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## Reflections by Students and Teachers on the Visit to Hong Kong (28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017)

### 1. Describe, for you, ONE 'professional' highlight of the visit.

- Attending the SCEN conference. It was the first time I've been to a conference of any sort. It had a very serious atmosphere but I learnt a lot from it.
- One of my "professional" highlight of the trip is visiting the local school and staying in our partners' home.  
SCEN SUMMIT: So many Scottish were interested in Chinese culture.
- SUMMIT: Shared some of our trip's experience.
- SUMMIT: Had a very professional meeting.
- The Summit event was an amazing learning opportunity while it was immensely nerve wracking, the overall experience was unforgettable.
- The school life. Having a good time with friends and Buddy's family.
- School life with our buddies.
- They are polite, caring and eager to help each other.
- I like the bagpipes performance the most because I could learn more about Scotland traditional culture and I think the rhythm was amazing.
- It's my first time going to a hill to have lessons.
- The relaxing school learning mode.
- Scottish student present in Putonghua.
- Listen to all of HK students' presentation.
- Music & Museum.
- The Holyrood Park & the Castle.
- 'Guisings'.

## **2. Describe, for you, ONE 'cultural' highlight of the visit.**

- Walking around Edinburgh. I was able to experience the scenery and atmosphere of the city. It helped me familiarize with the place and appreciate Edinburgh while learning about its culture.
- Visiting the castle was fun & taught me a lot about historical relics & the values they hold.
- The food we've tried and the most memorable castle visit.
- Museum and Edinburgh Castle.
- Bagpipes performance (Exchange between Chinese and Scottish culture).
- The melody and rhythm (of bagpipes) were amazing.
- Although my English is not good, I talked with Scottish students. It makes me more confident.
- Communicate with host family and local child.
- Talk to the local people (host family and even strangers).
- The Orchestra performance.
- The Edinburgh castle (it's big and beautiful).
- The National Scotland Museum.
- The Castle.

## **3. Is there any ONE aspect which you would consider importing to Scotland from Hong Kong?**

- The transportation system – Mass Transit Railway (MTR) because it's a strong network in HK, we can get to everywhere conveniently.
- MTR (fast, cheap ticket, seats offered).
- Eating culture (hot pots, congee, herbs, tea culture) and local snacks (fish ball, egg puffs, wife cake, rice dumpling).
- Chinese culture (tea culture, Cantonese).
- Food (dim sum).
- Food for the host family and introduce it to them.
- Warmer weather.
- Diversification of language.
- Happy Learning.
- Busy lifestyle (shared).
- Maths.

#### **4. Is there any ONE aspect which you would consider exporting to Hong Kong from Scotland?**

- Lifestyle (slower/relaxing).
- Lifestyle (Scotland students are more relaxing than HK students, they don't have a lot of exam).
- Education system:  
Concentrate on student's communication skills / discussion.  
I found that Scotland advocates small-classes teaching. That's a good method for teachers to take care of everyone.
- Politeness and care for others (e.g. my host family was very nice to me and well-prepared).
- Buildings (let young people learn about history).
- Buildings are old and were built by stones. It's what we cannot see in Hong Kong.
- Big houses in Scotland vs HK's small houses.  
Scotland (relaxing, friendly) vs HK (busy: working & studying).
- More facilities (swimming pool, dance room & gym room).
- A birthday gift from my host family.
- A paper from the Math teacher when learning fractions.
- Happy learning.
- Food – haggis.
- Potatoes.
- Different culture.
- Clean air.

#### **5. Sum up in a paragraph the 'essence' of the exchange visit to you – sums it up for you and the impact.**

- I was very happy to go to school and stay with my host family in Edinburgh.
- Experienced cold and snow weather.
- The experience of staying in a host family.
- Host mum taught me how to take care of people.
- Made more new friends.
- The host family.
- Friendship.