchange in July, much earlier than usual in Hong Kong. Also, it was winter time in Australia because it is located in the Southern Hemisphere, so I got to experience winter during summer time in Hong Kong.

Unlike other capital cities I have been to, Canberra is not a busy and bustling city. However, it is a great place to live as it is slow-paced, and it was awarded the third-best travel city in 2018 by Lonely Planet! Here is a fun fact about how Canberra was chosen as the capital city of Australia: Sydney and Melbourne were fighting for the title of capital city, and decided to negotiate by choosing a place between them, which turned out to be Canberra.

ANU is a leading university in Australia and the world, which is why I chose it as my exchange institution—to learn more from top students from all parts of the world. ANU is very supportive of all its students, including exchange students, and sent us reminders every week before we arrived. They organized a welcome party for incoming exchange students and a farewell party as well. Study at ANU is well organized, as it uses an easy reference grading system if one has obtained a certain grade, and also provides specific dates for returning exam papers and assignments so that students can check their marks. Students at ANU concentrate and work very hard during classes, without making any noise, and are willing to ask questions in lectures.

ANU is a dynamic university and events are always going on. I joined various events at ANU and in Canberra, such as hiking on Mt. Ainslie, visiting the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House, going to Tidbinbilla with exchange students, participating in the Canberra Colour Fest, road-tripping to the Snowy Mountains and many more. I was a runner-up in the women's doubles in the ANU Badminton Tournament, and won a championship in the Chartered Accountants ANZ-ANU AFEC Case Study Competition. I traveled to Melbourne and Uluru with my exchange buddies during the two-week study break as well. The most memorable thing I experienced during my exchange was celebrating my 21st birthday. My friends baked two birthday cakes and held a party for me! I am so grateful to have had my buddies with me.

In conclusion, this was a great experience to learn more about other cultures and the importance of mutual communication between different backgrounds and cultures. I am really thankful for the opportunity to attend these global programmes.



Tsinghua University Study Tour



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Birthday Dinner



Inbound Exchange Students



21st Birthday in Australia