

## **Always Be Curious about the World**

On the first day, we visited the National University of Singapore (NUS). We were all in a great mood and very excited. The professor gave us a brief lecture. I clearly remember him saying, “always be curious about the world.” Only then can you have the passion and energy to do the things you like. Every morning, when you wake up and get up, always be happy because you know you like the work you are doing and you are excited about what you are going to do, even though you are doing the same things every day. We learned from him that as a professor, a passionate heart and energetic actions can generate fruitful outcomes. I will always remember the keyword: curious! The Ph.D. students there also gave us a brief introduction about how to apply for a Ph.D. at the National University of Singapore, and introduced some basic steps and technicalities. The professors and students there all welcomed the CityU students, and we could feel the good relationship between the two schools.

We also visited Singapore Management University (SMU). We were really impressed with the high quality of education there. The professor gave us a lecture on “The role of accounting in entrepreneurs,” so we got to understand the entrepreneurial spirit. The professor used two local businesses as examples, including the famous ice cream corporation, Udder Ice Cream.

We were also honored to attend a talk by representatives from Ctrip. We gained a basic understanding of the company’s development history in Singapore, how the business is operated and how the company won its battle in such a competitive market and finally merged with Yilong and Qvnaer. All these talks gave us more real-life business knowledge and some practical experience and enriched our understanding of the real business world. We were so impressed.

We also visited the Bank of China in Singapore and learned its history. We found out about the difficulties in its establishment and its strong development in a later period, and its operations in Singapore. We experienced the warm relationship between Singapore and China. We also got to learn about the bank’s future prospects in Singapore.

The whole study tour was really impressive and exciting. We not only had the chance to experience the unique culture of Singapore, but also learnt how business has developed in this beautiful and multicultural country. We are honored to have had the opportunity to experience the business spirit and culture in Singapore.

We really cherished this opportunity. We are very grateful to and appreciative of our school and department—thanks for offering us such a good learning experience!





