

The Summer English Program in Canada



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"A picture is worth a thousand words." I should first of all give thank to the Macau SAR Government and the Education & Youth Affairs Bureau for giving me such a precious opportunity to go to Canada and join the Summer English Program organized by School District No. 38, BC, Canada. This Summer English Program not only allowed me to further improve my English, but also helped widening my vision and gave me an opportunity to explore foreign culture and customs.

School Life

This Summer Program had given me a chance to experience another type of teaching and learning. Every morning, we played some challenging games. The purposes of the games were to make us speak more English and learn new vocabulary. We could also gain other general knowledge from the games. Learning from games was never tiresome.

After a short break, we moved on to more practical lessons. Mr. Brian, our teacher, taught us things from understanding a simple sentence structure to organizing a paragraph and finally, writing an argumentative essay. It was really great to learn from the basic, because it gave a best

foundation which built up to a very well-organized essay. Through this, I realized the importance of organizing ideas before writing, which I had not been used to before. Moreover, Mr. Brian was really a great teacher. He never got angry even though how many times we asked him questions. Nevertheless, he had really exerted great effort in correcting our works. Every mistake was carefully marked and explained on the paper.



Friendship

"No man is an island", we all need family and friends to support us all the time. To tell the truth, I was both excited and worried by the fact that the fifteen of us were going to Canada alone. We all came from different schools in Macau, and were unfamiliar with each other. Lucky though, I had a good friend who was also chosen to be in the group. Despite the fact that I didn't know the other thirteen people, I soon found out that they were all very nice and easy-going people. Through this month, we developed a really deep and good friendship, which is invaluable.

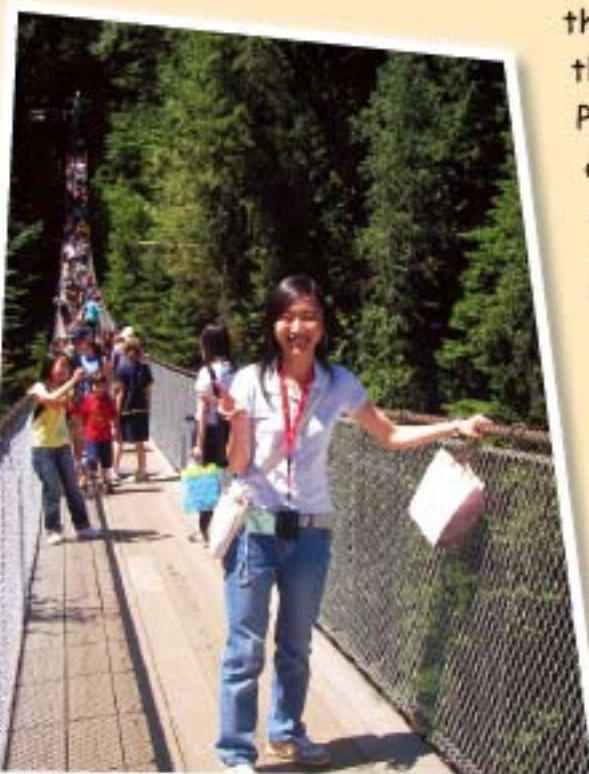
Moreover, we also got the chance to meet people from other parts of the world, like Shanghai, Guangzhou, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Russia, Japan and more. This program had really brought people from all parts of the world together, in the beautiful British Columbia.



Canadian Culture

Canada is a multi-cultural country; this was what I realized at the very first day of arrival. People from different parts of the world went to Canada and they were able to live peacefully together. There was nothing as racial discrimination and everyone respected one another in terms of their religion.

Canada also has a remarkable achievement in being environmental-friendly. Every family recycled things as bottles, cans, papers and more. People never just throw rubbish everywhere. They are all very self-motivated. They help building up a very clean and fresh community.





Host Family

If I were given a chance to grade my host family from one to ten, I would surely give them a hundred! They were really very nice and responsible people. They were also very caring and understanding people. They often asked if we missed our home and if we were feeling well in Canada. They tried their best to let us feel at home and it really worked. I really appreciated the effort they exerted. I was really sad to leave them at the very last day. I do miss them. Lucky though, we are able to keep in touch!



Feedback

Once again, it was really my pleasure to be given such a chance to go to Canada and join the Summer English Program. I had really learnt and experienced a lot there. I realized the importance to treasure everyone in my life. One of my groupmates said: "Life is just like a shop, people come and go. It's useless to cry after they have left, the best thing you can do is just to be good and treasure them when they are still in your shop." I agreed and would love everyone who comes into my shop. This learning trip will be one of my most valuable memories in my life-time.



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