
2023 FALL SEMESTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM REVIEW

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| STUDENT NAME | D***** |
| STUDENT ID NUMBER | 1223***** |
| MAJOR | Business Administration (경영학과) |
| NATIONALITY | Indonesia |
| PERIOD OF STUDY | 1 Semester (August – December 2023) |
| NAME OF HOME UNIVERISTY | Universitas Ciputra |

■ NOTICE OF IMMIGRATION

Please fill-in the sections below based on your personal experience. It should be expository and informative.

1. Student Visa:

- I am an Indonesian college student living in Jakarta. I am passing through this student exchange program in Inha University for just a semester after I ended my 6th semester studying in Ciputra University Surabaya.
- I went to a visa application office in Ciputra World 1, South Jakarta. A place quite far away from my house. The process took quite an extensive time as I ended visiting the office 3 times in total but the final visa grant notice got finished in less than a month. It really invited me to show patience in waiting and following the process together with my mother, since this was my very first time dealing with visa and never have I visited South Korea before. And certainly, be ready to prepare and manage all the documents and informations needed.
- However, things still got delighted as I received this very great opportunity of financial assistance from GKS (Global Korean Scholarship) supporting me as the full scholarship provider. The clear GKS certificate simply helped me in clarifying details of visit and others during visa application. Moreover, the great cost of visa (almost 1 million Rupiah) was also funded by GKS, so I just made payment on its administration fee (around 250,000 Rupiah).
- And interestingly, there's this part of the Ciputra World 1 building within one floor where Korean environmental condition got virtually applied. What an accidental opening for me to know how does South Korea look like.

2. Flight Ticket Information:

- In case of the flight ticket, this was easily managed and comfortably bought in Shopee e-commerce.
- I chose 1 e-ticket for a direct flight from Jakarta (CGK) to Seoul (ICN) within 9 hours departing in August 23rd night and arriving in August 24th morning.
- There's limitation of fee (up to 7 million Rupiah) as this would then be reimbursed by the GKS Scholarship, so I simply selected the Economy seat class within Korean Air plane with its total baggage 23 Kg.
- The airplane return ticket was bought the same way. I chose 1 e-ticket also for a direct flight with Garuda Indonesia from Seoul (ICN) to Jakarta (CGK) within 7 hours departing in December 16th morning and arriving in December 16th afternoon with 30 Kg total baggage.

3. Money Exchange:

- GKS Scholarship did not directly provide me with the money, but instead it offered reimbursement to the fees I have paid, followed by a monthly deposit for living expenses. Therefore I needed to have prepared Korean Won (KRW) before visiting South Korea.
- I brought around 1.5 million Korean Won (around 17 million Rupiah) in cash to South Korea. I did the money exchange through a foreign exchange and currency transfer service called Peniti Money Changer near the Siloam Hospital in Kebon Jeruk, West Jakarta.
- This amount of Korean Won was kept being cash for residence payment and others until I applied my Korean debit card in Hana Bank. Money being deposited to the bank account started from the living expenses allowance and several reimbursements by GKS Scholarship.
- My plans of exchanging the money for my return to home country relied on the availability of overseas remittance from my m-banking and also sales to several of my local connections willing to buy Korean Won. So I will not use any money exchange service in South Korea.

4. Residence Card (Alien Registration Card):

- Registration and application of South Korea residence card was directly informed after the start of the college study in late August. So the process started during the early month of September. Lots of international students were lining in front of Inha International Office to do this collection of such details of personal data for this identity card.
- This card known as ARC then eventually came up and was available to be picked up on the early November. In my opinion, for me this seems to be quite late to own the card whereas this 4-month semester will soon come to an end in December. Much further utilization will be useful just for those international students doing longer study here.
- But finally, I could then utilize this ARC in having access to mobile banking of my Hana Bank, creating mobile payment of KakaoPay, and others.

■ INHA UNIVERSITY COURSE EVALUATION

Please fill-in the sections below based on your personal experience. It should be expository and informative.

1. Course Registration:

- I was doing the course registration during the middle of August 2023, analysing and comparing much information in Inha Portal and Sugang websites. I greatly remember how difficult it was in choosing the appropriate courses since there were many limitations adjusting to my current condition as a 7th semester student. There were so many course options under my major but I did not need to take many credits during this semester.
- Those limitations include courses that had been lacking of seats, courses not available in fall semester, courses not being taught in English, courses similar to the ones I have learned in previous semesters, and lastly courses with its schedule crashing with my mandatory Korean language class. Deeper personal discussion with my academic supervisor let me to finally decide on taking 3 courses.

2. Course Formats:

- Each of those 3 courses offers 3 credits with 3 hours of study per week in total.
- I got 2 classes that are directly going in 3 hours with 1x meeting a week, and the other 1 class going in 1.5 hours with 2x meeting a week.
- 2 classes could be done onsite in different buildings. And the other one is done online with Zoom meeting since the professor is out of South Korea for the whole semester.
- This 1 semester within 4 months takes 16 weeks of study.

3. Assignments:

- There's no continuous assignment given every week. It all depends on the topic of study being discussed and the possible time remaining. Clear information and submission have been well understood through I-Class website and even reminded in our class group chat.
- The professor of this one course with 2 meetings a week tends to do much direct interesting discussion on class since we could meet twice. Tasks are mainly reading articles and watching videos of the topic being raised. Assessments are greatly from the midterm and final review test of the materials and from the assignments like group presentations.
- This professor of my mandatory Korean language class tends to give us homeworks for a review of the materials being learned in class. One interesting different assignment is a team project of creating a video showing our oral speaking skills in conversations.
- This professor who is doing the online learning rarely gives us weekly assignments since there are such 2-3 big assignments to be done in group for the whole semester, such as presentations and reports.

4. Exams:

These are the types of test I have faced during the mid-term examination period.

- Answering multiple and short-answer questions for around 90 points in total within Google Forms. Due to the many details of information to remember, the professor lets us to do it with an open book.
- Quick and short review paper-based exam of the Korean language class. Listening, Reading, and Writing were all included there.
- No formal mid-term exam given for this online learning class since assessment are coming from the big group projects and presentations.

5. Course list that you took in this semester:

Enjoyable 7th semester to be passed through by studying abroad. So here are sufficient courses I need to take:

- 1) Current Business Topics - [202302-GFB3102-001] - 3 credits
- 2) Intermediate Korean - [202302-GEE3004-001] - 3 credits
- 3) CSR Strategy & Cases - [202302-BUS3701-003] - 3 credits

6. Course Evaluation:

Within these 3 courses I have taken, I mostly love the learning style provided by the professor in Current Business Topics class. I love the simple way he teaches and the interesting friendly discussion done with us the students in class. Such deeper knowledges have been found as we discussed and analysed words and meanings in each sentence of the articles and videos. This is the course I could have twice a week, so the 1.5 hours of study per meeting is very enjoyable. The other 2 courses are directly done 3 hours per meeting, so it does require me to stay strong focusing and listening to the lecturers.

7. Main language of courses:

Courses of Current Business Topics (with U.S accent) and CSR Strategy & Cases (with U.K accent) are both taught in English. And the Intermediate Korean class is done fully in Korean.

8. Courses that you would like to recommend :

To those students taking major of Business Administration or International Business Management, I would recommend much the course of Current Business Topics, as you will face many interesting topics of random worldwide issues that could be seen in business point of view. The professor also recorded our offline discussion with his power point slide being presented, so those absent students could also easily review everything being discussed in the class. And also, you will further understand many English formal vocabularies which are mostly readable in news and articles. Additionally, as an exchange student who has well understood basic Korean language, I recommend you to directly jump into learning the Intermediate Korean language, not going backward into the Basic Korean class again. I was also a bit worried at first when I knew it will be fully conducted in Korean, but it indeed could make me more familiar easily in hearing and speaking the language.

■ TRANSPORTATION

Please fill-in the sections below based on your personal experience. It should be expository and informative.

1. Type of Transportation:

- Since I have been used to do much walking to go everywhere around the city, public transportations like Bus and Subway Trains are the most frequently used transportation. I just ever used Taxi once when I needed to go to this dormitory bringing many bags from the airport.

2. Fees:

- What a very big difference of fees when I'm traveling by Bus or Trains versus traveling by Taxi. Although Taxi certainly spends us much shorter time, South Korea really invites me to manage time accurately and to do much more healthier lifestyle in visiting places, which is walking, experiencing much outdoor environments.
- As an example, the place visited through Bus continued by Subway Trains could cost around KRW 3,000-5,000. While visiting the same place through Taxi could cost 10x more expensive.

3. T-Money Card:

- I bought T-Money Card easily in a convenient store near my dormitory. I bought this the first time when I got to visit somewhere through a bus with my friends. Topping up the balance could also be done so easy. You can whether demand balance top up in a convenient store or just directly in machines at subway stations.

4. Some Tips for Saving Money :

- I am a type of person who rarely spend time traveling outside and I tend not to spend much time and money doing activities which are not part of my daily needs. So I have not been so familiar with shopping goods. In case of transportation, I would suggest not to use Taxi unless if it's emergency, but let's maximize our experience traveling by Bus and Subway Trains with utilization of the available convenient application of mapping. I have had Naver Map and KakaoMetro to directly see the areas and roads of the cities in details and its recommended traveling journey from the place we depart into exactly the destination.
- In case of buying food, since I have known that I will be staying here for 4 months, I have tried shopping foods with stocks in preparation. So buying foods in larger quantity at the beginning would certainly let us save money rather than buying each one of the food everyday. I'd also like to recommend not too frequently buying foods and goods in small convenient store as it definitely sell products in higher price. So just directly visit restaurants especially street foods restaurants to dine in or buy the products for foods at home.

■ SCHOOL LIFE AT INHA UNIVERSITY

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1. Buddy Program:

Several concerns during this semester had been happening, but I just forget that I have a buddy to interact with since we have lost contact quite long. We just started short chat conversation about my course schedule, dormitory life, several information of the Inha Buildings, and Hana Banking, but we ended communicating since the end of August which is the start of this semester study.

2. Student Clubs:

Sorry to say that I just have not joined any student clubs yet cause I've been enjoying connection with close friends from the courses I am taking and friends from my dormitory. I honestly prefer to spend much more time in dealing with assignments and studies rather than getting around outside with clubs, especially student clubs which can easily persuade people doing clubbings, smoking, and drinking. I've seen how several of my roommates returned home at dawn with themselves losing awareness and got headache after waking up in the afternoon. At first, I ever think of joining music-based student clubs like music bands or even choir group. However, I got myself another active circle outside the school, which is church community here in Korea where I could do much musical service and happy networking already.

3. ISN Field Trips:

Earlier as I've said, I am not really familiar with the university internal activities offering festivals or field trips, so I also have never joined any ISN (International Students Network) field trips. However, informations and details got delivered very clearly and oftenly to us through our email. Various trips within a semester could be done with the engagement of Korean cultural events like traditional folk game & calligraphy, and a snack day.

4. Cafeteria:

I like the concept of eating in my dormitory cafeteria. I'm living in the 2nd dormitory of Inha University. With a daily allotment of one time free meals as the dorm resident, we can either choose to freely eat foods on breakfast time, lunch time, or dinner. I myself tend to maximize this by taking chance of eating in the cafeteria during lunch time. So I could easily buy an opening small food in the dormitory's convenient store for my breakfast, freely have my lunch in the cafeteria, and ended the night dinner sometimes with friends going out to street food restaurants. However, I do not really like the foods being offered in the cafeteria. Though it is clearly healthy, the dominant sour taste of the food is something I am not used to eat. Big difference of taste with foods in my home country. But well, that's how dormitory life is, I learn very many things to adapt with many foreign people.

5. Recommended Restaurants near Inha:

Back gate areas of the Inha Dormitory are the places I mostly could meet with friends to then start walking to find Korean street foods nearby. Mallatang is the one I remember the most since it is also my most frequently visited restaurant near Inha. It offers the customers such a buffet meal to eat, which is taking several dishes by ourselves before paying then eating. Me and my friends purposely came here to taste back the warm sensation of its meat and vegetable soup. We were cooking the main big soup by ourselves while sharing stories to then getting full adding rice. 3-4 people of us will then sum up the whole price and commonly paying KRW 7,000-8,000 for each person. Additional snacks while walking around would be some types of foods like ice cream, Takoyaki, and coffee. However, in case of my very favorite type of restaurant, it's the one offering customers an AYCE (All You Can Eat) type of service, as we can freely add up, cook, and eat Pork meat.

6. Library:

A special separated one big 7th building of Inha is the library. I have just ever visited the library once when I need to just take a look to its appearance for my plan on video recording. However, I just got notice that no noises could be made there, so I changed my video recording scene from library into a bookstore. I turned to understand how a place like library and study room in the dormitory could serve us to make use of time to do serious study. Library got very crowded only during the period of mid-term exam as many students were seriously looking for comfortable quiet zone to learn. So I guess the crowd will be exactly the same or even more during our final exam later in December.

7. Gym:

I have never done this kind of activity previously in my home country. However, since the gym room is part of the cost of residence living in the dormitory, I just make use of the opportunity to do its several ways of exercising. It was firstly my roommate who invited me to join him exercising, informing me the appropriate rules and ways to do gym until I could do it regularly by myself in the morning for 3x a week. I became quite interested in doing this new habit. I intended to rise up my body weight through this gym activity. The more frequent I did this, it slowly improved my mood to eat much more, and it reminded me to do many more healthier lifestyles such as having sufficient daily sleep, regular eating schedule, paying attention on the food calories I eat, and others.

8. Student ID card:

Registration process is quite similar to Residence Card (ARC) as we the international students need to do collection of information details in Inha International Office (5th floor of the building). This card could get out much faster than the Residence Card, probably within 1-2 weeks after the registration. Utilities of this card include representing our Hana bank account and T-money card. So before having owned my own separated Hana Bank card, I used my Student ID Card to do payment in convenient stores, restaurants. But I suggest not to let this one only card to be used as banking and transportation card for a long time. So go buy and apply other cards for their own specific uses.

■ ACCOMMODATION

Please fill-in the sections below based on your personal experience. It should be expository and informative.

1. Accommodation type:

- Inha University Yonghyeon Campus 2nd Dormitory, Male Section, 12th Floor, Room No. 912.

2. Cost:

- Direct 1 semester (4 months) payment from the start, which was around KRW 1.1 million or 13 million Rupiah.

3. Rules:

- Strictly not a smoking and alcohol drinking area anywhere inside the dormitory.
- No tissue disposal to the water closet, toilet papers are only in the trash bin.
- No leaving of anything on the hallway or stairs to prevent safety accidents.
- Prohibition of loud noise during late night hours (10.00 p.m – 06.00 a.m).

4. Foods:

- Prescribed foods at the dorm cafeteria for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Mostly, there are 2 given options of the food type, which are Korean and Western types of food.
- Big meals and snacks in the 24-hour self-service convenient store (CU).

5. Tips for choosing accommodations:

- Living in the dormitory would be one of the most cheapest and nearest accommodations to the university. But be prepared on adapting to live with roommates, facing many differences you are not familiar with.
- There are boarding houses which are considered to be still around Inha, but it does take much more time if you prefer to always go by walking. It's a small individual living space. This would be better if you enjoy studying and doing many other activities alone by yourself since dormitory life could highly make many disturbance when we are studying.

6. How to check-in and out:

- I did the check-in to the dormitory directly after my arrival in South Korean airport. It was the day many other foreign students were coming.
- So I were joining in line in front of the dorm administration office to wait before entering in and did the personal admission, duration of staying, room placement, fingerprint registration to have access the dorm gates.
- I guess the check-out process will be more faster since each foreign student could have different schedule of leaving the dormitory. I will do the check out less than a month from now, so I hope I could then leave the dormitory smoothly with no problems of goods or anything left behind.

■ PICTURES (Introduce your life in Korea)



First day arriving in South Korea, visiting the dormitory by taxi from the airport



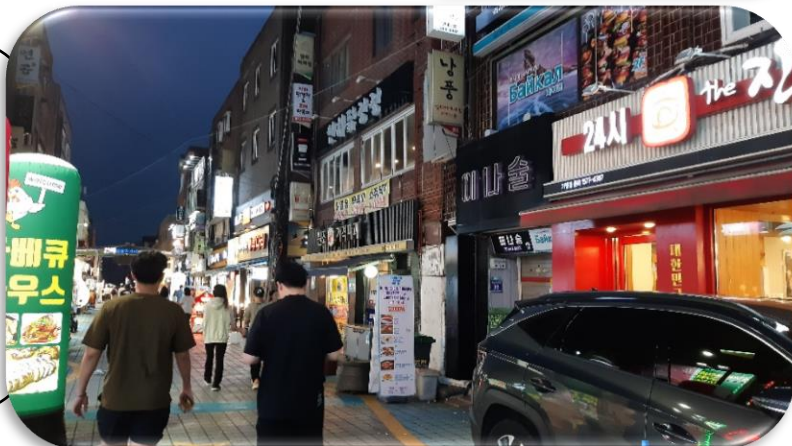
Early days with dormitory roommates talking before the semester starts

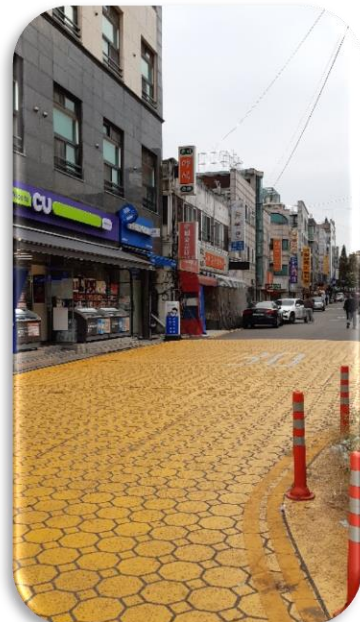
First time enjoying South Korean bus public transportation with friends. Long distance journey got experienced with small amount of cost spent in T-Money Card



In the mid-journey of lining for ARC card application in Inha International Office (5th Floor of the building)

Night walking to find an early dinner street food with friends around Inha University. Lamps and lights from the restaurants were enlightening moods and feelings.





Such lovely sceneries to
view through this
lifestyle of walking





This is simply how the gym room looks like with many of its tools to do the exercises. Daily opened, starting from 7.00 a.m up to 10.00 p.m

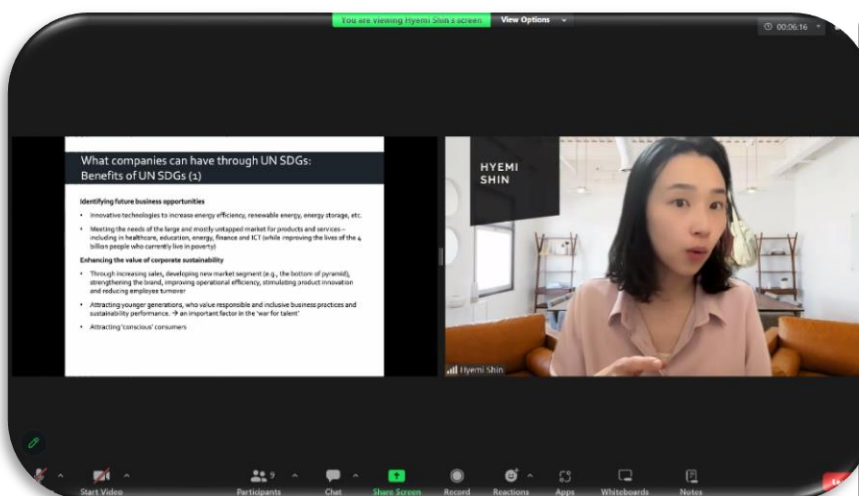
A view on that day the dorm cafeteria was so crowded during the lunch time as we got to time waiting for our turn picking up the meals



One of my most favorite meals ever provided by the cafeteria, which was a Western Spaghetti, accompanied by fried chicken thigh, French fries, and cheese sauce



Class condition of Current Business Topics as we're comfortably discussing details of articles with much talks between the professor and students



Online learning through Zoom meeting with a Korean professor living in U.K



Very first time meeting at Sunday night doing a dinner with my church community friends

Mirror selfie joke 😊 to be sent for my family in my home country



Group photo taking with my Indonesian friends after someone's birthday party



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