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Exchange Experience

About the country and city:

My exchange at Peking University was amazing! Needless to say, Beijing has many culture sights to explore and most of them can be found online. However, as a city I have lived in the past, Beijing still gives me much pleasant surprise this time and this kind of surprise comes from her international, her mixture of fashion and history, and her passion.

About the Host University:

The campus of Peking University is very beautiful and I believe, as the most prestigious educational institution in China, there are many articles about it can be seen. What I would like to say is Autumn is the most beautiful season in a year. Almost all colors can be seen on campus at that time. Yellow from Ginkgo leaf, blue from clear sky and green in other trees made the campus like a photograph.

For my study here, I should confess that I spent much time on my professional life during the exchange. But one thing that I find for professors at Peking University is that they know much about theories from western world in economic, management or finance. At the same time, they have very deep understanding about how the industry in China and its reality. They have knowledge about local market. This capability can help them to link between other parts of the world and China. For foreign students, I guess it can be a very unique experience.

Courses:

The courses I was taking were all in Chinese. These courses have much knowledge about uniqueness of doing business in Chinese market. There was one course that I was auditing was in English and it left me a very deep impression. It called legend in investment and taught about how to become a value investor. The thing impressed me most was the teacher put much of his knowledge generated by his personal academic and life experiences in the classes and I believe some of them cannot be learned in any other classes around the globe. Other services at Peking University are also in high quality. It has many students clubs which host activities frequently. The two that I joined are International Investment and Management Association and Tennis Club. These two clubs helped me to find many amazing people who share interests, to create many opportunities and to do physical exercise very much. The career center is very helpful and deliver much information about hiring. Most of positions are very attractive.

Accommodation:

For accommodation, finding a house in Beijing is not very hard, but finding an ideal one may need some efforts. My suggestion is to live in an AirBnb at beginning to give some time to explore and invite a Chinese friend to live together(The Chinese friend can help you to handle much stuff with those who cannot speak English in the processes.) The living expense in Beijing has been no longer cheap. \$1000 USD may be enough to cover all expenses in a month, however, if one want to live in a higher standard of living, it can be easily doubled or tripled(experiencing delicious food can be one aspect to spend a lot of money). For other aspects in exchange, I believe Beijing will not disappoint you as it is a cosmopolitan city and the capital of China. One can see the whole nation through living here for several months or a year.

Tips:

The only tips that I would like to suggest is to make a friend, before the exchange start, who can speak fluent Chinese and English and really know about the city. This will save much time and color the whole experience.

Lastly, let me attach some photos to finish my summary.



