

Wong Tit-shing Student Exchange Scholarship
Exchange Learning Report



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I. Learning experience on this trip



"Cooked and having dinner for my new friends"

After participating in this exchange programme, I realized that I have grown up because I learned and gained a lot from it. The most obvious change of me is that I become more independent. In the past, I was quite dependent on my parents. For example, they would cook every meal for me every day. So, I seldom cook and am not good at cooking. Also, they would wash the dishes, wash the clothes, clean the windows, mop the floors and so on. Besides, when I faced some difficulties, my parents would always help me solve my problems. Consequently, I always relied on them or I was completely being spoiled by my parents. Then, it became a big difficulty for me after going to exchange because I had to do anything by myself only. When I went to Brisbane, I took aircraft by myself. After I arrived Brisbane airport, I needed to find the way to the accommodation by myself. I could not follow my parents just like the past. When I got lost, I had to solve it by myself. I could not wait for my parents to solve the problems just like the past. When I was hungry, I had to cook by myself. My mum would not cook every meal for me anymore. Therefore, joining the exchange programme made me became able to take care of myself rather than being dependent on my parents.

II. Career aspiration



“Learning to flying a glider in LKSC in Australia”

After the exchange programme, I am more certain about my further career path. Since secondary 5, I have already dreamed of being a commercial airline pilot in the future. I have waited for learning flying aircrafts for a super long time. So, during exchange, I took 3-week flight trainings in Australia which is globally famous for pilot trainings. My flight experiences were very ‘unforgettable’ because it was summer in Australia at that time. It was super hot and the temperature was around 35 degrees or more. What’s more, the top of the aircraft was transparent, and the sunlight was directly shined on my skin. The feeling was like taking a sauna bath while flying. Thus, I kept sweating and my clothes were always wet after each flight. Even though it was very hot and uncomfortable, I still insisted on finishing all my trainings. Eventually, I successfully completed solo (flying a circuit around the aerodrome without flight instructors) for 5 times. After the training, I am more affirmative that being a pilot is my dream. Besides, the flight instructors and students shared the methods of being a airline pilot in their countries. They told me about the details of each step of pilot selection. It let me more clear about my target and know more about the career path.

III. Views on other culture



“Taking photos in a beautiful park and relaxing”

After living in Australia for few weeks, I found that people in Australia really focus on environmental greening. Unlike Hong Kong, Brisbane is not a ‘concrete jungle’ although both of them are well-developed cities. In Brisbane city, there are two large parks which are full of grasses, trees and flowers. What’s more, there is one huge man-made beach and an observation wheel in the park. It made me feel really surprised because I have never seen these in a city and have never thought about it. Perhaps, Australian citizens care a lot about work-life balance. There was always a lot of people in the parks. They may have a break in the park to relax themselves during lunch break or have a walk at night after dinner. They may also organize some family events in the parks on weekends, such as picnic, swimming and so on. Thus, their lives are not just about working.

IV. Detailed study schedule in the exchange-out institution

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Virtual Recording					
8am					
9am				EGB275 TUT Wk3-13 GP Z205	
10am					EGB243 PHC Wk3&4 GP O134
11am			EGH421 LC2 GP S403	EGH421 TUT Wk2-13 GP Z208	
12pm					
1pm	EGH421 CLB GP S517 X Wk1,7,10		EGB275 LC2 Wk5-13 GP S403	EGB243 FTR Wk10 GP OCOC3	
2pm					
3pm	EGB275 LC1 GP S403		EGB243 CLB Wk2-12 GP G216		
4pm		EGB243 LEC GP S303	EGB243 TUT Wk2-12 GP S303		
5pm			EGB275 CLB Wk2 only GP F101		
6pm		EGH421 LC1 Wk1-4 GP S403			
7pm					

"Class timetable in QUT"

In the semester in QUT, I registered 3 courses which were shown above. The classes were mainly from Monday to Wednesday while Tuesday and Friday were day off sometimes. Wednesday was the busiest and also the most tired day because the lessons were from the morning to night. Actually, my real study schedule was even busier because of some knowledge gaps. Some knowledge I haven't learned in PolyU was considered as pre-requisites. Hence, to follow the teachings, I had to spend extra time to learn and make up the knowledge gap by myself. It was a very tough period to me because I was learning some higher level knowledge. However, after my insistence and attempts, I received nice grades.