

Exchange report



Introduction

My name is Kiara. My exchange program is on Spring (January to May) 2012 in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The report includes many practical and useful tips of living and studying in CUHK. Hope you like it!

Preparation for exchange:

Do bring your own bed sheet. Even there is free bed sheet, pillow and quilt offered when you arrive at the hostel, they are in not very good quality. I strongly recommend that you can bring your own bed sheet, duvet

so much thing to s with me. After I lost my sleep for almost a month, I finally decided to buy a new pillow. You will also need clotheshorses, hair dryer, laundry basket etc. There is a grocery store (Parkshop) located in the main campus. You can find most of the daily necessities you need, food, and fruit in the shop.

will find lots of great deals, such as 6-message package for only \$388 HKD, laser hair

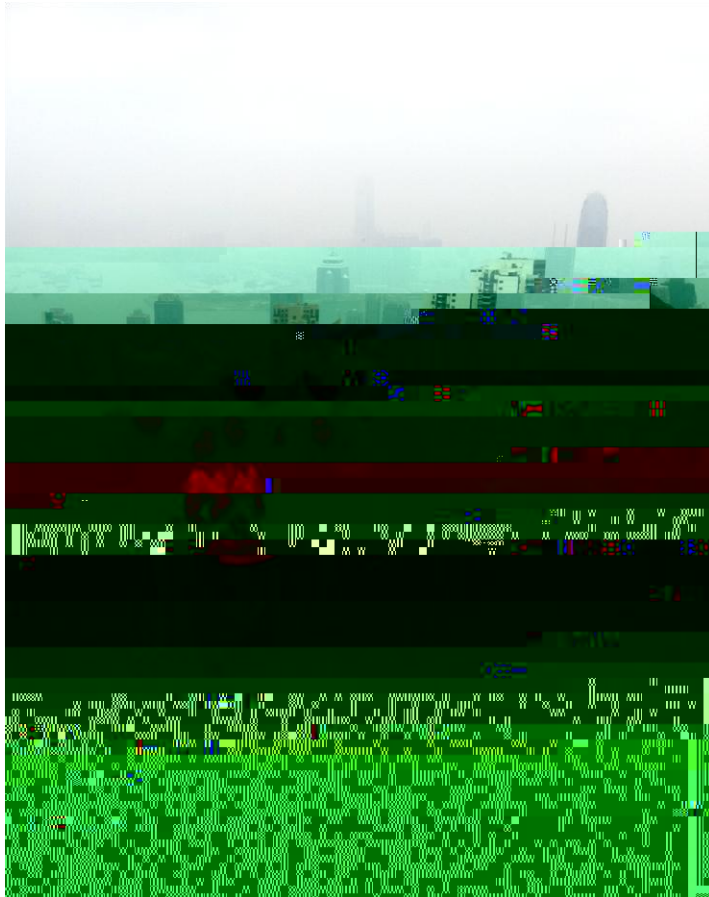
removals, all-you-can-eat meals, yoga and dancing classes. You will have lots of spare time in the first month of the exchange program. Utilize this app!

transports when you first arrive in HK with a heavy luggage. CUHK is located on the mountain; you can hardly find a flat road in the campus. If you cannot communicate with the taxi driver, call the OAL office when you are in the taxi, tell them which hostel you are assigned and let them talk to the taxi driver. Taxi drivers in HK are very friendly!

During Exchange:

Orientation:

think the orientation give any useful information about the university but it gives me a good opportunity to make friends. One thing you cannot miss is the free trip offered the day after the orientation. Not all free things are bad. The trip is exactly worth to go! I made most of my friends in Hong Kong during the trip.



Accommodation & living:

The hostel that I live is Yat Sen Hall in Shaw College. Shaw College is considered in the very last stop of the school shuttle bus. Living

Many exchange students apply for I-house for its no-curfew. In fact, all the hostels do not have a real curfew. For example, my hostel require students to be back to the hostel before 12:30pm, but no one do actually check the room and the door is always opened.

These are all the good and bad about living in these colleges. However, you cannot choose which college you live. After you get approval from CUHK, you will receive a form about the accommodation.

The form simply asks you two questions.

1. Do you want to live in Morningside college?
2. Do you want to live in I-House?

I knew many friends who applied for the I-House but ended up living in the same hall (Shaw) as me. So there is not a 100% sure if you can live in I-house after you tick the 2nd

and exchange students live together, and all the things there are very new and nice.

Course registration

I guess this must be the question you care the most. I had a really frustrated experience adding courses in CUHK. I got all my classes settled only one day before the dropping deadline. I took FINA3070 (Bus 413), ACCT3001 (Bus 303), a management class, a humanity class called Chinese Society, and DSME2070 (Bus 474).

Below are some tips about choosing courses in CUHK.

Once you have the access to the course outlines of any courses you are interested in, send

There are too many things to cover in a report. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at yx11@sfu.ca -up on or out of campus if you have a lot of questions.

PS: We could not have picture in the first page.

