

# MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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*"My exchange life at the University of Hradec Králové was very fruitful and it became an unforgettable memory in my life".*



2019 early autumn -I arrived in the Czech Republic and started my exchange here. My buddy Luciana led us from the airport to Palachova, the dormitories of the University of Hradec Králové. We met exchange students from other countries like France, Taiwan, and Bolivia.

In the following months, my exchange-mates filled up my time with laughter. We cooked for each other to share our culture. We taught our language, and after four months, it felt like if we knew each other for many years, we even looked like a family.

Apart from the time we spent in the Czech Republic, we visited many other countries. We enjoyed good beer in the Oktoberfest in Munich, we saw the wonderful scenery along the Danube in Budapest, we visited the concentration camp in Poland, and the most memorable trip of my exchange period was to Iceland where we saw the aurora in Vik... Definitely, I am lucky that I meet such good friends here, to share all the up and down in the exchange period.

The classes in the UHK were interesting... I study History at my home university so I found very exciting to learn about the Czech Republic's history. One of the most memorable classes I took was one in which the teacher took us to walk around the old town of Hradec Králové while telling us the fascinating history of this small and comfortable town. Apart from Czech history, there was a course about Chinese history. Even when I studied Chinese history in Hong Kong since I was in secondary school, it was a new angle to discuss the Chinese condition in a foreign place. I learned more about the inter-relationship between China and the whole world. That is why the UHK provided me a good environment to reorganize and reinforce what I have learned so far.

The most impressive thing is that I got many chances to talk with people from all over the world, especially to discuss the current situation in Hong Kong. It was hard when we read the news from my country while being here but there were many events such as international meetings and country presentations that allowed me to share what was happening in my country and many people showed their concern about it.

Time flies. Days in Hradec Králové are counting down and I will truly miss this. I am glad that I have been here for these few months. Thanks to all the people and things I encountered!

