Wong Tit-shing Student Exchange Scholarship

Exchange Learning Report



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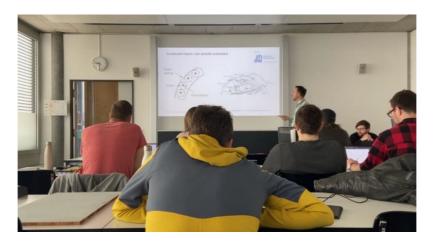
Host Institution: Zurich University of Applied Sciences

Exchange Period: 21 February 2022 – 28 May 2022

I. Learning experience on this trip



During my exchange semester in ZHAW, it was a valuable and unforgettable experience in my life. I have not been to any European Countries before, and it was a dream that I could study as well as travel in EU during my exchange. Thus, I was extremely excited on the day that I started my journey. I could not wait to explore more when I was in Switzerland.



I studied 5 subjects in ZHAW, and the lecture time was normally 3.5 hours. For each lesson, we would have 2 short breaks and 1 long break. ZHAW provided us an in-depth professional aviation knowledge during the lecture. After the lecture, the lecturer also gave us the tutorial exercises plus lots of experiments that could further consolidate our knowledge. I really enjoyed the experiments because it made the study interesting. On the other hand, I had some projects that worked with the local students. They had excellent work distribution, and all of them put lots of affords in the projects. I really appreciated them. Also, most of the classmates were helpful, they would explain to me once I did not understand the contents during the class.

II. Career aspiration



ZHAW also organized a variety of activities for us. One of the activities was sharing our home university to the exchange students in next year. We chatted a lot with the students who are going to do an exchange semester in PolyU, and I was going to introduce them the important things of study in PolyU. Furthermore, I had also met the students who were studying aviation engineering. I chatted with them, and they shared what jobs they want to do in the future. Many of them want to be a pilot after graduation, and they had already got the private pilot licenses to pursue their dream. This drives me to think if I should also get one before I apply the cadet pilot program.

III. Views on other culture



Jan (left) and Stefan (right) are the two local students in ZHAW that I first met in Switzerland. Jan was my buddy. He helped me a lot while I was moving into my student accommodation. As I do not speak German, it is hardly to communicate with the host in my accommodation. Thus, if Jan did not help me for speaking with them, I might have no place to live during my entire exchange period. Apart from that, Jan also took me to walk around Winterthur and introduced everything in ZHAW.



Stefan was an exchange student in PolyU, and we met once before I went to Switzerland. After I arrived in Switzerland, we met again. He took me to try his hometown food raclette. He made it by their hometown's traditional way. It was delicious! After that I also cooked some Chinese food for them to try too!



Moreover, I had joined lots of my accommodation activities. During that time, I liked to chat with other people and know more their country's culture (Left Photo). Furthermore, I also organized a cooking demonstration to teach them how to make the dumpling (Left Photo), and they really loved it!



As for exploring in Switzerland, I had been to different cities in Switzerland. My favorite city is Bern which is the capital of Switzerland, that was the most beautiful city I had ever been. In the summer, lots of people jumped into the river to swim. I tried it for once, and it was so great to cool down in summer.



Apart from Bern, I had also been to Zermatt for paragliding. The view of Zermatt was awesome! I flew from 3000m to Zermatt, and I could take the picture with the Matterhorn "chocolate mountain" before landing on the ground.

IV. Detailed study schedule in the exchange-out institution

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In the semester in ZHAW, I registered 5 courses which were shown above. The classes were from Tuesday to Friday. There were two core subjects and two electives which are Flight Mechanics and Simulation (Tuesday), Flight Propulsion (Wednesday morning), Introductions to Swiss Society and Politics (Wednesday afternoon), Unmanned Aviation (Thursday) and Introductions to Rotary Wing Aircraft (Friday). The teaching style were totally difference with PolyU. Most of the subjects that I registered were no assignments to do, and the final examination would be 100% of our final grade. Furthermore, some of the exams was in an oral way, so it was quite challenging for us. Luckily, lecturer and my classmates help me a lot, so I could get quite a good grade in the end. On the other hand, I also studied the society and politics in order to know more about the culture of Switzerland. During the class, I had chance to taste various of cheese and chocolate that was recommended by the lecturer. Also, the lecturer introduced the military system in Swiss to us, and it was interesting.