

Same Destination, Different Enlightenment - My Amazing Study Tour 2018 in Singapore

This is not the first time I have enjoyed a study tour as a postgraduate—seven years ago, I joined the study tour held by Chinese University of Hong Kong. Both study tours share the same destination, Singapore, but the enlightenment they provide is quite different.

The most amazing part of the study tour held by our Department of Accountancy is that it provides a more extensive view of the business world in Singapore, both academically and commercially. The study tour first guided us into the academic world of two of the top business schools in Singapore, or even in Asia, at NUS and SMU. Dr. Yuanto Kusnadi, a professor at SMU, was very considerate and well prepared to give us an impressive lecture on entrepreneurship, which taught me, for the first time, the essential role that accounting knowledge played in real business operations. He also shared with us the policies issued by the Singaporean government to support startups initiated by young entrepreneurs, which were attractive enough for us to explore further development opportunities there.

Meanwhile, the study tour showed us the real business world during a field trip to KPMG (Singapore) and Bank of China (Singapore). The KPMG staff welcomed us warmly with a well-prepared presentation on KPMG's increasing professional development and industrial position in Singapore. Working at the company is the dream start to a career for most accounting graduates worldwide. Upon hearing that some of us were interested in developing our careers abroad, they also shared with us the employment situation, especially for immigrant workers in Singapore, which I believe strengthened our confidence in chasing our overseas dreams.



Study tour 2018 group photo at KPMG Singapore

Last but not least, I really want to extend my great gratitude to each and every hero of the Department of Accountancy behind our successful study tour this summer, which will definitely enrich our mindset, broaden our horizons and, most importantly, enlighten our academic and career paths remarkably. Thank you, City University! Thank you, Department of Accountancy!