

EXCHANGE REPORT  
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## Part I Monthly Activity Log

January 2020



I participated at the destination is top week, which is a program consist of 7 days. The goal of the program is to allow the exchange students to get to know each other and be friends. We can also border our horizen because all of us can get to experience the culture of different students. On the first day of the programme, we get to have a tour on Tilburg and Tilburg unversity, of which we walked around the city and our campus, This is a chance for the exchange students to get familer to the place which we will live on for at least 6 month. We also get to do some ice breaking games and chat with each other. I met people from Taiwan, Europe and China. It was a fun experience because this is the first time I have been to europe. So having a tour to guild us to the city is a very good idea, and I got to know the restaurant of the places. on that night, our group went back to the dorm and party and got to know more about each other. It is fanating that most of the students there know english pretty well, And I got to listen to a story from a guy from Brazil that the gang situation there is very serious. When he was traveling with his parents in a car, a robber suddently pop out of nowhere and demanded him to stop the car. Fortuniary his dad ingore him and acceriate. Therefore therefore the family can esape from the situation. After the first day. on the second day it was ice skating, it was a unique experience for me because It was the first time I skat in my whole 20 years of my life. So at first I couldn't get the hang of it. But I personally have a spirt of never give up. Therefore, I turned to one of my group mate and ask them how can I skat better. So they taught me the skills required to skat better, and eventually I learned the skills required. So at last, I was able to skat faster than most people in the room and I felt extremely happy about the fact that I can master

the skating skills in such period of time. Therefore, this experience really means a lot to me. But the most unforgettable experience for me is on the second last day of the week, where we all went to a concert, the Dutch population has a tradition that they will drink a cup of beer everytime the singer finishes a song, then all the students will sing a drinking song and we all drink at the same time. At last I was so drunk that I don't know the way back home. But the whole experience was cool and we got extremely high, everyone was happy there and I enjoyed the experience.

## Feb 2020

This was a good month because I started to get familiar with living in the Netherlands. I travelled to a train museum which surprisingly has many fun things to play, also I went to watch flowers and see the windmills. I used this month to get to know better about the Netherlands.



## March 2020



It was a very unfortunate month for us because the virus started to spread in the country and at first I planned to go to Germany and travel there, but the plan was cancelled because Germany nearly closed its borders. So most of my time in March was to stay indoors.

## **April 2020**

There was not many stuff happening on this month because of the virus. Most of my time was spend in door.

## **May 2020**



This month was the final exam month, because I think the course was abit hard, so I also spend most of my time here to prepare for the exam. I went out to get some fresh air some times but most of my time were spent in my dorm room.

## **June 2020**

This is my last month unfortunately, and the virus situation improved a lot and the museums started to reopen, so we hangout abit and went to Germany. But we only visited serval museums because we were afraid of the virus. So there wasn't many stuff happening.



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## **PART II – General Exchange Information**

### **Visa Procedures**

Tilburg university will help you go through most of the procedures, but u need to pay close attention to the emails, because you need to go to the embassy to get MVV approval.

### **Orientation Activities**

Tilburg university students will organize a top week program, which are very similar to ocamp in HK, but with more beers drinking and partying.

### **International Services & Activities**

Tilburg university mainly uses English to communicate so you don't need to worry about communication problems.

### **Accommodations**

University sponsored dorms will be fully booked on the first hour, so remember to register on time. Also if u missed it, you can always find a room in Tilburg.

### **Course Registration**

Need to register the courses before arrival.

### **Teaching & Assessment Methods**

Grading system is absolute grading with 9 as the highest, pass if you get 6 or above.

### **Sports & Recreation Facilities**

There are sports facilities in the campus.

### **Finance and Banking**

Need to register your address at the municipality to get a IBAN number to open a bank account. And Tilburg university will transfer the pre-paid money back to that account

### **Social Clubs and Networking Opportunities**

You can network during the top week

### **Health and Safety**

Need to buy health insurance yourself

### **Food**

Food is expensive so better cook for yourself.

### **Transportation**

The train system is well developed, so strongly recommend you to buy a monthly pass

### **Climate**

The climate is cold so please bring more clothes

### **Communication**

Most people speaks English

### **Cautionary Measures**

Bring more clothes

### **Other Notes**

Please buy a bike because everyone use their bike to travel

### **Part III – Items to Bring Checklist**

- **Sweater**
- **Jacket**
- **Blankets**
- **Bed Sheets**
- **Pillows**
- **Notebook**
- **USB**
- **Camera**
- **Charger**
- **Hand Cream**
- **Clothes for Winter**
- **Medicine**
- **Bike lock**



## **PART IV – Useful Links and Contacts**

**Tilburg university Exchange program website:**

<https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs>

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