



Background

In June 2019, 13 students of GHKS took part in a two-week intensive overseas study tour to Vancouver of Canada. The tour was co-organized by the Department of Social Sciences of EdUHK and the Department of Asian Studies of UBC. The aim of the tour was to enhance international academic exchange and cooperation between the two Departments and the universities.

During our stay in UBC campus, various learning activities were held at different locations, such as the Museum of Anthropology, the Chung Collection, Irving King Barber Learning Centre, and St. John's College. Students have participated in film screening workshop, international research roundtable, and lectures conducted by Professor Miu Chung Yan and Professor Christopher Rea of UBC. They enjoyed very much on the sharing and gatherings with UBC professors and students. As well, community engagement allowed students to immerse in a foreign-local environment and gained first-hand experiences discovering the interaction between Hong Kong and the Canada.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Stephen Chiu of EdUHK for his kind liaison and coordination with Prof. Leo Shin, Convenor of the Hong Kong Studies Initiative at the UBC, without which the tour would not conduct successfully. Besides, we would like to extend our great thanks to Dr. Zoe Lam of UBC for accompanying and guiding our students during their stay in UBC.

Activities of the Study Tour

- I. Attend joyful lectures
- II. Exchange with the students of UBC
- III. Explore the city of Vancouver and its tie with Hong Kong
- IV. Rediscover Hong Kong through overseas lens

Students' Reflection of the Study Tour



The visit to UBC impressed me a lot. The excellent lectures delivered by Dr. Mui Chung Yan and Dr. Christopher Rea of UBC were interesting and insightful. The lectures were about the evolution of the immigration policy of Canada, the difficulties experienced by Hong Kong immigrants in Canada, and the importance of research study and Chinese comedy culture.

The campus of UBC is huge that it even has its own transportation system. I cannot imagine that such a large museum was built inside the campus. The tour guide of UBC was well-prepared that provided much useful knowledge and history about UBC and Canada to us.

Moreover, the students of UBC were so enthusiastic and friendly. They conveyed an international exchange meeting with us which helped us understand the living environment in Vancouver and student's campus life in UBC.

All in all, the visit to UBC was memorable and impressive. I would choose UBC for my further study for sure if I could.

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