

KUISC2018 Chemistry Majors Study Trip

From June 26 to 2 August, 2018 (six weeks), five of our chemistry students went to **Korea University** to study 3 courses each, which can be credited for courses at HKU.

Korea University is ranked second among the comprehensive universities in Korea. Students lived on campus in the dormitories. Every weekend they also had chances to participate in cultural events. Studying with them are students and teachers from all over the world.

The Faculty Experiential Learning Fund supported each student's partial expenses, as well as a trip by Prof. P Chiu to visit them and organized a day trip to visit two universities and their chemistry departments, spent time to interact with some chemistry professors and their chemistry postgraduate students. Every week, each student wrote personal reflections on their learning experiences, their thoughts on the local culture, their lives and plans. Students found this program to be a great learning experience and a time of personal growth.

Three students obtained excellent marks in their courses, and were awarded **scholarships** from Korea University.

Reflections and sharing from Student Participants:

"I think...the teacher, school, living environment of this program are good. The teacher for all class has the passion of teaching, and helpful.... I think I learn so much in this programme. Before I join this programme, I think I am a quiet student. After I meet so many international friends, I become more talkative. Moreover, I am more willing to try new things. After the Korea trip, I realize that the world is so big. I am looking forward to the trip of different countries in the future. Moreover, I maybe go to other countries for further study."

"I heard a great quote – You cannot guarantee a win, but you can guarantee a fight. Therefore, I decided to spend more time on study in the next two years. During this trip, I realized that actually there are many chances for undergraduate students. If I cannot get an offer in Hong Kong, I would like to go to other cities to continue my studies. I hope I can study PhD one day for studying Astronomy and Chemistry."

"KU provided a lot of opportunities for students to meet new friends. I meet a friend from the US in a Life science course I took in KU. Although we only knew each other for 6 weeks, we became very close friends after all. I really look forward to meeting her again. Moreover, KU organized many cultural activities which enhanced my enjoyment during the stay in Korea. Cultural activities like Taekwondo, and K-Pop dance class allows students to experience different Korean culture.... It will surely be one of the most memorable summers of my university life."



Visit to Kyunghee Univ



Dining and discussions with Prof. Cheon-Gyu Cho