



Let's Get on Board

Exchanges for Friendship and Personal Growth

In Semester B 2008-09, the Department sent over 50 students to live and learn in renowned universities all over the world. An international perspective is a valuable asset for students, so the University not only encourages, but also financially subsidises our students to join all sorts of international exchange activities.

Exchange is not only about studying. It also enables students to experience that cultures differ significantly from their own, which not only broadens their horizons but also helps them to cultivate their maturity and independence.



Vuong Yin Hon bought a bicycle for travelling in Tsinghua University

"Go exchange my friend. You will find something new". Vuong Yin Hon, who went to Tsinghua University in Beijing, rediscovered the modern China: "The Bird's Nest showed me the combination of art and technology... while Hutongs and museums led me all the way into Chinese history."



Wong Tim Yu will never forget the farewell party for her in Newcastle

The interaction with people from different nationalities benefits students a lot. "It's hard for me to communicate with them at first due to cultural barrier", Wong Tim Yu said. Wong went to Australia's University of Newcastle in 2009. "I get through the barrier by being more proactive and open-minded", added Wong.



Kwok Yi Lam enjoyed her skiing experience with other exchange students in France

"The most memorable thing is that I celebrated my birthday with all the exchange students and some French students at a party". Kwok Yi Lam, who went to the Toulouse Business School, recalled her joyful moment in France.



Audencia Nantes School of Management, Nantes, France (Tang Wing Yan)



Audencia Nantes School of Management, Nantes, France (Sum Hoi Yee)

On campus



University of Bath, Bath, UK (Xiao Yue)

Easter break, at Stonehenge



University of Leeds, Leeds, UK (Fan Shumin)

Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, Scotland



University of Leeds, Leeds, UK (Liang Yingdan)

CityU friends' shoes on a grassland, Bath, UK



University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK (Cheung Pak Laam)

English class at St George Thorn Church



University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia (Lau Hiu Ying, Hilda)

Paddle-ride in Melbourne



University of Technology, Sydney, Australia (Cheng King Yip)

Brazilian friend's birthday party



Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour, Australia (Chiu Yan Yan)

International girls' party



University of Newcastle, Newcastle, Australia (Wong Tim Yu)

Ayers Rock Camping Safari in Central Australia during semester break



Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand (Kwok Wing Yan, Ashley)

Winter at Lake Tekapo, South Island of New Zealand



Shandong University, Shandong, China (Wong Siu Ping)

First day Qingdao visit



Tsinghua University, Beijing, China (Chan Kwok Kai)

Lecture by Yoshio Ishizaka, former president of Toyota US



Tsinghua University, Beijing, China (Chan Po Yiu)

After the flag rising ceremony at Tiananmen square



National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan (Chan Kin Yan, Penny)

Main campus of the National Sun Yat-sen University

Chan Tsz On went hiking with exchange students in Yosemite, California, USA



"The exchange experience was treasurable and warm", Chan Tsz On recalled. Chan met students from different countries like Australia, Finland, Argentina and India at California's San Jose State University. "We went hiking, travelling and skiing together. And on the day I left, all of them gave me a hug". Chan still keeps in touch with his friends from all over the world.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake in January 2009

Oregon State University, Oregon State, USA
(Lam Hin Wing)



Goodbye time, farewell party

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San Francisco State University,
San Francisco, USA
(Chu Pui Man Mandy)



Short trip to Mexico

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San Francisco State University,
San Francisco, USA
(Sze Ying Ho)



In front of the church, with other international students

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Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, USA
(Cheung Hoi Kam, Wendy)



Business school at Saint Louis University

San Francisco State University,
San Francisco, USA
(Lam Kam Pui, Anizer)



Post-exchange trip with my new friends and their family members

York University, Toronto, Canada
(Chung Lai Wah)



Exchanging the taste at dessert party

York University, Toronto, Canada
(Jiang Wenting)



Maple syrup trip

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San Francisco State University, San Francisco, USA
(Lau Po Chi, Cynthia)



Welcome to San Francisco, the city by the bay!

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San Jose State University, San Jose, USA
(Li Man Ching, Kathy)



Housemates at San Jose State University

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, USA
(Lee Wing Lung)



International fair at San Francisco State University

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
(Cheng Chak Yu)



Kingston, Thousand Island

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English Immersion Scheme

In the summer of 2008, the Department of Accountancy sponsored 13 students to participate in the English Immersion Scheme 2008. Students were sent to Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom for 4 to 6 weeks to cultivate their English language skills and gain a taste of a foreign culture. Let's listen to what our students say...

University of Auckland, New Zealand

By Kristy Chan Nga-lai (Year 2 BBA (Hons) Accountancy student)

New Zealand is the world's best place to live. Not only does it have fascinating scenery, but it also has friendly people. I had an unforgettable trip there in summer 2008, and I learned a lot from the experience.

I joined this trip because I wanted to enhance my English ability and experience a different way of living. The trip gave me the opportunity to learn more about New Zealanders' culture. Their lifestyle is quite different from that of Hong Kong people, and the pace is much slower.

We had English lessons with students from different countries in the morning from Monday to Friday. In the afternoons, we did volunteer work in local communities. This helped us to gain a better understanding of New Zealanders' way of life.

During the six-week trip, we visited lots of scenic spots, e.g., Sky City, Parnell Road, Waiheke Island, etc. The University of Auckland organized two weekend trips, to the Bay of Islands and Rotorua, which included exciting activities such as horse riding, jet boating, etc.

This trip gave me a valuable opportunity to learn more about the culture of another country and become more independent. I do recommend that you join this programme if you want to broaden your horizons.



Agrodome Sheep Show



ELA classmates



Lord of the Ring's Hobbiton movie set

University of Warwick, United Kingdom

By Kelly Wong Ching-yi, Candy Leung Hoi-ling and Sara Yam Lai-ying (Year 2 BBA (Hons) Accountancy students)

In this programme, we had English lessons at the University of Warwick for three weeks and worked in a voluntary organization for another three weeks.



Candy Leung with her host family in their garden



Alex, Sara and Vicky (from right) with colleagues in the work place

"We enjoyed working at the Bath Place Community Venture very much. The staff was very nice and helpful. We met volunteers from different backgrounds, such as a deaf volunteer who communicated using body language and an autistic volunteer who was only willing to talk when we interviewed him. Before leaving Bath Place, we organized a Chinese writing workshop that taught Chinese greeting words, such as you're welcome, hello, goodbye and thank you. We also taught the participants how to write their names in Chinese," said Kelly Wong.

Host families also played an important role during this six-week journey. Candy Leung was very excited to meet a very open family. "Most English families are very private, but my host family did not mind sharing their views. My host dad loves to share his views about news and architecture, and my host mum is a good cook. She cooked a wide variety of dishes accompanied with nice drinks and desserts," said Candy Leung.

"We also visited many popular tourist spots, including Warwick Castle, the Royal Spa in Bath, the British Museum,

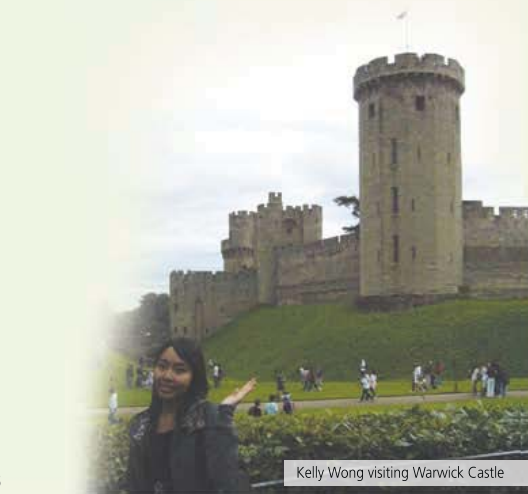


Chinese writing workshop at the Bath Place Community Venture

etc.," said Candy. "We even visited Edinburgh in Scotland for two days... More importantly, I made many friends and learned more about myself. This was really a fruitful trip, which leaves me with many great memories."

"I was nervous before departure because I had not left Hong Kong and my family before for such a long time. At the same time, I was excited about gaining new experiences and meeting people from a foreign country," Sara Yam commented.

"The most valuable things I learnt were the problem solving skills and soft skills such as communicating with people in English and expressing myself in a polite manner....Now I am more confident about expressing myself in front of people and dealing with any problems I encounter," Sara said.



Kelly Wong visiting Warwick Castle

Taiwan Management Accounting Study Tour 2009

Management Accounting

- Introduction to Strategic Cost Management
- Costing Systems and Cost Allocation
- Basic Cost Concepts and Decision Making Application
- Budgeting and Financial Planning
- Activity-based Costing and Activity-based Management
- Responsibility Accounting and Transfer Pricing
- Strategic Investment Unit Performance Evaluation and Balanced Scorecard
- Flexible Budgets, Overhead Cost Management
- Support Department Cost Allocation

Taiwan Discovery

	Sun (17/5)	Mon (18/5)	Tue (19/5)	Wed (20/5)	Thu (21/5)	Fri (22/5)	Sat (23/5)
Morning		Lesson	Lesson	EY	Lesson	Lesson	
Afternoon	Departure to Taipei	Lesson	Lesson	Delta	Lesson	Lesson	Hualien
Evening	Welcome Dinner						
	Sun (24/5)	Mon (25/5)	Tue (26/5)	Wed (27/5)	Thu (28/5)	Fri (29/5)	Sat (30/5)
Morning			Presentation		National Palace Museum		
Afternoon	Hualien	Quanta	HTC	AUO	Jioufen	Danshui	
Evening				Shilin	Keelung		Farewell Dinner
	Sun (31/5)						
Morning	Return to Hong Kong						

Study
 Site visit
 Firm visit
 Dinner

We stayed at the National Taiwan University, which has six campuses in the greater Taipei region and additional campuses in Nantou County.



We spent most of our time in this classroom. Note that the chairs are all made of wood, which is rare in Hong Kong.



AUO, the world's top-3 LCD panel manufacturer.



Delta Electronics is one of the Asian Fab 50 companies; it manufactures power supplies and fans.



Quanta is one of the world's leading notebook ODM manufacturers.



The gym at Quanta, keeping staff fit!



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We listened carefully. Of course, the two-week course counts for three credits, so everyone had to work hard!



PowerPoint was easy for us, as we did a lot of presentations at CityU.



The ex-tallest building in the world, just surpassed by the Burj Khalifa in Dubai.



Night markets are a food lover's paradise (aka weight/fat-building factories).



The renowned 24-hour book store chain in Taiwan. Surely a must-go for us: as you know, we all love reading :P



Delicious ice cream, the ladies' favourite.

Must-go for first-time Taipei visitors – Liberty Square.



Study at NTU

How big is the National Taiwan University campus?

It occupies 1% of Taiwan's total land area.

How long did the trip last?

15 days, from 17-31 May.

How many people went to Taiwan?

8 handsome boys and 22 beautiful girls.

Firms Visited

Which firms did you visit?

AUO, Delta, Ernest & Young, HTC and Quanta.

Did HTC give everyone a free smartphone?

... We wish! But never mind, every UGC student at CityU can have a free notebook during the loan period anyway.

Exploring Taipei

How tall is the Taipei 101?

509 m.

How many kilograms did you gain on the trip?

... Highly confidential!

Fun Time

Did anything make you unhappy during the trip?

Yup ... the study tour was too short ... we miss Taipei!!

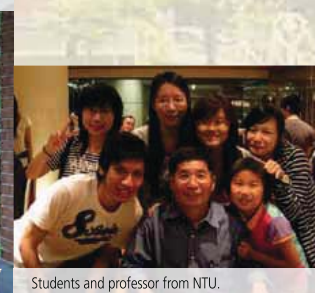
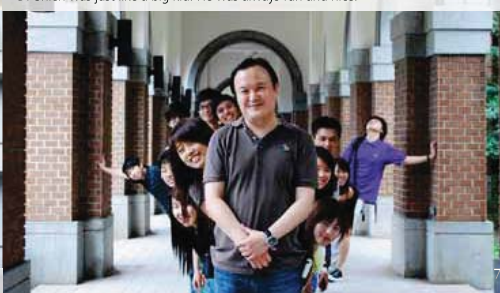
How much did the trip cost?

A bargain price, as it was subsidised by the university.

Dr Shieh was just like a big kid. He was always fun and nice.



Our cozy but warm accommodation.



Students and professor from NTU.



Students and teachers from NTU. The people in Taipei all treated us so nicely. We miss them very much.

實習生計劃，一半學生往實習

會計學系為令同學能早了解一個會計工作的真實情況，每年都會安排二年級學生到全球四大會計師事務所、本港會計師事務所和新加坡的會計師事務所作實習。到二零零七至零八學年，超過百份之五十的二年級學生參與實習計劃。故此說在全球四大會計師事務所與本地和新加坡著名會計師事務所，盡可見會計學系學生之影子也不為過。

2007-08學年，會計學系學生前往實習的香港和新加坡會計師事務所

香港、中國	德勤會計師事務所
香港、中國	安永會計師事務所
香港、中國	羅兵咸永道會計師事務所
香港、中國	中瑞岳華(香港)會計師事務所
香港、中國	均富會計師事務所
香港、中國	德豪嘉信會計師事務所有限公司
香港、中國	陳茂波合夥會計師行
香港、中國	Horwath Hong Kong Group
新加坡	Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton
新加坡	RSM Chio Lim
新加坡	Baker Tilly TFWLCL
新加坡	BDO Raffles

然而為令實習學生能盡快適應真實的工作環境和勝任工作，會計學系於他們往實習前，會舉辦連串講座和訓練營，並邀請業界人士、系內講師和其他專業人士作講者。事實上，不少參與實習計劃的同學，都指計劃令他們獲益良多。同學畢業後迅即獲昔日實習的會計師事務所聘用之例子，更加俯拾皆是。



► 德勤會計師事務所合夥人劉先生出席訓練營並作演講，題目為「僱主對實習生的期望」。



同學感言

陳婉婷 (工商管理榮譽學士 — 會計，2008年應屆畢業生)

在二零零六年的聖誕節我收到了一份很寶貴的聖誕禮物，就是到德勤會計師事務所的實習機會。

回想在德勤短短的一百零二天。初時一班實習生戰戰兢兢受訓，大家每事問，彷彿大夥兒都希望學多點再學多點，讓正式投入工作時能學以致用。記得我第一份被派的工作是到一間皮具製造商作審計，每天帶著職員証向客戶的會計部同事詢問、取文件，跟同事分工合作，帶著完成工作的滿足感下班，然後又帶著學習新事物的心情上班，週而復始，時間過得真快。

這是我大學生涯裡最寶貴的一個學年，因為學到了書本裡沒有的知識。從工作的人、事、物裡，我漸漸體會到城大的校訓「敬業敬群」。學會凡事認真，投入工作，虛心學習。而有幸我已獲得德勤的錄用，在畢業後展開我審計師的道路。



► 因實習時表現出色，陳婉婷已獲德勤聘用。

張耀文 (工商管理榮譽學士 — 會計，2008年應屆畢業生)

在大學生活的第二年，我獲得了一個寶貴的機會，就是到安永會計師事務所實習半年，這使我能將在校裏所學到的知識實踐於工作上，獲益良多。

在一輪嚴格的面試後，我終獲錄用，而在實習開始前，為了讓每位實習的同學能充分了解工作的性質和要求，會計師事務所安排了約兩個星期的培訓課程。課程主要透過導師的講解和分組活動，讓我們能夠掌握一些基本的知識，應付將來的作品。

會計師事務所提供的實習機會主要分為核數和稅務，而我選擇了在稅務部門進行為期半年的實習。在這半年間，我覺得每天上班的日子感到很充實，因為我有很多工作機會，讓我學到不同的知識。這些工作包括為上市公司填寫報稅表，與稅務局處理客人稅務上的事宜及解答他們對稅務上的問題。而經過這半年工作上的訓練，我在時間管理和待人處事的能力都有明顯的進步。

除了在工作上獲得寶貴的經驗，我還與同事們建立了一份友誼。每當我在工作上有所難題，他們都會主動協助我去解決。尤其是當我剛開始工作的時候，他們的熱情使我更快地融入這個大家庭。而我還與所有同事一起參與會計師事務所舉行的周年晚會，讓我大開眼界。

經過這半年的時間，我更能明白會計這個行業的要求，這使我在餘下的大學日子裝備自己。



► 張耀文(圖右三)與其他前來實習的同學合照