

EXCHANGE REPORT



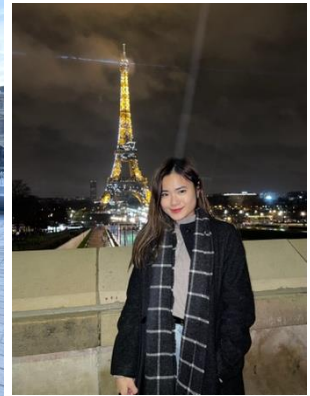
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MONTHLY ACTIVITY LOG

JANUARY

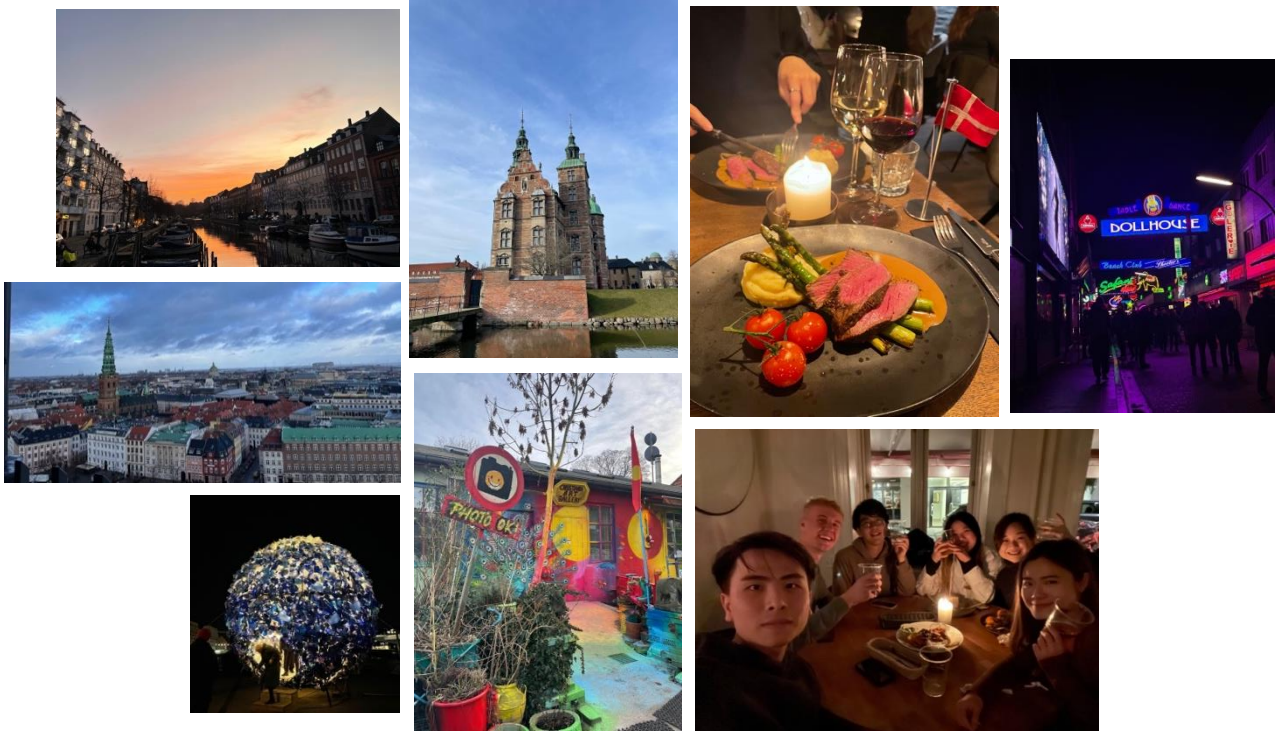
Before arriving in Copenhagen, I travelled to Paris first for 6 days to kick off my exchange journey. Our dorm allowed us to check in from January 13th and I arrived in Copenhagen on the 17th. CBS allocates a buddy for each one of us, so my buddy picked me up from Copenhagen Airport to my student dorm. After settling down such as buying groceries from stores nearby, I went to Sweden with my other 3 GBUS batchmates who were also doing exchange in CBS as well as my friend from HKU. We returned to Copenhagen for the introduction week, which was part of the highlight of the exchange program! (Refer to the part about orientation activities below).



FEBRUARY

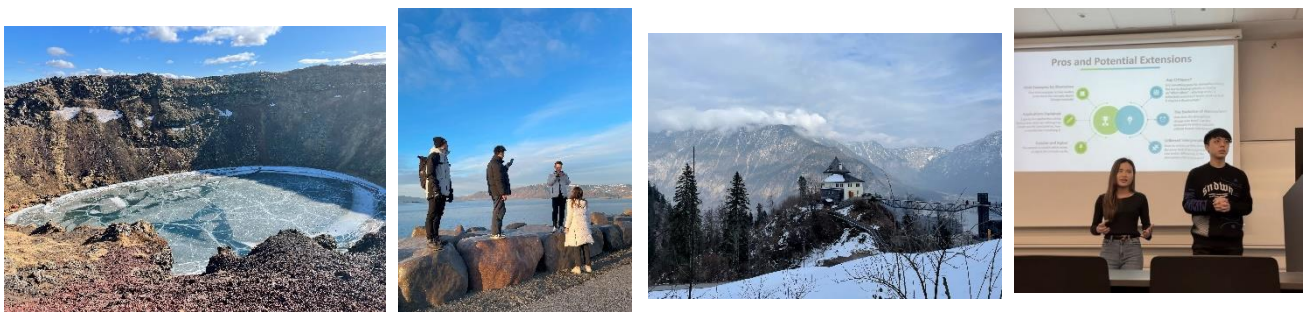
Lectures started on the 1st of February. During this month, we started exploring Copenhagen in a touristy way. We went to the Thorvaldsens museum, Christianborg Palace, Copenhagen Museum, Rosenborg Palace Garden, Christiania Freetown, and of course the famous Nyhavn (where you can see rainbow houses along the canal) and the round tower. There was also Copenhagen Light Festival where you could see

different art designs with lights scattered around the city. We had also met up with new people, including a meet up with my friend's buddy who is Danish along with some other exchanges students from CUHK. I also travelled to Berlin and Hamburg with my friend.



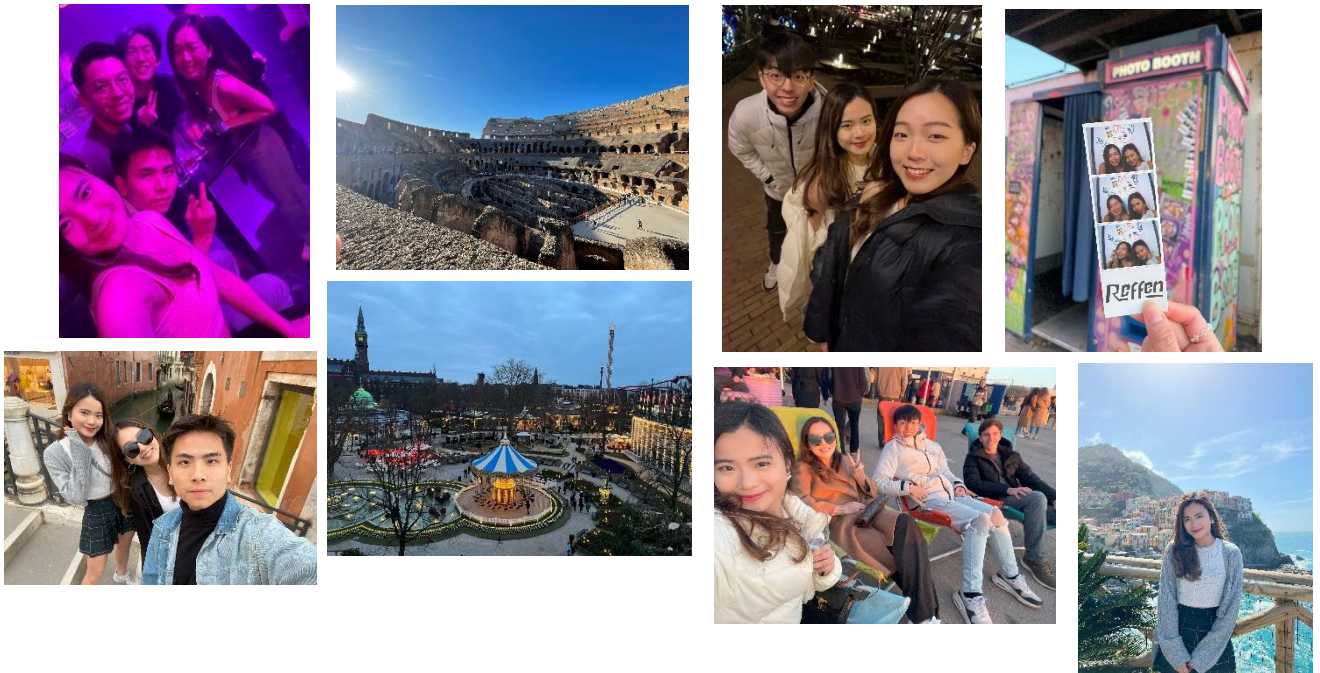
MARCH

Since I have taken three Q3 courses, there was much more work during March, including some projects and presentations. In my Theories of Contemporary Society course, I got to pair up with my two friends from UST and one friend from Fudan University to complete a 20-minute class presentation on the topic of "Atmosphere and Affect". We were required to analyse the readings and come up with our own views. For the course Language of Negotiations, we were also assigned to do a case study and demonstrate how we entered a negotiation with the use of negotiation techniques taught in class. Thought it was quite a hectic month, I still managed to spend time with my friends, including going to Vienna and Hallstatt, visiting Reykjavik in Iceland, and meeting my old friends in London.



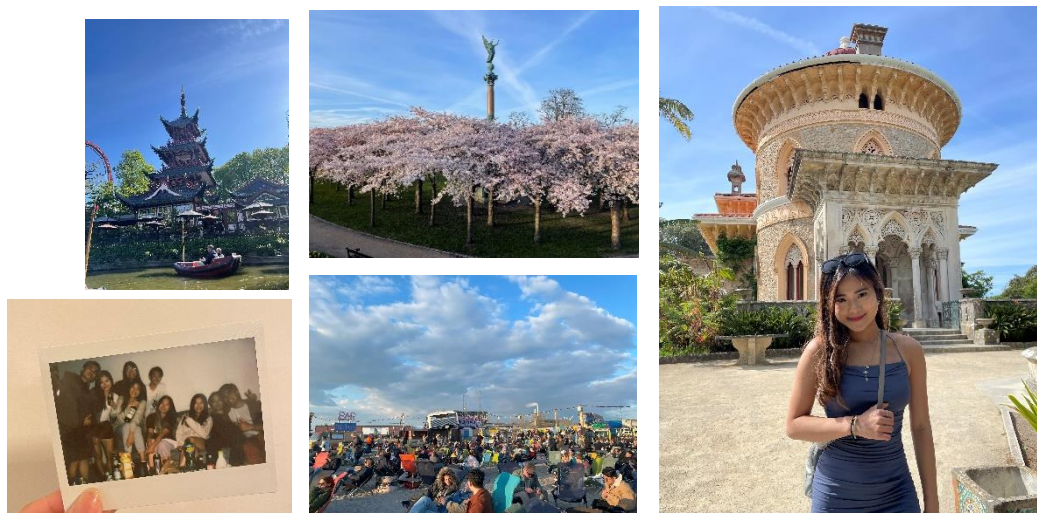
APRIL

This month is a busy month with exams for the Q3 courses. They were all done in the early to mid-April, so I have got plenty of time this month to explore Copenhagen further. We went to Tivoli, one of the oldest operating amusement parks in the world. We also went to Reffen, a huge open area where we can have street food and relax with music and watching the sunset. There were several night club events organized by the CBS exchange student team, as well as a K-pop night organized by an Asian organization in Copenhagen – both were super fun! I went to Venice, Florence, Rome and Vatican in late April.



MAY

My last lecture ended on the first of May, and it was almost time for me to return to Hong Kong. I went to Barcelona, Madrid, and Lisbon with my friend in early to mid-May, then for the rest of the time I spent my days in Copenhagen with some friends from Thailand and Australia who I met in our residence dorm. It was one of the best memories in Copenhagen.



GENERAL EXCHANGE INFORMATION

VISA PROCEDURES

(For Hong Kong SAR passport) We can apply for the residence permit online through SIRI. Within 14 days of the application, we are required to submit biometrics records (i.e., fingerprint and photo) at one of their offices. Since we have a 90-day visa free period in the Scandinavian region, you can submit the application and the biometrics records altogether when you physically visit the application center.

ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES

- **DANISH FOLK DANCE:** You will experience Danish Folk Dance with your fellow exchange peers during the week.
- **SCAVENGER HUNT:** You can team up with your friends, but you will also form teams with other exchange students and complete missions around the campus.
- **CAMPUS TOUR:**
- **CANAL TOUR:** You will get to hop on a canal along the Nyhavn regions and enjoy the views in Copenhagen.
- **WELCOME DINNER:** There is a welcome dinner for all exchange students in late January, where you can meet more people from different backgrounds as you will be assigned to tables randomly.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

- **CLUBBING AND PARTYING:** There are nearly 1-2 parties every week organized by a CBS affiliate for exchange students so you will get to experience the excitement in different night clubs in Copenhagen. Party wise,

there are always chances where you can throw one at your dorm and invite other exchange students to join.

- **SUPPORT:** The school offers a support team for enquiries from exchange students, so you do not need to worry if you have any questions since we will be added into a WhatsApp group for all communications.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are six student residences for selection. I live in a double room in Kathrine Kollegiet with my friend, with an en-suite bathroom and kitchen. The dorm is very near to the campuses so we can walk/bike/or commute by metro. The allocation system is automatic, and you will just need to indicate your preferences on a website (which will be announced when you have done the exchange student registration). If you would like to live with your friend, both of you can email to the housing department to it before the application – that was my case and I believe it somehow had an advantage to get our first preference. The dorm allowed us to live from mid-January to mid-June, and the overall rent is around DKK 32,000.

COURSES REGISTRATION

I took two finance courses for credit transfer, including Financial Derivatives for FINA3203 and Behavioral Finance which is equivalent to a 4000-level FINA course. The Negotiation course is for fulfilling my GBUS elective requirement and the Contemporary Society course serves as an alternative to a SOSC common core course.

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE
Financial derivatives and their applications	BHAAV4491U
Language of Negotiations	BA-BPSYV1035U
Theories of Contemporary Society	BA-BSOCO2023U
Behavioural Finance	BHAAV2389U

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT METHODS

In CBS, only the final exam counts towards the final grade and there were very few assignments. Q3 courses usually have exams in April while semester courses will have exams in May to June. Projects, assignment submissions and attendance are also voluntary. It requires a high level of self-discipline and outside-classroom preparation since how much takeaway you could get from the lectures really depends on how

much effort you are willing to put. For instance, the Contemporary Society course requires students to do readings before lectures to understand the context.

SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITIES

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FINANCE & BANKING

Copenhagen is a 95% no-cash city, except for a few circumstances such as directly buying tickets on buses or some small salons. It is very convenient if you only use credit cards or Apple Pay. If you still want to open a bank account, you can use Revolut (after getting your Denmark Residence Permit as there are other subsequent steps to register). The currency in Denmark (DKK) is around 1:15 to HKD. Price level is slightly higher than in Hong Kong.

SOCIAL CLUBS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

There are some students' clubs in CBS, but unfortunately, I did not join any and I did not look at any networking opportunities, except for a career fair held inside CBS campus where representatives from established companies will come over and talk to students.

HEALTH & SAFETY FOOD

It is crucial to apply for the CPR and get a yellow card so that it will be free of charge for medical consultations. In Copenhagen you need to book from a centralized place for any medical appointment, as you cannot just walk in and seek services.

TRANSPORTATION

Usually, metro and buses are the most popular as it can get you to most of the places in Copenhagen. You are also highly encouraged to rent a bike since biking is very prevalent in Copenhagen and transportation fee is quite expensive for one journey (around 15-19 DKK per trip). Student dorms are quite near to CBS campus so sometimes you can walk, ride a bike, or commute by metro (within 2-3 stops) to school. I recommend buying a "rejsekort" card for travelling, which is like the Octopus

card we have in Hong Kong. It is also very important to check in (and out) with the card.

CLIMATE

It is very cold and always gloomy during January to March, sometimes it also drizzles a bit. Sunset is quite early – around 5pm, so be prepared when you first get there since it takes time to adjust. During April and May when summer is approaching, it gets slightly hotter to around 12-14 degrees in daytime and the sky gets dark around 9-10pm. But in general Copenhagen is very windy so we still wear our down jacket sometimes. Overall, summertime in Copenhagen with so much sunshine is very comfortable to live in and you must enjoy it the most.

COMMUNICATION

Danish people are native in Danish, but most of them are nearly at native level for English, so you do not have to worry about any language barrier.

CAUTIONARY MEASURES

Even Denmark is a very safe and low-crime place, exchange students should also be more alert when walking on streets especially during nighttime.