



Preparation

We had the highlights of the Exchange Programme - Farewell Party in the evening on 27 August. We prepared a transparency show as well as a drama to perform on the stage to all of our host families as well as the Australian youths. Long before we went to Australia, we held a number of meetings discussing the content of the party in order to make it as rich as possible.

We borrowed some slides on the main tourist spots from the Hong Kong Tourist Association and printed quite a lot of fantastic transparencies showing our lovely places in Hong Kong.

Since our drama was actually the procedures of a traditional Chinese wedding, we had to dress ourselves in traditional Chinese clothes and bring with us some props of a Chinese wedding such as red packets and the 'Three Letters'. The drama took us quite a long time to prepare. We did come across with some difficulties, for example, we always looked for a place for rehearsal. A big thank to Rosanna and Kelvin who always provided us with some nice places to rehearse and have our meetings.

Before the show...

We first had Ms Christine Malone, the Area Manager of AIU and Ms Beverley McPherson, our group coordinator to give their speeches. Then we were presented the certificates of attendance for this exchange programme and the Leadership Training Course. Then, Venus, one of our student representatives, gave the thank-you speech to all the parties involved in coordinating our wonderful activities. Before the show started, all of us had a chance to thank our dear host families for looking after us in the past two weeks. We prepared a thank-you card as well as gifts for them. In front of the flashes of light, we all looked happy but deep inside our hearts, we were a little bit upset because this was the last night we spent together with our host families...

Presentation

Here came the show time of our Hong Kong delegates. We started with a presentation. In this presentation, we introduced to our Australian friends



Hong Kong's finest buildings, popular sight-seeing spots, our airport core programme as well as Chinese festivals and their celebrations. With many transparencies and props, we made our presentation a lively one.

We were so proud to tell every one that the stability and prosperity of the Hong Kong remain unchange after the hand-over in 1997. Hong Kong stand as an outstanding international city .

Drama

There is no doubt that the climax of the farewell party is the 'Chinese Wedding Drama'. The reason that we chose to demonstrate the whole process of the traditional Chinese wedding was because we considered it as the most preserved and characteristic custom of China. By performing this drama, we hoped to be able to reveal the differences between the Chinese and Western cultures and achieve our aim of promoting international cultural exchange.

Our drama included the full-length procedures of choosing the bride, the wedding day, the wedding banquet, as well as the returning to the bride's family. All of us devoted ourselves to the drama show and the audience's attention was captured by our performance. We did give a very clear idea of how the Chinese wedding proceeded to our host families and they were fascinated by the intriguing customs of ancient China.



Cast

Groom: Sharon

Bride: Rosanna

Groom's father: Kelvin

Groom's mother: Fan

Bride's father: Chris

Bride's mother: Venus

Matchmaker: Ann

Brothers: Vincent, Howard

Sisters: Holly, Rebecca, Keziah, Wing, Joyce

MCs: Christie, Yuki

