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“こんにちは、わたしはリッキーです”

“Hello, I am Ricky”, YU Man Chun, a year 2 student from the **Associate of Engineering** (AEng) program. This is an exchange report telling what I have seen, what I have learnt and what I felt about the exchange programme in Osaka, Japan.

The Division of Computer Studies (DCO), the Osaka Institute of Technology (OIT) and the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Co. Ltd. (Cyberport) gave me a precious opportunity to study on the other side of the strait, Japan. From 27th September to 10th October 2010, in these 14 days, I went to the Hirakata campus of the OIT to experience studying overseas as an exchange student.

First, I would like to thank professors, staffs and supporting in OIT for their kind help. All of you treat me hospitably. I would never forget your kindness and helping.

On the day I arrived the Kansai International Airport, I met the first staff of OIT, Miss Tanaka, she was waiting me with a card written “大阪工業大学”. At that time I was so happy that I could see OIT’s name. When I am going to introduce myself to her by hybrid from English and Japanese,



something special occurs, she greeted me in Putonghua. Actually, she can speak great Putonghua, we communicate in mandarin, English and Japanese. She taught me some Japanese, the how to buy train tickets. She brought us to the dormitory in Noe (野江), the “International house”(国際会館). The dorm is nice; the room is big and clean, with a balcony.

On the next day, Mr. Matsumoto took us to the OIT Hirakata campus, when I arrived, I took some time to walk around the campus. The campus is very big, 6 floors in both two buildings; inside, there are 2-floor canteen, 2-floor library, as well as many lecture rooms, computer rooms and laboratories. Some of them are large, such as, the 200-pc computer room and lecture theaters. Also, there are rest corners for the students. As we walked through the campus, I also found that the view outside the OIT campus is very nice.

After the sightseeing in OIT, I and my partner were so happy that we were invited to have lunch with the OIT professors. On the other side of the dining table, there were professors led by Prof. Ishio (石尾先生), and the student supporter team that led by the year 4 student, Mr. Kukiara (久木原さん). Before starting of the meal, Prof. Ishio gave us a warm welcoming speech, he asked us to enjoy the learning in OIT and treasure friendship in Japan. He introduced Prof. Nakashima (中島先生), Prof. Yamauchi (山内先生) and Prof. Oshima (大島先生) to us. After lunch, supporters took us to labs to see students’ research demonstrations.



On weekdays, we had lessons in OIT that were mostly related to our study in CCCU. The courses includes Programming Fundamentals, Information and Communication Networks, Database System, Communicate Theory and Japanese Language. Although, classes were mainly conducted in Japanese, with lot of examples and PowerPoint presentations, we can more or less understand the course contents. The OIT students were so kind that they formed a supporter team for helping us. When I had language problems during the lectures, they translated and helped me to understand the lessons. I enjoyed the atmosphere in the lecture theaters, which usually were window-opened. Fresh air came from outside with a little breeze. Besides, the lecturers usually made jokes, sometimes even me, a non-Japanese student, can laugh together and enjoy learning in relaxing environment.

The subject which I learnt most is the Japanese Language, Prof. HARADA (原田先生) is so kind to us, as we are new learners of Japanese, she taught us from the basic, e.g. sentence structure for daily life. I would like to give her great thanks, what she taught us is very useful. We have put good use on it when we walked around in Kansai. Not only the Professor is unforgettable, the classmates are also very impressed me, there were two Chinese students in the same class with us, Mr. Wong and Mr. Hui. When we met them in the first time, we used Putonghua to greet them and they were very happy. They told us that studying overseas is not easy. They not only study, but also work for the part time

jobs. They encouraged us to study hard because having a chance to study overseas is so precious for them.

Besides studying in the OIT campus, Prof. Oshima(大島先生) arranged a visit to the Mitsubishi (三菱) factory in Kansai for us. I really enjoyed the visit. The factory was mainly doing the network communication development; we had the chance to see the cutting edge technology used in communication in Japan, like the carrier network system and the private network system. They are such brilliant innovation.

Besides learning, we experienced the Japanese culture in Kansai, the Osaka and Kyoto. We were lucky to have student supporters to walk with us, as our tour guide. They brought us to the Osaka science museum. This was a great museum with many demonstrations of science theories. We learnt and played in the same time. Also, there was a planetarium in which the images and videos of the space are projected to the ceiling. I will definitely recommend this museum to my friends.

On the way to the Osaka tower, we saw many Japanese-styled shops, such as the Takoyaki (たこ焼き) shop, marble machine arcade, video and CD shops, etc. The one I loved most was the toy shop! The supporting team also took us to eat the most famous food in Osaka including Japanese curry (カツカレー), Okonomi-yaki (お好み焼) and Takoyaki.

Once again, thank you CCCU, OIT, and Cyberport. This exchange program gave me a great chance to learn and see more, this experience is so unforgettable. I recommend the exchange programmes to all the students in CCCU, don't miss this precious chance!

