

As a part of my degree at the Stockholm School of Economics, I spent an exchange semester at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). This was an amazing experience full of cultural diversity, academic growth, and personal learnings.

The focus of my studies at HKU Business School was strategy and management, with a global and international outlook. This was the final semester of my business and economics degree and the courses allowed me to build on previous knowledge. They served to deepen as well as broaden my perspective on these subjects. HKU is considered by many to be the best university in Hong Kong, and it more than lived up to its exceptional reputation, offering a great course selection and impressive teachers.

Not least, I found it rewarding to study and work together with international peers from varying business schools and other disciplinary backgrounds. It was very interesting to learn about their practical as well as theoretical approaches and how they compared to what I am used to in Sweden. I especially appreciated the opportunity to acquire a deeper understanding of Chinese as well as Asian perspectives, to complement the Western-centric viewpoints more common in Europe.

In addition to my studies, I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore Hong Kong. Hong Kong is a true cosmopolitan metropolis, an international hub which is home to locals and expats alike. Just as it is an amazing mix of Chinese and Western cultures, it is also an astonishing blend of skyscrapers and nature. Only an hour away from the bustling streets of Central you would find breathtaking hiking trails and beautiful beaches. It is a city which pulsates with life and a place unlike any other.

In a way, a single semester is a very short period of time. However, during the course of this short time period, I made memories and friends for life. I can't overstate what a positive experience I had in Hong Kong and it has had a significant impact on my personal growth and future plans. I am extremely grateful for the honor of receiving the Swedish School in Beijing's scholarship as it better enabled me to fully immerse myself in this transformative experience.

Having recently graduated from the Stockholm School of Economics, I made the decision to start the next chapter of my professional and personal life in China. I have recently moved to Beijing for a position at the Swedish Embassy where my work focuses on business, economic and trade affairs. I have already had a great start and look forward to new experiences and learnings!

Best regards,
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