

Report on visiting Helsinki Business College

On April 28, I came to Helsinki, Finland, Mr Pirkka Ruishalme picked me up at the airport, took me to the apartment, and help me get familiar with the environment. I'd like to extend my appreciation to Mr Pirkka Ruishalme for the heartfelt entertainment and sincere help.

The next day was Monday, Ms Simon showed me around Helsinki Business College: Business Campus & ICT Campus, I was honored to meet the kind and handsome principal, and communicated with the teachers. I began my life and study at HBC with Ms Simon's teaching me how to use the elevator and how to dine. My genuine thanks go to Ms Simon as well for the careful and thoughtful arrangements.

During the two weeks at HBC, I learned a lot from everything I saw, I felt and I participated in, I deeply felt the different culture and teaching between China and Finland. The following would be the summary of my visit to HBC.

Firstly, I got familiar with the living environment and learning environment by taking a tram, bus, train, the use of transportation card, the entrance guard system, the use of the lift, and even how to eat Finnish food at the school restaurant.

Secondly, I gained substantial knowledge from Ms Virpi Peuralinna and Mr Pirkka Ruishalme about school of computer software major, syllabus, teacher's course per semester, and software projects for students. In terms of helping students make a plan for the project, as well as monitoring the progress.

Thirdly, I was honored to attend Final Assessment of Ms Laura Laurikainen with Mr Pirkka Ruishalme at Business Campus, ICT Support Services (4th floor) that helped me get further knowledge about the rubrics of the program.

Fourthly, I also took Ms Anneli Helpiölä-Casey's English class, learning English with students, and in turn I taught students Chinese, and introduced the exquisite classical gardens of SuZhou to the students.

Fifthly, I learned by involving myself in native Finnish holiday life.

Lastly, I have got better acquainted with the beautiful city of Helsinki.

In the days I stayed in Finland, I deeply felt the differences in education and culture between Finland and China. Contrary to what happens in China, Meetings are held in Finland in a harmonious relaxed way like chatting among friends; Students have more freedom to decide their study in a relaxed atmosphere; teachers focus more on the planning and the cultivation of students learning ability as well as knowledge; English class teaching is simple, practical and understandable rather than difficult and abstruse. Teaching facility is not very new, but warm and practical. The college is characterized by automation and autonomy. People live in leisure enjoying many holidays that Chinese people are craving for.

During the stay in Finland I have been impressed terrifically by its agreeable weather blue sky, and fresh air. The Finns are very friendly and hospitable. They all work in order and tranquility. In a word, I love the city of Helsinki.

Finally sincere thanks to the enthusiasm help of HBC teachers!

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