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Host University: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

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Exchange Experience

About the country and city

Hong Kong is a very vibrant, dynamic city, one of the financial and commercial centers in Asia.

It has its traditional Chinese roots and also influenced by western culture.

Hong Kong is a good platform for the western world to understand better Mainland China.

About the Host University

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, located in Clear Water Bay Peninsula, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Its MBA program is among the top ones in the world.

It has very beautiful campus beside the sea.

The student union and students clubs are very active. There are many exchange activities between HKUST and global top business schools.

The entrepreneurship center has events for students, start-ups and future entrepreneurs.

MBA career center organizes seminars regarding Hong Kong employment market and career development advices.

Courses and professors

I have taken 4 courses from HKUST business school:

- Wealth Management: Professor Lynn Pi
- Social Media and Digital Marketing: Professor Jun B. Kim
- Entrepreneurial Finance and Family Business: Professor Kasper Meisner Nielsen
- Consumer Psychology: A CHINDIA Focus: Professor Jaideep Sengupta

Accommodation

There is an option to live in the campus and students can also look for accommodation outside campus. There are facebook groups like "Findyourroominhongkong" etc..

Visa

As I previously studied and worked in Hong Kong, so I hold IANG Visa for non-local graduate in Hong Kong.

Transportation

Transportation is very convenient in Hong Kong. You can take MTR and mini bus commuting to the campus.

Insurance and Health Services

Exchange students are enrolled to the HKUST Travel Insurance Plan with Chubb Insurance Hong Kong Limited, organized by HKUST.

Living expenses

The month expenses are similar to that of Tel Aviv, around 12000 HKD per month.

Food

Hong Kong is the heaven for foodies. The local food is Cantonese style and there are many options from South East Asia, Japan, Korea, France, Italy etc..

Night life

There are bars and restaurants in Lan Kwai Fong, Soho, Causeway Bay and Wan Chai etc.

General experience

It is a great life experience to live in Hong Kong to see one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

Everything is convenient from transportation, shopping, eating and there are always options and choices.

Amazingly, the nature is not far from the center city. People can spend a nice weekend on one of the Islands, beaches, be close to the nature.

Hong Kong is very competitive, especially its business and financial sectors attracting talents from all around the world.

HKUST provides one of the best MBA programs in the world, inviting scholars, professors and experts from the industries, good learning experiences.