

## **Travel Report - China (Beijing)**

I visited China as part of an exchange program from Lund University to Peking University (PKU), School of Economics. Partially through the aid of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in China, I was able to finance my stay and travel to China and I am thoroughly grateful for this opportunity that I was given.

While I was mainly in Beijing, I also tried to challenge myself and visit other parts of China such as Xian, Datong, Shijiazhuang and Shanghai - making wonderful memories along the way. Whether through my studies at PKU or through my trips to other cities and places in China, I felt that I truly got to experience China and engage with a culture that I found deeply interesting and culturally rich. Additionally, I managed through this opportunity to connect with people from all walks of life and with vastly different backgrounds, something I think that I personally grew and learned a lot from.

Whether it was from the top of the Great Wall or the view of the Terracotta Army, my stay in China has led me to gain wonderful memories and I have been able to gain valuable experiences that I never could have imagined I would gain before visiting here. Through challenging myself I built my confidence and managed to see and try new ideas and ways of doing things.

At PKU I studied and learned information about China that I am sure I would not have been able to engage with outside of the country. Significantly, I believe I managed to integrate with a different way of thinking and viewing the world - something that I grew from and managed to learn a lot from.

Having experienced living in China for around six months, I believe that I have gained valuable future international experience and knowledge. I hope to utilise this to the fullest and I hope that in the future I can work with something that lets me engage further with East Asian countries such as China.

I would personally like to thoroughly extend my sincere gratitude to the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in China for their support for my stay in China. Its encouragement and financial support has made the trip much less financially stressful and made me be able to truly experience China.

Kind regards,

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