



EXCHANGE REPORT

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Monthly Activity Log PART I – MONTHLY ACTIVITY

January 2016

I first arrived at Copenhagen in the middle of winter. There are 5 HKUST students on exchange in Copenhagen Business School this semester. We have been warmly welcomed by our exchange buddies, who shown us around the campus and the city. We took a boat trip to see the beautiful canals that connect the city, we tried Danish cuisines right next to the riverside of Kongens Nytorv, and we explored the castles and museums together.

Feb 2016

The course schedule is very flexible and allowed me to spend a lot of time travelling around Europe. In February, I went to visit a friend who was on exchange in Helsinki. After spending a day there, we then went on to the Santa Village in Rovaniemi. It was one of the most amazing travel experience in my life—I tried the husky ride, met with the Santa Claus and saw the northern light there!

April 2016

After finishing the exams, I went on a series of trips around Eastern Europe together with friends I met in Copenhagen. I watched ballet in Vienna State Theatre, had thermal bath and sauna in Budapest and wandered around the fairy-tale-like streets of Prague. I also spent five days in Berlin and experienced the vibrant hipster culture there.

May 2016

Approaching the end of my exchange study, I went to Moscow and St. Petersburg to experience the exotic culture there. Despite my original stereotype of the Russians being fierce and love drinking, I found them to be incredibly friendly and helpful. We also had a few Danish friends coming over to our dormitory and treated them with delicious Chinese hotpot.

PART II – General Exchange Information

Visa Procedures

Copenhagen Business School provided the documentary support for visa procedures. We need to apply for residence permit before going to Copenhagen. The application process takes around 2 months so students have to make the appointment to the Danish Embassy in Guangzhou. After arriving in Copenhagen, the school will provide guidance for students to register for the CPR number (the social security number of Denmark).

Orientation Activities

There is orientation activity for exchange students about one week before the semester starts. Basic information about the course registration and campus will be provided. Also, an exchange buddy is assigned to each exchange student.

Accommodations

Copenhagen Business School will provide an online platform for students to rent apartment. The housing registration process normally starts around 2 months before the semester starts, and the rent ranges from 2000 DKK to 6000 DKK a month. As the demand for the student housing is really high especially in spring semester, students must keep in mind the registration time and make sure you have your list of preferences in mind before the registration starts so you could secure a place as soon as possible. Or else it would be very difficult to find long term housing in the city.

Course Registration

Course lists will be received via emails about a month before the semester starts. We can register at most 4 courses via the online systems. The course schedule and detailed syllabus will be available on the Copenhagen Business School International website before the registration date.

Most of the courses are taught in English and we can only register in the undergraduate courses. The courses are graded in a scale of 0-12, with 12 as the top grade and 2 as the passing grade. As the semester is divided into two quarters in Copenhagen Business School, some courses will only last for one quarter and some would span across the two quarters. Students have to pay attention to the time span of courses if they are planning to travel

Transportation

Transportation is extremely convenient in Copenhagen as the metro system links up the major districts in just two metro lines. Travelling to the airport through metro only takes around 45 minutes. However, a single trip on Metro is quite expensive(24 DKK). Students can buy a transport card called Rejsekort which allows us to travel at half-price.

Of course, students can also choose to buy a bike at the price of around 700dkk. Copenhagen is famous as an extremely bike-friendly city and you can explore the whole city on bike.

Part III – Items to Bring

Checklist	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sweater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jacket
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasonable amount of Euro/USD/DKK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notebook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	USB
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Camera
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hand Cream
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clothes for Winter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medicine

PART IV – Useful Links and Contacts

Course Catalog

<http://www.cbs.dk/en/international-opportunities/international-students/guestexchange-student/undergraduate-courses>

Copenhagen University Exchange Program Website

<http://www.cbs.dk/en/international-opportunities/international-students/guestexchange-student>

Transportation/Map Information

<http://www.cbs.dk/en/international-opportunities/international-students/guestexchange-student>

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