

My magical Cambridge

tour

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I am very thankful that the Rotary Club gave me this chance to have an amazing, unbelievable and valuable Cambridge journey. I could never forget the moment when the teachers announced that I was the lucky one, it was the most delightful moment that I have ever had. I wished the Cambridge trip could come soon since then.

To be honest before the trip, I was a little afraid that I couldn't deal with things well in England as I had to do everything by myself. However I know I shouldn't be afraid, I should face everything with bravery. This is because I have made friends with a lot of foreign teens. They weren't afraid of troubles, unknowns they faced them without fear. Like my roommate, when I first arrived England I knew nothing, I didn't know how to buy water, SIM card, bus ticket, I didn't even know where my school was. My roommate taught me how to do all the things, she seemed like she has lived in England for a long time, but actually she's not a native, she came from another country too. She told me, when she first arrived at UK she didn't know anything neither, but she didn't feel scared she thought it was normal and she bought the bus ticket herself and walked around the city with a map in her hands finally she found out all things that she wanted to know. "Just ask if you don't know "she said such spirit is the thing I'd always been encouraged. When there is an obstacle don't be afraid, face it confidently.



(My roommate Anna, who taught me to be brave)

The trip had totally broaden my horizons I saw things that I didn't see before. My life was plenitude everyday and I've learned different cultures, I've experienced things that I didn't do before. It was because I made a lot of friends who come from different countries, so I have heard a lot of funny anecdotes from them. Such as their daily lives, customs in their countries. The biggest difference between Westerners and us is that most of them seldom treat academic study as a big deal and they emphasize on social with people. Some of them study two hours a day and deal with their friends in the rest of the time. I think this make them be more creative than us. For example, one of our afternoon activity was T-shirt making. We were allowed to design our own outfit from a white T-shirt. My Hong Kong friends and I only planned to draw some patterns on the T-shirt with pigments. When we finished, we looked around, we saw our foreign friends were cutting their designs with scissors, the method that I had never thought about. Western people are more sociable too. They can chat up with strangers easily, I always saw my foreign friends talk with a pass-by if my friends had time. They talked everything, like the garden in their house, their own countries... everything. It did make me surprise, they are really good at social intercourse, which is really important or maybe the most important thing for humankind. Sure that we also have our strong points like we do well in academic studies, but there are something we still need to learn foreigners.



(People in Cambridge were really nice, he was a boatman I met. When I was taking photos with my friends he came and speak Chinese to us.)



(Friends I made in UK we exchanged different customs in our countries.)

I visited London when I was in UK. London is a big city, everything is beautiful. We went to the Buckingham Palace and a park near the Buckingham Palace. The park was clean, there was no rubbish on the street, the river was clear ducks were swimming a lot of lovely flowers were planted. Looking at those amazing view I thought, both HK and London are modern cities but when we compare the environment, HK would always be the loser. Why? Definitely, population is a big factor but how about the development of the city and the consciousness of the people? Maybe these are also the factors.



In front of nation gallery with my teacher and friend. London was really amazing.

Ofcourse having been to UK did boost my confidence to speak English, and increase my English knowledge. The teacher there taught English in a special way. They didn't force us to memorize the words but they played word games with us, so that we could memorize the words easily, I think HK may take this teaching skill as a reference to improve themselves teaching method.

At last, I learned a very important thing during the journey, it is nothing is perfect. When I was in Hong Kong before the trip I always thought that HK had no good points and the entire western countries had no bad points. Then I realized I was wrong after the trip. Actually HK is also a fantasy place, everything is convincelike we have good transport system, we can get things we need at the place near our homes, which Cambridge doesn't have and Cambridge also has something we don't have, like the spacious street, the fresh air. I really want to say thank you to all the people who helped me to get the chance to go to England, to let me see another world.



(The air was fresh, the sky was clear in Cambridge.)