

UK Group Reflections

I thought that my fortnight in Hong Kong is once in my lifetime experience; it has been enjoyable and educational. I have learnt a lot from this trip, from HK humble beginnings to the non-stop present. I feel that the delegates UK and HK have learnt a lot from each other and will go about their daily life with a different perspective. The best part for me is meeting the nursery children and disabled people, it was a much needed experience. But on a personal level, I enjoyed looking over Victoria Harbor with the HK and UK delegates. I would like to visit again in the nearly future and will never forget the kindness from my new friends, the HK delegates. Thank you for letting me share this experience!

Anne-Marie

The trip to HK has definitely been an "experience of a life-time" for myself and everyone else that traveled to HK with us. There has been so many unforgettable experiences in the past two weeks—far too many to mention in one letter! However, I feel that the most memorable experience for myself were visiting Lautau (The Buddha) and spending the evening with the group at the harbour—looking over at HK Island. The groups of HK and UK delegates have both been brilliant and the leaders have been exceptional in organizing the educational and recreational days out and in general the whole trip. Thank you everyone!

Chris

My time in HK has been the most memorable time of my life to date. The memories that I hold in my mind can not be described to their potential. The reason that my time has been unforgettable is because of the warmth that have been shown by the HK delegates and leaders. I am found the school trips were the brilliant experience and that the 2 schools were both very hospitable making us feeling very welcome. It was good for me to see how HK life style and living arrangements are different to that in England. My personal favourite experience while being here is sitting on Victoria Harbour and watching the spectacular view. All the fortnights programme have been an amazing time for me!

Gina

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the HK delegates and leader for making my time in HK such a special one. I have been impressed with the time and effort that has been put into the programme and cannot find one fault. I have especially been impressed by the warm welcome and we experienced during the official visits. I have loved the people I have met and the friends I have made during this trip and hope these friendships continue upon my return to the Wirral. I hope to return to HK soon and relive some of the memories I have made on this trip. The HK culture is one to be cherished and I wish to learn more as I found it so fascinating. It's been an experience of a lifetime and one I shall never forget. Thank you all once again!

From your friend forever. Lucy Smith

I thought I had prepared myself for this trip, but far from it. It has opened my eyes and discovered how little I know of it. Everyday surprised me bringing with it fresh sights and smells not to taste. With squid, snails, snake, raw fish and chicken feet on the menu varieties were never going to be a short supply. With the hustle bustle of the market and the sacred feel of the temple, Hong Kong offered everything, but could we fit it all in sure, with the excellent itinerary set out by our HK friends every side of the HK polygon was scratched. One of the major differences encountered on this exchange was entertainment and treatment of youth, the help and guidance given to the young people was head and shoulders above anything I had seen before. To sum up this trip has opened my eyes, my heart and trust to discovered the world of ours, so watch out world here comes.

Thank you all.

Nick

I arrived Hong Kong with a paucity of knowledge, lacked of self-actualization and direction about the future I am. Leaving with an abundance of experiences that have emphatically broadened my understanding of HK culture

and this I have laid the foundations for my career path and travel prospects. I feel our exchange programme has been fully utilized by all the UK delegates as we have all developed socially, actually, intellectually and spiritually throughout the past two weeks, especially during the educational talk, recreational activities and cultural visits. Lastly, I have made many friends, who I will never forget and will always hold fond memories of. Thank you all for your kindness, generosity and time.

Nicky

The time that I had spent in HK has been the most exhilarating, wonderful and exciting time ever. It has most certainly been a holiday of a lifetime. The fond memories that I take home with me will never be forgotten and cherished forever. In particular, the excellent hospitality shown to us by the

HK delegates, leaders, government departments and museums will always be remembered. I feel that this exchange has been of great benefit to me and I am very proud to have been involved in it. I'll never forget this great city and hope to return soon to visit friends I have made whilst here. Thank you and hope to see you all again soon.

Philip Smith

On 17th September, 8 delegates from the UK left for HK on an International Youth Exchange. The young party of delegates was led by Mr. Charles Gilroy, and individual myself. It is now the 2nd October, and the exchange is currently in its last few minutes. As I look back over the last fortnights of events I cannot begin to tell you how both interesting and enjoyable that have been a major factors in making the trip the experience it was, largely goes down to town, effort and the organization on behalf of the leaders. They have made it possible for me to meet young people from the other side of the world and share in their everyday lives, which has been an experience of a lifetime.

Truly wonderful, all the best, from the best, Shahid

