

Exchange Report

Fall 2023

Copenhagen Business School

Denmark

LI Jingrui

Monthly Activity Log

Write a log of one paragraph for each month highlighting some of your interesting exchange experiences, activities, impressions & places of interest. Please describe your study, learning and life experience. This section should be at least 600 words long.

August

I arrived in Copenhagen on Aug 26th, 2023, and my buddy and his friend picked me up at the airport. Compared to other students who arrived together with me, I was the lucky one as my buddy drove me to my residential hall --- Tietgen --- while others were taking public transportation. It was during the Annual Tietgen Festival that I only got to know it until I arrived. So I did not get the chance to participate in it, only watching from the window in the kitchen of my block. But the last few days of August were a great success just before the semester started. CBS arranged a series of activities for exchange students during the orientation week, including but not limited to Danish Folk Dancing, Welcoming Party, Buddy Dinner, Campus Tour, City tour. These activities helped me settle down in a new environment.

September

I started to get used to the traditional Danish life in September and started planning some trips around. As I only got lessons from Monday to Wednesday, so I have four days to travel in a week. My first trip was the trip to Gothenburg, Sweden. I traveled with friends that I met at CBS. We went to the largest amusement park in Scandinavia and took many exciting roller coasters. We also tried some traditional Swedish dishes. The second week of September was K-7 week. During this week,

All the museums in Denmark were free for students aged between 18 - 26. My friends and I visited many museums that were popular in Denmark, including Louisiana and Fredericksburg museums. It was a good exposure to Western culture and history. Besides, CBS also arranged many activities in campus for us to join. And I also got to know many local friends in the lectures at CBS. My friends and I usually got to someone's apartment for dinner and drinks in the evening, which was also a traditional Danish Hygge culture. The very last week of September I traveled to the Netherlands with my friends during weekends.

October

During October, my life became more colorful, during rest of the time I study, I almost spend it elsewhere. In early October, I traveled to Stockholm and Helsinki with my family as they were coming for national holidays. Besides, I started to get acquainted with the kitchen mates from Europe. A tradition of my kitchen is to make common dinner for other residents in the kitchen. And I made a traditional Chinese Hotpot for my kitchen mates. They all love it very much. In the late October, I went to Norway with my family. We took the Norway in a nutshell and also successfully traced the northern light in Tromso after around 7-hour drive all the way deep into Finland. Luckily, there are no midterms and homework in the courses I took. So I did not need to be bothered by midterms in October. During the whole October, I also learned to cook many traditional Chinese dishes and sometimes I cook for myself.

November

During November, I only traveled to Iceland with my friends. Because of the potential volcano eruption, we flew back to Copenhagen a day before the schedule. And I also took an IELTS Tests in the late November. It turned out to be good.

December

During the first half of the December I was preparing for the final exams, so I did not went out and stayed in my dorm for most of the time. Besides, the weather in December is awful, it started to dawn just around 2:30pm. After the final exam, I traveled to Spain and Portugal with my friend in order to escape from the humid and dark winter in Scandinavia and get some sunlight. During the new year's eve, my friends and I celebrated the coming of 2024 in Prague.

January

During January, we went to Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia and Hungary in the early new year. We got to know many histories in the mid-century during that trip. And we left Europe from Budapest.

Please briefly describe the visa application procedures, including

- 1) Type of passport/travel document you are holding
- 2) Type of visa you are required
- 3) Required documents
- 4) Visa fees

I hold a PRC passport and the visa I applied for is Type D which allows multiple times go in and out Schengen area. The required documents are your official transcript from HKUST, an acceptance letter from CBS, and an application form, your financial statement. The Visa fee was around 4000DKK, there were 2 payments, each of them charge for around 2000DKK.

What are the course(s) that you have enrolled at the host institution?

Managerial Accounting
Corporate Strategy
The philosophy and economics of inequality in the 21st century
Economic growth and decline of firms, industries and nations

Please briefly describe the course registration procedures, such as

- 1) When did you receive the course registration details
- 2) What is the course registration procedures
- 3) Where can you access information related to course registration (e.g. websites)

I received the course registration details in the early April and start to register for course in May. The course registration procedures for exchange students are relatively easy. We just need to fill in the forms of our preference and the staff will help us take care of the rest. We can access to the related information in the websites that shows the courses offered to exchange students that semester.

Where did you live during the program?

Off-campus student dormitory offered by the host institution

Please briefly describe the accommodation at the host destination, including

- 1) What type of accommodation
- 2) What is the application procedures (If you are staying at accommodation offered by the host institution)
- 3) How did you search for the accommodation and where did you book your accommodation (If you need to arrange your own accommodation)
- 4) Facilities in the accommodation

My accommodation is off campus dorms offered by the host university. And the application procedures are easy, you just fill in your preference in a form and the host university will automatically allocate a dorm to you. The facilities in my accommodation for exchange students are well equipped. There are full set of bedding provided by the host university and the stuff in common room and kitchen are well prepared for share.

Please briefly describe the health and safety support provided at the host institution, including

1) Whether there is health centers or clinics available on campus

2) Any safety matters that you are concerned about

There is no health centers or clinics in campus, but everyone is equipped with a home doctor according to Danish policy. The safety matters are not matters in Denmark as it is very safe.

Finances

How much did you spend (in HKD) on the following items? (Please input "0" if not applicable to you)

Air ticket between the place of departure and destination (round trip)

HKD 10,000

Accommodation (for the entire study abroad period)

HKD 35,000

Program fee (if applicable)

N/A

Personal expenses

HKD 85,000

Others, please specify

N/A

My Top 3s

Please share with students some of your top 3s. If it is best to provide the information in the language of the host destination, please do so, but provide an explanation in English.

Courses at the host institution

The Philosophy and Economics of Inequality in the 21st century

Managerial Accounting

Corporate Strategy

Favourite Food

Chinese Hotpot

PHO

Steak

Hang-outs places on campus

Canteen

Lecture rooms

Library

Must-dos in the city

New Port

Fredericksburg Castle

Organ Church

Not-to-dos in the city

Take a taxi

Buy Drugs

N/A

Useful local apps or websites

DOT

SAS

Norwegian

Words to describe my study abroad experience

Hygge

means very cozy

Fruitful

Exposure