

# Wong Tit-shing Student Exchange Scholarship

## Exchange Learning Report



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Country: Wales, United Kingdom

Host Institution: Cardiff University

Exchange Period: 20 January 2020 – 18 May 2020

## i. Learning Experience on This Trip

The overseas learning experience has really brought to me a lot of new insights. When I attended lectures at Polytechnic University, students including me are used to having a laptop put in front of us and a lot of people are not really paying attention to the lecture. At Cardiff University, lectures are more compact and only take a small amount of time every week, but everyone at the lectures are very attentive and took notes themselves. This has changed my learning behaviour and helped me build a better learning attitude. Their study also contains a lot of field trips to other places.



A field trip to the countryside for an urban planning module

I have also made a lot of friends among the Engineering students and they have shared a lot of experience on study and competitions with me. In Cardiff University, they are very used to join more projects and competitions, or even start a project themselves. Their dedication to Engineering have amazed me.

## ii. Career Aspiration

This overseas learning experience has made me more determined to pursue further studies in Europe, either in the UK or in Germany. The conversations with the classmates have also convinced me that I am very interested in the Power Industry.

With the experience of studying in the UK, I have also been attracted to master programmes in the UK. I have now known more about studying in Europe and the working culture of European countries.



A workshop in Queen's Building, for the Engineering Faculty

### iii. Views on other Culture

The culture in the United Kingdom is very different from that of Hong Kong. People are living in a much slower pace and are taking work-life balance more seriously. At first it was very hard to adapt to the lifestyle in Wales. Wales is a rather small country, the population of its capital city, Cardiff, is just a bit over half of the population of Eastern District, the district I am living in. Shops and entertainment are not as abundant as in Hong Kong, and restaurants are much more expensive than cooking at home. I had to get used to cooking all three meals at home.

The good thing of British Culture is that people really respect each other in a way that I have never seen in Hong Kong. People are always considering the feelings of others and will always apologise for anything that would bring trouble to others.

Apart from the British culture, I have also met a lot of people from other countries such as France, Canada, USA, Italy and Mexico. It was really fun to meet people from all over the world and learn more about other cultures.

It was a very valuable opportunity to have experienced living under another culture and will always be one of the most important experiences in my life.



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## iv. Detailed Study Schedule in the Exchange-out Institution

The following is the lecture and seminar schedule of my semester.

Monday, 2 March 2020 - Sunday, 8 March 2020						Activities of all types shown	<	Today	>
Mon 2 Mar		Tue 3 Mar		Wed 4 Mar		Thu 5 Mar		Fri 6 Mar	
8:00									
9:00									09:00 - 11:00 CP0153 Designing Places and Plans Giam/S/-1.80
10:00		10:00 - 12:00 EN2058 Control Engineering South/S/1.22		10:00 - 10:50 HS1125 Inventing a Nation: Politics, Culture and		10:00 - 10:50 HS1125 Inventing a Nation: Politics, Culture and			Francesca Sartorio Hesam Kamalipour Patricia Aelbrecht
11:00		Ming, W Ugalde-Loo, C Lecture							
12:00	12:10 - 14:00 EN3034 Fluid Mechanics South/S/1.25								12:00 - 13:00 CP0153 Designing Places and Plans Giam/S/-1.80
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16:00									
17:00									

The following is the term dates of academic year 2019/20.

### Academic year 2019/20 v

Provisional dates for undergraduate modular programmes:

Period	Start	Finish
Enrolment week	Monday 23 September 2019	Friday 27 September 2019
Autumn semester	Monday 30 September 2019	Sunday 26 January 2020
Christmas recess	Saturday 14 December 2019	Sunday 5 January 2020
Examination period	Monday 13 January 2020	Friday 24 January 2020
Spring semester	Monday 27 January 2020	Friday 12 June 2020
Easter recess	Saturday 28 March 2020	Sunday 19 April 2020
Examination period	Monday 11 May 2020	Friday 12 June 2020
Resit examination week	Monday 17 August 2020	Friday 28 August 2020

Postgraduate, non-modular and health-related programmes may have alternative semester dates.