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CULTURAL TOUR TO POLAND

In early January, 21 students spent 10 days in Poland as they embarked on exchanges in the Belt and Road regions and thus furthered their international study experience. The tour also aimed to broaden their horizons through experiential learning whilst at the same time providing them with an opportunity to hold exchanges with local University students from SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw; Instytut Konfucjusza w Krakowie (Confucius Institute in Kraków), and the University of Marie Curie-Skłodowska - Faculty of Economics in Lubin with the kind assistance of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Hong Kong.



Several visits to museums of historical significance were arranged. These included the Warsaw Uprising museums and Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory, which tells the story of the Polish people's everyday lives and the working environment of Jews during the war. In particular, students felt overwhelmed and inspired by their visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum.

Vice-Consul Dominik Jakuszko from the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Hong Kong as guests, all were inspired by the exchange of international views and ideas.

A strong friendship has been established between our students and their new friends from Poland. Despite language differences, there was no barrier to their communication. They enjoyed sampling campus life through various activities and sharing sessions.



Consul-General of the Republic of Poland Shows Full Support to the Trip

After returning to Hong Kong, the students held a sharing session about the memorable experiences they experienced they had on the trip. Having the Consul-General Miroslaw Adamczyk and



Cultural Tour to Poland — Sharing from Students

From *Bibi Fatimah (Sky)*, "It was definitely a globalised history reflecting the present and the future"; "It is a modern country aiming high on its design and remembering its past rather than having as its focus high rise buildings like Hong Kong!"

From *Jimenez, Leff Michael Ryan (Jeff)*, "A truly amazing experience, especially when we had snow"; "Tour guides were informative and friendly"; "The place is amazing, architecture is beautiful and the place is rich with history".

From *Fung Hin Ying (Melody)*, "The trip was very good and memorable"; "The places we went to are meaningful. I had a good time in Poland. And we learnt a lot about the history of Poland"; "If we could have spent more time to further explore Warsaw and Kraków, the visit would have been even better".



★ Photo credit: Jerry Lam

Centennial College Signs Agreement with William Jessup University to Foster Student Exchange

Professor William K.M. Lee, President of Centennial College and Mr Art Ricabal, Special Advisor to the President: International Programs of William Jessup University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 18 April 2018 to foster international exchange opportunities for students. William Jessup University is a Christian liberal arts university located in California, USA that was founded in 1939.

Professor William K.M. Lee believes that the partnership with William Jessup University will surely help develop the students' global perspectives and further enhance their international exposure.



Visit of the University of Alberta

The College had discussions with delegates (Professor Katy Campbell, Dr Martin Guardado and Ms Mimi Hui) from the University of Alberta on possible collaboration, including a framework to develop a cooperative relationship in areas such as mobility of faculty/graduates/undergraduate students, joint research activities and publications, participation in seminars and academic meetings, exchange of academic materials and other information.



HIGH TABLE DINNER 2018



The Office of Student Success organised the fourth High Table Dinner on behalf of the College on 26 March 2018. Over 100 students, Professors and mentors were invited to this remarkable event held at Graduate House, HKU. The High Table Dinner is one of our key occasions enabling our students to become well-versed with social and dining etiquettes, and above all, to learn from successful leaders in the community.

This year we were greatly honoured by the presence of our esteemed guest speaker, Dr Lee George Lam, the Chairman of Hong Kong Cyberport Management Co. Ltd. He delivered an inspiring speech on the topic "Innovation, Digital Technology and Service Learning: Young People's Keys to the New Economy". He talked about the digital revolution and how technologies are used to create new business processes for young people and labour market realities. Dr Lam was ideally positioned to share his ideas and experiences with our students.



EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE IN BIG DATA & ANALYTICS FOR BUSINESS



Centennial College successfully organised two intakes for the Executive Certificate in Big Data & Analytics for Business, in the second half of 2016 and 2017, respectively, in collaboration with Radica Systems Limited, a leading direct marketing company specialising in Big Data & Analytics. Two intakes were full house accommodating more than 30 participants, the majority of whom were top management or IT professionals, senior executives and business leaders. Core concepts and practical techniques about the application of big data and analytics for businesses were covered in the programme. Renowned guest speakers and industrial practitioners, such as Mr Kenneth She,

General Manager of Uber Hong Kong, Ir Eric Chan, General Manager and Head of Products & Services of Hutchison Global Communications, Mr Bastien Douglas, Founder of Open Data Hong Kong were invited to share real-life cases and big data implementation in their various businesses. Participants also visited Data Studio at Hong Kong Science Park to experience at first hand big data from different countries and big data applications in Hong Kong.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students' Union Inauguration Ceremony

The Students' Union (SU) inauguration Ceremony was held on 6 March 2018. The new members of the Executive Committee and Popularly Elected Union Councillors commenced their terms of office on the 2018 Students' Union Council, on the same day under the new leadership of Tony Guo. Tony and his team, "Voyagers" will strive to build a stronger sense of community within the College by organising, promoting and supporting College events. They will also do their utmost to strengthen the bond between the governing bodies of Centennial College. Let's congratulate all the new members of the SU and thank them for their services.



Student Ambassador and Student Representative Scheme 2018



To strengthen the relationship between Centennial College and the student community, 25 Student Representatives and 3 Student Ambassadors were appointed at the Inauguration Ceremony on 26 February. With these new appointments, we look forward to seeing the fruits of their hard work in promoting the image and mission of the College and forging partnerships between students and Centennial College.

ICAC Ambassador Programme



Meanwhile, eight ICAC Ambassadors were nominated to promote integrity and probity amongst the College community on 26 February. Our President, Professor William K. M. Lee gave us a vigorous welcome speech and presented the certificates of appointment to those appointed. We were also honoured to have the presence of the ICAC representative in this ceremony.



Leadership camp for Student Ambassadors and Student Representatives

The training camp was organised by the Office of Student Success. 25 students spent two days at Jockey Club Tai Tong Holiday Camp. The camp is designed to empower our campers and unlock their potential to become leaders. A MBTI personality test workshop was held and adventure-based activities were organised to further develop their strengths, face new challenges, and to build their self-confidence.

CAREER ORIENTATION SELF-DISCOVERY PROGRAMME



With sponsorship from the Enlightenment & Innovation in Arts, Science and Culture Association and B.I.4 Limited, the College has run a series of workshops to provide our students with an understanding of today's employment marketplace. The contents of the workshops, company visits and seminars cover industries such as social media marketing, public relations, advertising and exhibition, accounting, and event management. Internship opportunities with a variety of financial service sectors have also been offered to our 30 students who took part in the programme.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Best wishes for Andrew Lo's new endeavour



"Starting a PhD in the UK is quite different to any previous courses I have taken although they are useful and relevant. As a PhD student, you are given greater flexibility to manage your time and your research. Unlike a taught module, your lecturer gives you an outline in the first class telling you what to learn and read; I presented and discussed my research proposal with my lovely supervisors in the first meeting with them. Then, the journey began. Now, I am writing my first chapter in one of the UK's most beautiful universities."

Andrew Lo, Graduate 2016
Studying PhD in Politics at Royal Holloway, University of London

Good news from Victoria So

Looking back at the four years spent in Centennial College, I have realised that I have gained a lot of skills, from professional accounting skills to soft skills (i.e. leadership skills, decision-making). In addition to imparting knowledge to students, our College emphasises teacher-student interactions. Teachers give me the freedom to speak my mind and they respect my opinions.

As a Year 2 student, I had the chance to be an exchange student at Lesley University in Boston for half a year. Living in a different country gave me the opportunity to explore another culture as well as experience different styles of teaching.

I also joined the internship programme at BDO Limited in order to apply and enhance my knowledge and skills in accounting. The programme confirmed my passion for the accounting industry and enhanced my interest in auditing. Therefore, I would like to continue to engage in audit work after graduation. I have been blessed to have been offered an Assurance Associate post from PwC.

So Yuk Ting Victoria, current Year 4 Student
Bachelor of Professional Accounting (Honours)





SICHUAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE TRIP

Sponsored by the Friends of Sichuan Association, the Office of Student Success organised this five-day volunteer trip to Sichuan in mid-March. Our 11 passionate students were offered amazing opportunities to immerse themselves in the Sichuan lifestyle and volunteer within rural communities in Wenchuan, the county which was completely devastated by the First Great Sichuan earthquake of 2008. Students paid visits to a local secondary school and a primary school, respectively, where they got to talk with school kids, play fun mass games together, and teach easy English through popular nursery rhymes, short stories and cooperative classroom games. One of the highlight volunteer activities involved paying home visits to families of selected primary school kids where our students prepared food and cooked lunch for their hosts.

This volunteer trip to Sichuan took place in a warm environment of goodwill and gratitude. Apart from volunteering, our students also took campus tours, engaged in a tree planting ceremony, attended seminars and sharing sessions with Sichuan Changjiang Vocational College and Aba Teachers University. They enjoyed positive social interactions with the local college students there.

Volunteering in Sichuan has surely opened students' eyes to other perspectives and experiences, in turn developing empathy and kindness.

We have spent 5 meaningful and amazing days in Sichuan with local primary, secondary and tertiary students in the name of Centennial College. I am so honoured to have been one of the students able to participate in this trip. I have experienced something so very different from what I might have expected in the land of the 'new economy'. I was so impressed by the students we met at the local university; they not only introduced us to a lot of iconic culture in Sichuan, but also supported us with the voluntary teaching and home visits. The friendships that we gained were really beyond my expectations.

BY | GUO YIHONG



"It was the best platform I could ever have been offered, one that I could otherwise only have dreamed of. As the old saying goes: 'There is more happiness in giving than receiving'." I learned a lot on this trip which will remain with me forever and, not least, learning how to cope with life's uncertainties. I would heartily thank my school, my teachers, my faith, the acceptance of people who had to endure a terrible earthquake and the schools involved in making this trip happen. Thank you so much!

BY | BIBI FATIMAH

This 5-day volunteer tour is one of the most unforgettable and inspiring voluntary services that I have ever taken part in. I will never forget the smile on students' faces, their encouraging response and participation. I will cherish every moment I spent with them. During the voluntary service, not only the service users benefit but so do the providers. When I spent time with students, I was always reminded to be positive when facing challenges in my daily life.

BY | CAI KAI YAO



INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY

The 5th International Food Day whose theme on this occasion was Arabic Food Culture took place on 26 April 2018. We were very honoured by the presence of UAE Consul General, Salem Alreyami, and the Consulate General Representative to share with students Arabic food culture. More than 70 students and teachers enjoyed the flavours of the Middle East and enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with each other.



VISIT BY MALAYSIAN CONSUL-GENERAL

To provide a multi-cultural environment for our students, Centennial College has established a close relationship with several Consulates General in Hong Kong. Mr Tengku Dato' Sirajuzzaman, Consul-General of Malaysia and Ms Grace Rebekah Teh, Consul (Head of Chancery) of Malaysia visited our College on 7 March 2018.



During the visit, the Consuls were welcomed by Professor Chan Wing Wah, Vice-President (Academic) and Dr Michael Wong, Dean of Arts, and were briefed on the College's latest development and programme features. While Mr Kamsuo Wong, Dean of Students introduced our student activities, two Year 1 students, Bibi Fatimah and Jerry Lam also shared their learning experiences and campus life. The Consuls were impressed by their comprehensive experience and international exposure.



JINESS & JINESS EXPO

The Joint-Institution Network for Student Success (JINESS) is an innovative "one-stop shop" platform for job seekers and recruiters. This platform helps students match their skills and qualifications with potential companies. In particular, self-financing institutions can utilise this platform to help broaden career and experiential learning opportunities for students.



The JINESS Careers Fair cum Official Launching Ceremony was held on 9 March 2018 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Secretary for Education of the HKSAR, Mr Yeung Yun Hung, Kevin, JP officiated the Launching Ceremony along with Mr Wong Kam Pui, Wilfred, Chairman of the Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund Steering Committee, and Professor Chan Wing Wah, our College's Vice-President (Academic). By joining JINESS, our students and graduates can match their capabilities with job requirements, and greatly enhance the job seeking processes through this intelligent job portal service.

Our Year 4 Student, Victoria shared her career expectations with Secretary for Education, Mr Yeung Yun Hung, JP at the fair.

INFORMATION DAY

Centennial College organised its Information Day on 27 January. This event targeted DSE students and students from associate degree/higher diploma programmes who are considering making an application for entry in September.

Apart from showcasing the Major programmes, scholarships and school life to students, parents and school teachers, this year we also organised workshops on “Understanding of Workplace Cultures”, “Etiquette Workshop for Interview” and also the “Personality Test” to get students better prepared and equipped for their future careers.

Two feature talks were held on the Info Day and they were largely well-received. We were honoured to have our College’s Council Chairman, Professor Edward Chen to share with us the benefits of a liberal arts education in the new, service-based economy and also the employability of Liberal Arts graduates. Our College was also very pleased to have organised feature talks on how to best tackle the DSE Chinese Language paper on classical texts.



▲ Professor Edward Chen presented the appreciation certificate to Dr Chan Yee Shun for being the guest speaker in the Information Day

4-Year Full Scholarship, Tuition Waiver and HKSAR Government Subsidy for 2018 Admissions



▲ Jerry Lam, recipient of Full Scholarship

Our programmes are eligible for the Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (NMTSS) of HK\$30,800 offered by the HKSAR Government this year. Whilst this scheme is available only to eligible local students, the College’s own 4-year Scholarship/Tuition Waiver Scheme for 2018-19 admissions is open to all students subject to their academic performance, including HKDSE, IB Diploma, AD/HD, GCE A-Level/IAL etc. Recipients of the Full Scholarship can concurrently receive the Government subsidy of HK\$30,800. Also, recipients of the half and one-third tuition waivers are eligible to receive an additional grant of HK\$20,000 for the first two years if they are nominated by their secondary school principals for the Principal Recommendation Scheme. For details, please visit the College website at www.centennialcollege.hku.hk/scholarship2018.



Application is now open for admission to Centennial College’s Bachelor degree programmes in 2018-19. Please apply through our website: www.centennialcollege.hku.hk

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15 June 2018 Summer Engagement Programme: Ocean Park Tour
- 7 July 2018 Centennial Day – Preparation for release of HKDSE results
- 9 July 2018 Summer Engagement Programme: Adventure in Hong Kong Disneyland
- 10-13 July 2018 Walk-in Admission
- 3 August 2018 Summer Engagement Programme: Life and Death Journey
- 6-8 August 2018 Walk-in Admission

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