

Academic Year 2016-2017 Yuan Ze University Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Overseas Academic Visiting Program Report

Of all the overseas academic activities, I had participated in, this visit to South Korea was the most impressive to me. Unlike the past, I started preparing for the trip a month before departure.

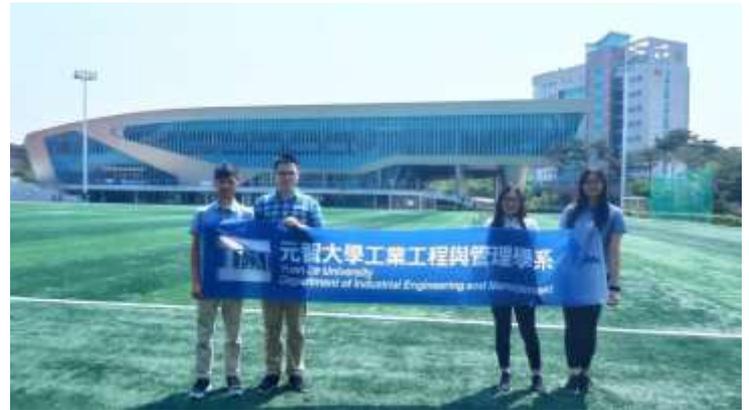
After landing at Incheon international airport, lots of characters, like symbols came into sight. These incomprehensible words would always accompany us on this trip. It also mean a great opportunity to learn Korean culture.

Outdoors in Incheon, the air we breathed was dryer than Taiwan, the apparent temperature was cooler, and the sun was still shining, like Taiwan but not that heat. Feeling the environment was the first lesson that I visited every time. Besides, I had always liked to know the country through food. Each meal in South Korea, "kimchi" and "ice water" were absolutely essential elements that you could see on the table. The tour guide introduced characteristics of South Korea through the food pattern and taught some basic Korean during the meal.

At first, we visited the Incheon Urban Planning Center, which intended to suggest the blueprint of future development and realized the perpetual existence of Incheon by expressing dynamic aspects. It showed from the old to the present development process, including the cultural, historical, geographical, hydrological and other features of the city.



On the second day, we began our visit to several universities. First of all, we went to the very famous university, KAIST, which was ranked second best university in South Korea. An intern, coming from China took us around the campus. He shared with us what he has seen, what he has learned at KAIST and also gave some advice for studying abroad. During the campus tour, I found that each building on the campus had its own characteristics and we took photos with these famous structures as well. We all were envious of the students who can study in such a great environment. It was a honor for us to visit KAIST.



After that, we went to Chungbuk national university, which was located in the central-west part of Chenogiu city. The ambassadors, who dressed neatly warmly welcomed our arrival and accompanied us throughout the day. Furthermore, they were careful in answering any of questions that we asked. The friendly ambassadors were really good to us and made us kind of feeling as a VIP. At the night, we had dinner with Chungbuk national university students. The subject we chatted was revolving around life, culture, and food. Even though the language used was different, it didn't become a barrier to our communication. It's an unforgettable interaction with Korean students.



The most impressive thing during the trip was that giving a presentation at Seoul National University of Science and Technology, SeoulTech. This was the main reason why I prepared for the trip for one month before departure. In order to make sure the report went well, we stayed up late rehearsing every day during the trip. The conference hall filled with the Korean students and professors. The scene was so magnificent that beyond our expectations. Fifteen minutes on the stage of the presentation, I could say for certain that we all did a great job. It's complicated to describe the feeling after finishing the report. I was so proud of us. I thought this presentation was not an end of the trip for us, but the beginning of our life. Even if we went to different places to study or work, we would maintain the attitude that work hard and study hard.



We would always remember this experience and also deeply appreciated that providing such a rare opportunity. Five days of the visit was well worth it. In the future, when I saw the project, that I presented at SeoulTech, a souvenir from the visit, and photos with professors and my friends, I would definitely recall this full and wonderful memory.