

Study Exchange 2011

A Home away from Home

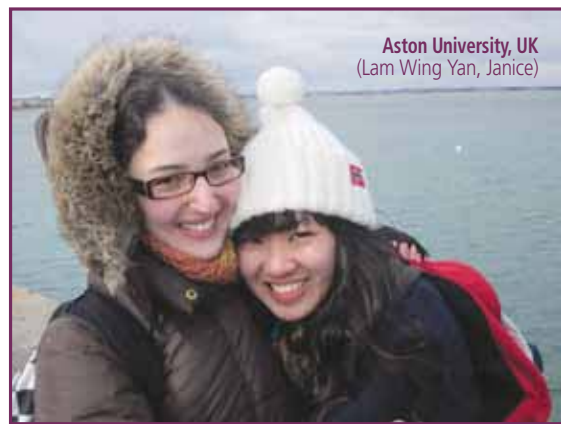
"We must go beyond textbooks, go out into the bypaths and untrodden depths of the wilderness, and travel and explore and tell the world the glories of our journey."

John Hope Franklin, US Historian
(1915-2009)

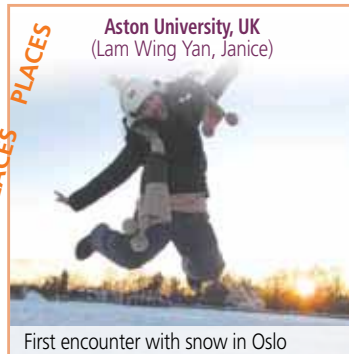


Every year, the Department sponsors over 50 AC students to attend renowned universities around the world, in countries such as Canada, Denmark, Germany, mainland China, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Each of these three-to-four-month study exchanges is definitely a winner with our students. There is a heap of things our students adore about their exchange experiences, but here we just give you the top things on the list that make our students say, "I love exchange life."



Aston University, UK
(Lam Wing Yan, Janice)



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First encounter with snow in Oslo



Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
(Liu Shiyi, Carrie)

Netherlands' flower fields



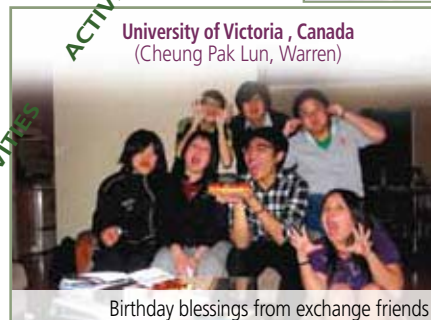
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
(Liu Shiyi, Carrie)

Marvelling at Berlin Cathedral



Indiana University Bloomington, USA
(Wang Yanan, Jane)

The Statue of Liberty, an icon of freedom



University of Victoria, Canada
(Cheung Pak Lun, Warren)

Birthday blessings from exchange friends



Indiana University Bloomington, USA
(Wang Yanan, Jane)

Conseco Fieldhouse, home of the Indiana Pacers NBA basketball teams



University of Victoria, Canada
(Cheung Pak Lun, Warren)

Canadian Rockies road trip



Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
(Liu Shiyi, Carrie)

A lazy afternoon in Langelinie



Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
(Liu Shiyi, Carrie)

Danish folk dancing and live concert



Indiana University Bloomington, USA
(Wang Yanan, Jane)

"Trick or Treat" on Halloween night



Clarkson University, USA
(Wan Yuen Ho, Kathy)

Valentine's Day house party at Hall



Clarkson University, USA
(Wan Yuen Ho, Kathy)

A short Valentine verse to the teacher



Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany
(Pang Tin Wai, Tina)

Shop selling chocolates at Easter



Bogazici University, Turkey
(Ji Ran)

Manti, a Turkish dumpling



Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
(Zeng Guangming, Henry)

Falling in love with Belgium's gourmet chocolate dessert



Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany
(Pang Tin Wai, Tina)

Tasting German sausage in Frankfurt's Zeil



Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
(Zeng Guangming, Henry)

Oktoberfest in Munich, the world's most famous Beer Festival



Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
(Liu Shiyi, Carrie)

Picking up social etiquette at a high table dinner



Aston University, UK
(Lam Wing Yan, Janice)

Off-roading in the Lake District



Travelling is never tiring but enjoyable. "In the one-month Easter break, I travelled to Barcelona, Rome, Florence, Venice, Berlin, Vienna, Bratislava in Slovakia and Paris. I'm now a certified shopaholic, and the flea markets are my favourite place to rummage around. I scored really rare finds for just a few dollars!" exchange student Janice Lam said.

A Better Taste of Foreign Culture

Travelling is full of fun, but there are always limitations. Trips are often short and, of course, very expensive. Usually we just spend time as tourists, wandering around, perhaps guided by a Lonely Planet book. Now there is a chance to go on a new type of trip. Every year, the Department sponsors students to join College-based language and cultural immersion schemes. Last year, over 20 students went to New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States for the Study and Work Abroad Summer Programme 2010. The six-week programme involved English learning, home stay and voluntary work. The students fully immersed themselves in foreign cultures to gain a better understanding of what is going on in other countries. Here is what the students have to say about their experiences.



NEW ZEALAND



I Got LOST + Big Thanks (Chan Wai Ling, BBAAC)

"New Zealanders are very nice. I got lost on the first day in Auckland and asked local people for directions. A kind lady not only

explained how to get where I was going, but also walked me to the right bus."

"People speak quietly, but shout out their thanks."

Fun Learning (Lau Lap Man, BBAAC)

"The English classes here are interactive and involve lots of games. For example, on the day of World Cup final, our teacher took us to a bar next to the school and we watched the action together."

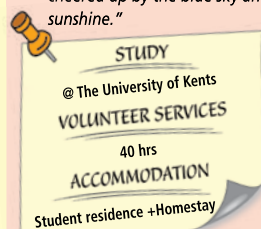


UNITED KINGDOM



Long Long Day (Wong Chak Man, BBAAMIS)

"The first thing that caught my attention was the long daylight hours. In the UK during summer, the sun rises at about 4 am and only sets after 10 pm. I was very cheered up by the blue sky and sunshine."



Volunteering (Li Na, BBAAC)

"There are many charity shops in Britain. According to a Red Cross charity shop owner, there are around 13 charity shops in Whitstable alone. People in the UK usually donate unwanted things to charity shops instead of disposing of them."

I was a volunteer at Age Concern, a charity that serves the elderly. The older people there were very energetic – the men enjoyed making jokes and the ladies busily polished their fingernails. I was inspired by their positive attitudes towards life and benefited a great deal from their wise advice."

UNITED STATES



Party and Chat Time (Lam Yuk Har, BBAACLW)

"I chatted with my host family members for two to three hours every night. We talked on a wide range of topics such as entertainment, sports,

traditional customs, economics and social issues."

"Americans, particularly the teenagers, are party animals. They have all kinds of "weird" parties – pyjama parties, pool parties and graduation proms."



Independence Day (Wun Tsz Kiu, BBAACLW)

"On July 4, I attended a giant celebration concert near Charles River in Boston. Thousands of people gathered to celebrate Independence Day, and I gained a special appreciation of what the festivities were all about."

Kung Hei Fat Choy Happy Lunar New Year 新年快樂
恭喜發財 Bonne Année Chinoise Godt nyttår
Gelukkig nieuwjaar Próspero Año Nuevo Feliz Año
Nuevo カンヘイ脂肪チョイ 明けましておめでとうございます
쿵헤이 지방 초이 새해 복 많이 Sie können sich
wohlhabende Ein Gutes Neues Jahr Kung Hei Fat Choy
Happy Lunar New Year 新年快樂 恭喜發財

UNC Asheville Homecoming Party

*University of North Carolina at
Asheville, US*

(Yu Diandians)

Mix and Match: Chinese New Year, Foreign Style

The Department sends dozens of students on overseas exchange programmes. During this journey, they learn new things and meet new friends. For many students, it is their first time to celebrate Chinese New Year in a foreign country, which proves to be a joyful occasion. Let's see how this year's students celebrated and share their joy. Here we go!

Celebrating Outdoors



- 01** Spring Break in New Port, Rhode Island
University of North Carolina, USA
(Yi Diandian)
- 02** Falling in love with Niagara Falls
Brock University, Canada
(Chan Sui Lan)
- 03** In front of Radcliffe Camera
University of Surrey, UK
(Yiu Ka Man)
- 04** Have you BEAN to Chicago?
Indiana University, USA
(Chan Fung Shan)
- 05** Nice, France, blessed with a sunny climate
Toulouse Business School, France
(Kew Chung)
- 06** Experiencing nature on the Great Ocean Road
RMIT University, Australia
(Ng Ka Ki)
- 07** My first snowman
University of Aberdeen, UK
(Liu Ching Yee)
- 08** How can you visit Paris without seeing the Eiffel Tower?
Audencia Nantes School of Management, France
(Lam Lo Ki)

Celebrating Indoors



- 01** Celebrating Chinese New Year with dumplings in Sweden
Jönköping University, Sweden
(Fok Hok Kan)
- 02** Home visit to the Thousand Island Region of New York
Clarkson University, USA
(Lau Yuen Ning)
- 03** Festive dinner with friends from all over the world
ESC Toulouse Business School, France
(Lau Sin Wan)
- 04** Meal exchange at the International Hall
University of Newcastle, Australia
(Wong Man Ting)
- 05** Chinese tea time!
Oregon State University, USA
(Tsang Ka Ki)
- 06** My buddy and friends
San Francisco State University, USA
(Yu Kwan Nam)
- 07** Mum, I miss your cooking!
University of Leeds, UK
(Yang Wenyi)

Girls' Festival in Beijing

The Girls' Festival (女生節) in Tsinghua happens every March 7. On that day, boys sing songs in front of the girls' dormitory. Each girl is paired with a boy. The girl makes three wishes that her partner has to fulfill. It was a unique experience for me!

*Ho King Shing Tony
Tsinghua University, China*

The Most Painful New Year

During the Lunar New Year, I joined a ski trip to Mont St. Anne. For beginners, stopping is very difficult. However, I found a trick: falling over! That's why this was the most painful Lunar New Year I have ever had.

*Chung Kam On
Queen's University, Canada*



Celebrating Chinese Style

- 01** Bustling Chinatown in London
University of Leeds, UK (Wu Sisi)
University of Bath, UK (Chiu Kai Yeung)
- 02** Firework fun at Chinatown Rotterdam
Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands (Chong Wai Shan)
- 03** Chinatown Chicago
Indiana University, USA
(Kam Wai Chung)