

Exchange Report

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Denmark

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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.

January

In January, other exchange students at CBS and I decided to check out the Abdication of Denmark's Queen Margrethe II. The vibe was buzzing with excitement as we stood there, surrounded by a mix of locals and tourists, all excited for the royal show. It was a remarkable moment that gave me a taste of Danish culture and added a special spark to my time studying abroad, showing me the diverse experiences uni life can bring.

As part of CBS's introduction week, I attended the Danish folk dance workshop and had an unforgettable moment. It was a bit awkward at first, but everyone was so chill and inclusive. I made a lot of friends from different cultural backgrounds: Korea, Ukraine, Australia, Germany, etc., and we headed right to the club night after the dance.

February

In February, as the semester kicked off at CBS, I dived into four intriguing courses, each offering a unique perspective. Among them, Applied Pricing Management was my favorite. During our first session, the class delved into the practicalities of pricing by dissecting the cost of a McDonald's burger. What struck me most was the hands-on approach our professor encouraged, pushing us to think beyond theory and apply our knowledge to real-world examples.

Aside from classes, I had the opportunity to explore Freetown Christiania, a controversial area where criminal activity and drug dealing are unregulated (I was not involved in any illegal activities during the visit). I was amazed by the colorful graffiti and the unique ways of living of Christianit (the residents of Christiania). It was a completely new experience for me.

March

In March, I went to a pottery painting cafe ' Creative Space. I selected my favorite ceramics and colors, sketched and painted freely on the ceramics in the cozy environment with a cup of coffee on the side. The staff at Creative Space was super friendly and helpful, and they helped me glaze and burn the ceramics after the painting. It was quite a unique experience to me since Hong Kong does not have similar cafe workshops in town.

Aside from pottery painting, I went on a CityWalk in Copenhagen with other exchange students. As I strolled, I found myself back at the Little Mermaid statue, a spot that held a special memory. Eight years ago, in 2016, my family brought me here. Visiting the exact same place eight years later gave me a peculiar sense of feeling.

April

In April, my friends Michelle and Sophie came to Copenhagen to pay me a visit. As their unofficial tour guide, I led them to Nyhavn and cozy coffee stops. I brought them to my favorite brunch place, shared amazing croissants and cinnamon rolls, and went to Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, an art museum in Copenhagen. Our favorite is the Egyptian Collection, which includes pieces from Ancient Egypt, the Middle Kingdom, and the Roman Period. The sculpture, mummies, and cult of the dead uncovered the mysterious stories and ancient beliefs that broaden our horizons.

May

In May, I went to one of the most famous churches in Denmark ' Church of Our Saviour. The church has a height of 90 meters, making it a perfect spot to watch the sunset. Although climbing the 400 steps to the top was exhausting, the stunning view made everything worth it. It was super windy up there, but you can enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view of Copenhagen. Furthermore, I visited Reffen - Copenhagen Street Food Market. There were food stalls and bars from all over the world, surrounded by live music. I had fries, a Nordic hotdog, and crepes. Although the food prices were a bit higher than average, their tastes were incredible, the vibe was very chill, and the view was incredible.

June

Michelle and Nicholas came to visit me in June. We rent an electric boat and navigate it through the Frederiksholm Canal. We do not have a license (not required) and had no experience in sailing a boat, but the navigation was quite simple. Nick and I learned to control the boat quite easily. On the other hand, my dear Michelle almost crushed the boat to the canal's edge when taking a turn. It was an unforgettable experience that I will never forget.

During exam week, I was a bit stressed since I had two take-home exams at the same time. Luckily, I was prepared enough to finish both in time. In comparison, the oral examinations were chill. Two professors sat in the room to listen to my presentations and raised questions afterward. I panicked a bit during the Q&A, but thankfully, the exam results were good.

July

Back to Hong Kong.

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 the HKSAR Passport. I applied for a visa (Higher educational programmes) before my arrival to Denmark. Since the Denmark Consulate in HK does not process the visa application, I went to the VFS Global Center in Shenzhen. Remember to make a booking through the VFS Appointment System (<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/gbr/en/dnk/>). On top of that, you need to pay a visa process fee of DKK 1,700, VFS Service Fee of CNY 250, and create a Case ID (DKK 2,115). For further information about Case ID, visit the below link: <https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/Words%20and%20Concepts%20Front%20Page/Shared/Fees/Pay%20fee%20for%20application>

Required documents:

Your valid original passport and a copy of the bio-info page

A copy of the Appointment Letter

1 original copy of Personal Information Protection Law Consent Form with your signature (If you are under 18 years old, your parent or guardian needs to give consent/sign on your Please also provide a proof of the family relation or a proof of guardianship when you visit the VAC.)

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

- Applied Pricing Management: Behavior, Strategy, and Customer Value
- Global People Management: Human Resource Management & Leadership
- Retail Marketing
- Marketing Essentials in a Perspective of Future Sustainability

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)

The course lists were published in late December. You can apply for a maximum of four courses. The course timetable was released in January. During the add-drop period, you can swap from courses to courses. While quotas are limited, all requests during the period are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. You can find all of the informations from: <https://www.cbs.dk/en/study/internationals/exchange-students>

Where did you live during the program?

On-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

I applied for school accommodation. In late November, the housing application started. I submitted five dorm preferences and got allocated to Kathrine Kollegiet (KK). It is located near the Flintholm (FH) campus, quite far from the main campus. It took around 28 min for me to walk to the main campus, where most of the classes are. If you take the metro, it takes around 8 minutes to walk from KK to the Flintholm metro station and around 5 minutes from Flintholm station to Frederiksberg station.

I lived in a single room (17.3 m²). The total room rent was DKK 32,388, and the total service fee was DKK 8,261. The room was quite big, and the facilities were nice. There are common kitchen, washing machines, basketball court, and board games.

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

I recommend you bring sufficient medicines to Denmark. Although they have clinics and hospitals everywhere, they do not usually give medications to you (usually, they ask you to sleep and drink more water). If you are injured, call the medical helpline 1813, and they will help you to make arrangements (e.g., make a booking at the nearest hospital). If your things are stolen, do not panic; visit the nearest police station and set up a case. With the case number, you can claim compensation from the insurance provider.

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 27,106

Accommodation (for the entire study abroad period)

HKD 45,404

Program fee (if applicable)

N/A

Personal expenses

HKD 100,000

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

Global People Management: Human Resource Management & Leadership

Retail Marketing

Applied Pricing Management: Behavior, Strategy, and Customer Value

Favourite Food

croissant

Cinnamon roll

Burger

Hang-outs places on campus

Library

Starbucks

classroom

Must-dos in the city

Citywalk

Museum

Coffee hopping

Not-to-dos in the city

stay in dorm

only eat asian food

avoid social interactions (people are nice!)

Useful local apps or websites

DOT

CBS Library

Taxa 4x35

Words to describe my study abroad experience

Enriching

Rewarding

Memorable