

Exchange Report

Peking University



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1. Introduction:

I am Chinese but I have not studied in Chinese university, therefore, I decided to apply for the exchange program to wrap up my MBA journey. Peking University is one of the best universities in China, founded in 1898. I feel grateful to have the opportunity to study here.

2. Orientation

I am Chinese and lived in China for a long time, so it was not difficult for me. I arrived Beijing a little earlier than the dormitory check-in time so I stayed in a hotel for a few nights. The hotel is 15-minute walk from the university. Accommodation can be expensive around the university area. Peking University organizes an official buddy program. The buddy group was four people including one local student and 3 exchange students. I received message from my local buddy in August, she was very helpful to organize catch-ups and provide local study and living experience to me.

The orientation is well organized by the university. It helped to connect with other exchange students as well as picking up some local living tips. Peking University international cooperation team is amazing. They are very helpful when exchange student encountered living and studying issues. During the orientation week, school had organized several cultural trips around the city as well as other cities in the country (Xi'an this year). I felt very welcomed by Peking University.

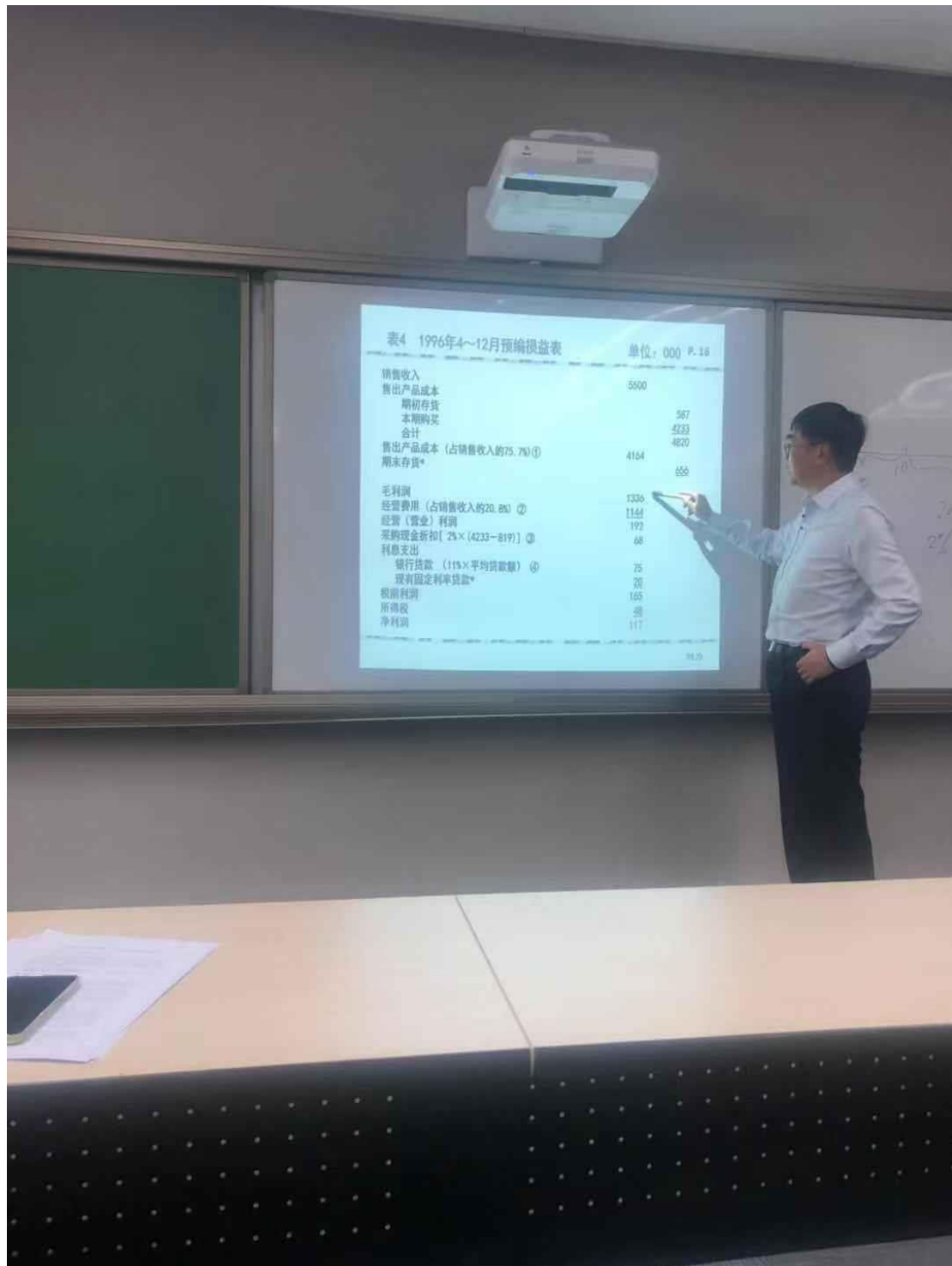
3. Course and Registrations

The school sent me the course selections around June. I had enough time to select the courses before the official start of the course in September. Registration began in late August, where you have the credits to bet for the courses you like, normally exchange students got to pick all the courses you would like to take. The registration system is efficient; however, it is difficult to drop the course after a certain dead line, normally before the course begins, which means that you could not try to audit more course before you made the final decision. I had selected courses taught in Chinese as I would like to understand about local business operation in China. The difficulty level is equivalent to UBC standard, depending on the specific courses you had selected. The workload is less heavy than most of the courses in UBC Sauder program.

4. Teaching

The teaching styles depends on the different professors. Some professors encourage proactive discussion, and some prefer sole teaching. In general, the teaching style is

similar to UBC Sauder. There are many professors in Peking University have extensive corporate experiences in China, some of them are independent directors for public companies. This would allow the students to get a better sense of the business tradition and atmosphere in China. The general teaching quality is high in most of the course I have selected.



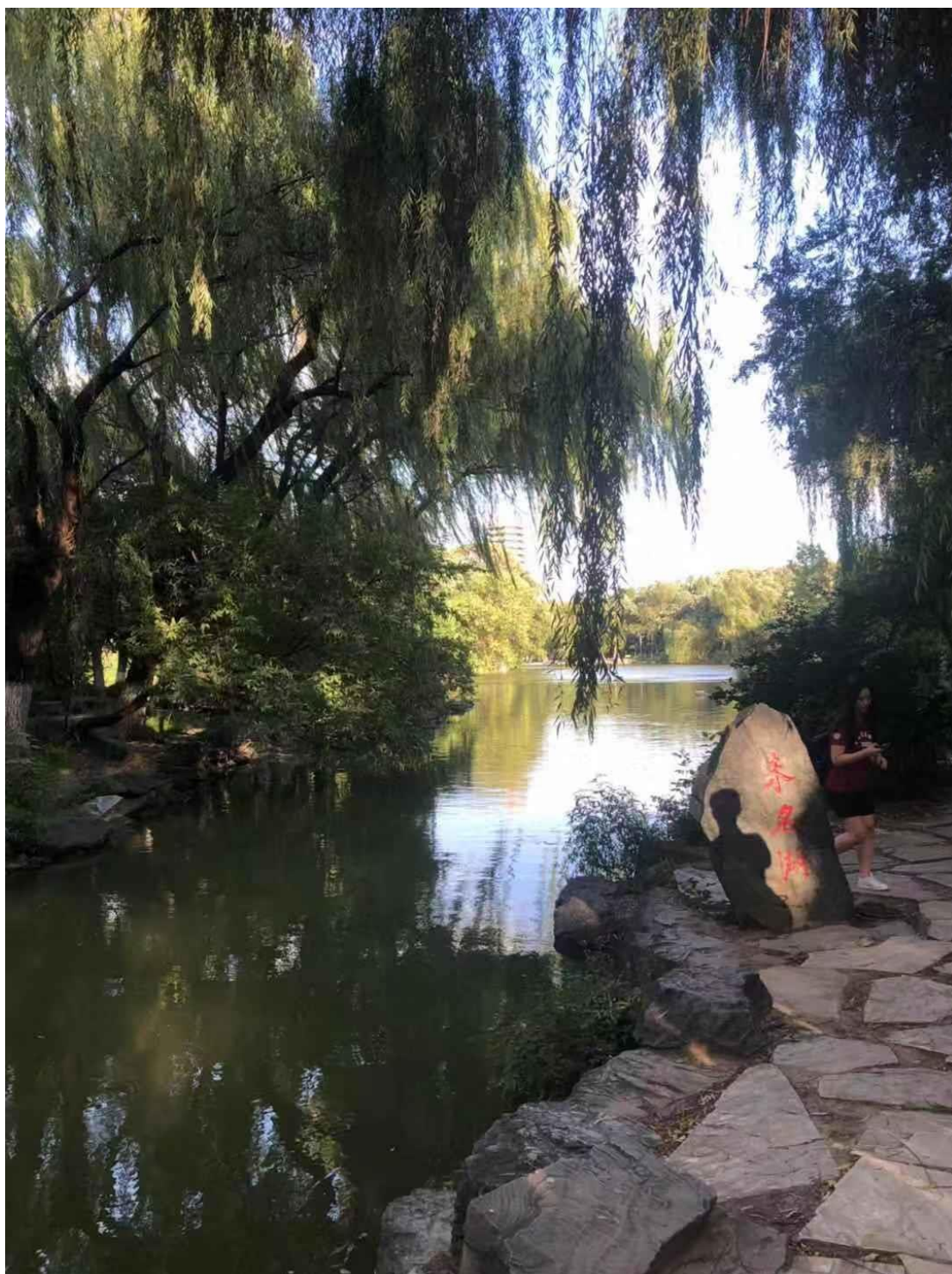
Pic 1: Lecture rooms

5. Campus Facilities

Peking University has a beautiful campus. There are many historical buildings surrounded by the ancient Chinese imperial garden and some beautiful lakes.



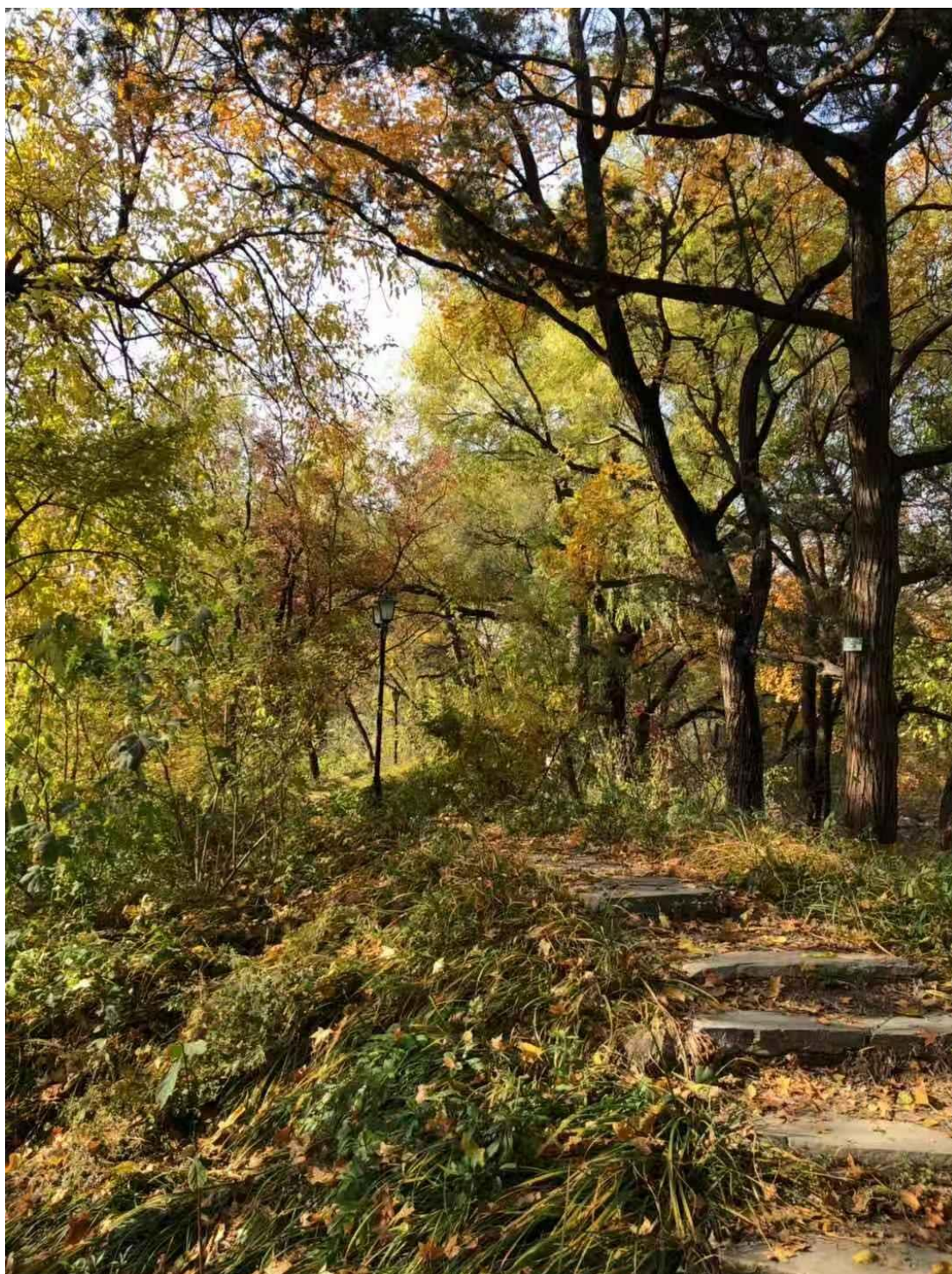
Pic 2: Peking University West Gate



Pic 3: Wei Ming Lake



Pic 4: Inside the campus



Pic 5: Campus north garden in autumn



Pic 6: Historic building in the campus

The teaching facility is similar to UBC Sauder. The library is under refurbishment while I was studying so it can be a little difficult to find a discussion room. The best place to study is in the new built library behind the old library under refurbishment. There is a computer lab in Guanghua School of management, however, I think Student should still bring their own computers. The safety is not an issue inside the campus. Every entrances of the campus are well guarded. There are also gyms and sport yards in the campus. The dinning halls serve all variety of Chinese food, with student price.

6. Housing Facility

As I hold mainland China passport, I had been allocated to a local student dormitory. It is a different living experience. International students could apply for boarding house with better shape. I think the spots are also limited.



Pic 7: Student Dormitory

7. Cost/Expense

Living expense in Beijing is similar to Vancouver. It is less costly for me as I lived in the campus.

Accommodation: Student dormitory costs 700 RMB/Semester; standard hotels around the campus costs around 600 RMB/Day; One studio flat rented via AirBnB costs around 6000-8000 RMB/month (similar to flat rental via agents)

Textbooks: Teachers provide reading materials, you don't need to purchase compulsory test books;

Local transportations: Underground Metro and bus costs around 5 RMB single trip to the city center; Uber cost around 40 RMB to the city center;

Food: University dining hall cost around 15 RMB/Meal; Restaurants cost is similar to Vancouver

8. Student Health Services

There is a university hospital next to the campus. However, I don't think the all the doctors there speaks English. I heard there is foreign hospital in the city center, I have not been there myself.

9. Tours

Guanghua had organized many company-visit trips, such as traditional manufactory companies, internet companies, local finance firms, technology companies, and etc, often day trips. School organized a trip to Xi'an at the beginning week, I think the trip was for 4 days. The days trips were for free. I have not been to the Xi'an trip, I think School covered half of the regular expense.

10. What to bring

Passport, money, cloths, mobile phone, computer, pen.

11. General Impression:

I think the exchange trip allowed me to experience the life style as a local Chinese student. Study and living in the legendary Peking University campus was truly an amazing experience to me. Also, the exchange program gave me the opportunity to get in touch with the local industry and allowed me to learn more about the working atmosphere in China.