During my time at Peking University in China Spring semester 2023, I had the privilege of immersing myself in a culturally rich and intellectually stimulating environment, meeting and be-friending people all over the world. This experience significantly shaped my academic and personal growth, offering a unique perspective on China's society, politics, and economics.

At Peking University, I had the incredible opportunity to enroll in courses offered by both the Guanghua School of Management and the School of Economics. This dual academic experience provided me with a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of business and economics from an international perspective. Moreover, studying together in an international class has been extremely rewarding to me. The discussions in- and outside of the classroom has widened my horizons and understanding of the world.

Securing Svenska Skolan I Peking’s scholarship not only supported my studies in Beijing but also allowed me to explore other cities in China. During the labor holiday I visited beautiful Lijiang and Shangri-La, cities with rich history and culture. It strikes me how varied different parts of China are, both from a historical and current perspective. The contrast between traditional architecture and modern skyscrapers is awe-inspiring, reflecting the nation's blend of ancient heritage and rapid development.

This profound experience of living in China has deeply influenced my future plans. Currently, I am pursuing a master’s degree in International Business with the intention of specializing in Nordic and Asia relations. The insights I have gained during my time at Peking University and travelling in China has enabled me to foster a dialogue and collaboration between different cultures and societies. My goal for my professional career is to work in areas that promote international understanding and cooperation. I am committed to contributing to a more interconnected and harmonious global community because I have seen the value of meeting people with different backgrounds and perspectives.

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