

## Awesome Summer 2017

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1.The night view in Stockholm is amazing.

This summer is the best that I've never had. I learned a lot inside and outside the Linnaeus University Summer Academy 2017. During the summer academy, I studied in Beginner Swedish. Here not only had I learned the new language, Swedish, but also practiced a lot in English. It is a big challenge to me because I can't use my mother tongue language to learn new knowledge

as well as present opinions. And another reason is that I am not good at English. So it was not easy for me for the daily conversation and it took me some time to adapt the new environment. Moreover, I am grateful for my teachers and classmates' help. Whether English or Swedish, they are always patient to teach me. Without their help, I couldn't have done it.

Furthermore, outside the classroom, I meet many friends all around the world. Cultural differences enriched my world view. I experienced how to respect and understood people from different background. Besides, it also made me think about my own cultural identity. It meant that I need to realize what kind of background I was from and who I am before I introduced myself to



2. My classmates and teacher in Swedish course.



3. Stockholm city hall.

others or knew the same and the difference between my culture and other'. For example, the question that I was most often asked was 'You speak Mandarin, but why you said you are not from China?' In fact, at the beginning, for me, it was hard to answer this question to people who lived outside of East Asia or were unfamiliar with East Asia situation, but time would solve everything. After many interactions with people

around the world, I finally found a proper way for explanation. Similarly, I was also surprised of the reaction when Swedes were in the drizzling rain. They were so calm that I was wondering if it was raining. Cause they didn't even take out their umbrella or find any shelter. Instead, they did nothing and just continued doing what they did.

In addition, I also had lots of amazing experiences and great feelings that were beyond my expectation. First of all, I have had a good friendship with many people, especially a group



4. the fjord in Flåm.

of close friends from Hong Kong and Macaw. We have done a lot of things together, namely, sharing each other's life moments, supporting one another to face and solve the difficulties that we met, did some foolish but funny things. Secondly, in the free time, my friends and I travelled around the Scandinavia. We visited many famous attractions, such as, statue of the Little Mermaid (Copenhagen), the Vasa museum (Stockholm), and Norway in a Nutshell. Until now



5. colorful houses along Nyhavn, Copenhagen.

I still couldn't forget that moment when I saw the breathtaking fjord. It was too magnificent to express my feeling. Likewise, it was fantastic to walk on the roof of the Oslo Opera House. It

meant a great deal to me. Because the first time I saw this building was just an idea on

the draft. I had never thought that one day I can stand on there. Thirdly, I found that I enjoyed making plans for myself. Before departure, I was very worried about whether I will feel lonely or not able to go aboard alone. However, I was interested in this condition. Newly social circle and different cultural environment led me to a whole new world. I was encouraged to plan my own schedule and was also asked to be responsible for my choices. Furthermore, not only had I learned a lot from my friends and the world but had a wonderful time to be with myself.



6. In Kalmar, Harbor nearby school.

In short, 'Jag trivs bra i Sverige.' It means

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7. My close friends from Hong Kong and Macaw.

that I really enjoy the time in Sweden. This trip gave me a chance to explore myself and the world. It seems to me that stepping out of our comfort zone is a hard thing, yet it can make us grow up. Last but not least, I am very thankful that my families, friends and teachers have always stood behind me. No matter where I have been, they have been with me.



8. The **Little Mermaid**



9. We were in the Nobel Museum.



10. Changing of the guard at the royal place, Stockholm.