Dear Sir / Madam,

I'm Chen Haoyu, a 2nd year student of *Renmin University of China*(RUC). I major in the Classics in the faculty of Arts in my home university, so I hope to apply to study in the same faculty in UH. Besides, I majored in Philosophy in RUC for 2 years and transferred into the Classics 1 year ago.

There are 4 main reasons I hope to learn in UH.

First, my major in RUC is trying finding some common points between western Classics and Chinese Classics so as to make modern society better, which means Finland like a bond between western world and China, would be a great place to deepen my understand in my major.

Second, because there are very well organized language courses in faculty of Arts in UH, and the study of Classics needs multilingual readings quite often, which is not well provided in RUC, UH is absolutely my best choice to consolidate my language learning and strengthen my classics bases.

Third, as is needed in Classics Learning, a quiet and peaceful place is always preferred to make deep thinking. Beijing, the capital of one of the strongest countries in the world, is obviously not more suitable than Helsinki. By the way, I myself love a seclusion life, and Finland is always my dream place to go.:)

Lastly, for the Classics is actually a new born subject in China, it's advised to have a western view of Classics learning which means to integrate into international classical research circle easier. And Helsinki is also an international city to get it, isn't it?

I am applying for this exchange program with careful and thorough consideration. I believe that being a student in UH would not only empower my major understanding, but would also give me the framework to use my full potentials.

Sincerely,

Chen Haoyu,

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