



AEARU Student Summer Camp 2005 Final Report

Cultural exchange
program between

Theme: Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia

Date: 24 July 2005 - 30 July 2005

Taiwan, Korea and Japan



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I. Introduction

The Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU) was formed in January 1996 to promote cooperation and exchange among universities in East Asia. AEARU brings together 17 universities from the following regions: Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Taiwan. These universities all have significant strengths in science and technology, sharing common traits in their academic profiles, educational goals, research and development interest and faculty composition. Being in the same geographical area, they also share a similar culture and a strong sense of affinity with one another. AEARU was formed to identify areas of mutual interest for productive collaboration and the AEARU Student Summer Camp is one of the activities organized to achieve this. This year, the student camp (General) was once again held in the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

II. Information of the Camp

Details of the Camp

Theme	:	Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia
Date	:	24 th July 2005 (Sunday) – 30 th July 2005 (Saturday)
Venue	:	HKUST
Official Language	:	English
Number of Participants	:	Up to 2 from each member university
Participating Universities	:	15

Fudan University
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
Kyoto University
Nanjing University
National Taiwan University
Osaka University
Pohang University of Science and Technology
Seoul National University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The University of Tokyo
Tohoku University
Tokyo Institution of Technology
Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu
University of Science Technology of China
University of Tsukuba

An organizing committee comprising student representatives from the Business Students' Union, the Engineering Students' Union and the Science Students' Association of the HKUST Students' Union was formed in late February for the organization of the camp.

Each AEARU member university was invited to nominate up to two undergraduate students from any disciplines to participate in the camp.

Each participant paid a registration fee which covers accommodation, meals and local transportation. Other program expenses were covered by the HKUST, which is the host of the camp.

Objectives of AEARU Student Summer Camp 2005 (General)

- To enhance students' understanding on various issues related to the theme "Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia".
- To establish friendship and linkage, as it is important for students to build up their relationship and communication network early to facilitate their cooperation in promoting global business, science and engineering development.
- To promote cultural exchange among students by sharing and understanding their cultural similarities and difference physically.

The Organizing Committee

Position	Name	Major
Chairperson	Mr. Tsui Chun Yin, Bennet	Marketing
Internal Vice-chairperson	Ms. Yim Tak Sum, Jessie	Physics
Internal Vice-chairperson	Mr. Yu Ho Tak, Roy	General Business
External Vice-chairperson	Mr. Kwok Ho Man, Jacky	Accounting
General Vice-chairperson	Mr. Lau Chi Kwan, Donald	Civil Engineering
Financial Secretary	Ms. Ho Cheuk Ting, Cherry	Physics
Public Relations Department	Ms. Yeung Wai Han, Fox	Civil Engineering
Public Relations Department	Ms. Zhang Luduo, Noodle	Biochemistry
Logistic Department	Mr. Lam Yan Chin, Michael	Civil Engineering
Logistic Department	Ms. Chan Wai Shan, Catherine	Management of Organizations
Publication Department	Mr. Tsang Chin Fan, Steve	Physics

III. Program Description

Date: 24 July 2005

1. Registration

After the participants arrived at the Hong Kong International Airport/Train Station, they were warmly greeted by our organizing committee members and were then escorted to our university. While the delegates were checking-in, we distributed the camp books, camp T-shirts and souvenirs to them. Photographs were taken with digital camera for each delegate for the use of nametag, which they wore throughout the camp for identification.

2. Welcoming Dinner

Our welcoming dinner took place in the China Garden - Chinese restaurant in our university. It was jointly organized with the organizing committee of the Delta Forum 2005, a camp aiming at discussing affairs about Pan Pearl Delta River Region with student delegates from the Mainland China, Macau, Singapore and Hong Kong. Participants were divided evenly into groups according to their school, nationality and gender. Meanwhile, the organizing committee introduced themselves and also the activities of the camp. A lucky draw session was also held and there were two winners from our camp.

3. Project Preparation (1)

Throughout the camp, participants were divided into teams to work on a project with the topic "Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia". By the end of the camp, they were required to present their ideas in creative form and also hand in a written report. The project preparation was the time for them to discuss about the topics and materials given. There were totally three topics for the participants to investigate.

The first topic was "Cultural Differences and Similarities". We gathered the participants' expectation towards the camp and the impression towards Hong Kong. We also introduced the characteristics of Hong Kong for them to have a better understanding towards the city. All the participants shared the lifestyles, tradition and culture of their own cities afterwards. For the first topic, the participants needed to answer two questions:

1. What are the cultural differences and similarities among Asian countries?
2. How do these differences and similarities relate to our theme – "Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia"?

Date: 25 July 2005

1. Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was once again jointly organized by the organizing committees from the AEARU Student Summer Camp 2005 and the Delta Forum 2005. Prof. T C Pong, the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Isaac Tam, the Acting Director of Student Affairs, and the chairperson of the respective organizing committee gave speeches to greet the participants. Dr. Zhu Lijing, the Head of International Students Office, Ms. Grace Ling, Student Counselor and Miss Jessie Yiu, Executive Officer of Student Affairs Office were also invited to attend the ceremony. Afterwards, participants from each university introduced their university and their city to others using visual aids and computer.

2. Orientation Games

We had an orienteering with checkpoints set up in the campus for the participants to become familiar with the university. When participants reached any checkpoint, they needed to do a task. After that, they would receive a clue for them to go to another checkpoint. They all felt tired but happy during the game.

3. Project Preparation (1)

After dinner, they continued with the discussion of the first project.

Date: 26 July 2005

1. Seminar (1) & (2)

There were four seminars throughout the camp period. Each seminar lasted for 1 hour. The first topic was “Economics Development among Asian Countries” which was delivered by Dr. Zhu Lijing, the Head of International Students Office. In his speech, he told the students to try to communicate more with students from other countries to understand each other’s culture and belief. Participants from the Delta Forum 2005 also attended the seminar,

The second topic was “The Role of University Students in Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia” presented by Mr. Luke Wong, the Director of Student Affairs. From the comments of the participants, it was an impressive seminar.

2. Orienteering Program

We had several mass games in Hall 2 Common Room of HKUST. Participants came to know each other.

3. Outing (1)

We had a short outing on the third day. We paid a visit to the Hong Kong Racing Museum. We watched a film about horse racing in Hong Kong and some showpiece of equipment of jockey.

4. Seminar (Continue)

As requested by Dr. Zhu Lijing on the first seminar, there was a further discussion on cultural differences and similarities among Asian countries.

5. BBQ and Camp Fire

Together with participants from Delta Forum 2005, we went to a BBQ site to have BBQ. Participants experienced a Hong Kong style of campfire dance, which is usually arranged in the orientation camp for freshmen. Laughter filled the night as they sang and danced together.

Date: 27 July 2005

1. Cultural Tour

1st Station → Shatin

Che Kung Temple was visited early in the morning. Che Kung Temple was famous of blessing people for health. Therefore, the participants earnestly prayed for health in the temple and actively involved in the tradition of the temple – “seung heung” (offer sacrifices to gods). Some participants even asked the fortune-teller for oracles. They really do in Rome as the Romans do.

Then, we all went to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum to know more about the culture of Hong Kong. We mainly focused on three theatres: T.T. Tsui Gallery of Chinese Art, Cantonese Opera Heritage Hall and the New Territories Heritage Hall. The three exhibitions have shown the origin of Hong Kong.

2nd Station → Tram

After Lunch, we have tried the traditional transportation of Hong Kong, the tram. During the ride, we could see the characteristic of Hong Kong Island. The tram made a nice trip for its moderate speed and great view from its large window.

3rd Station → Central Walk

Taken off in the Western Market, the participants could see how the western culture influenced Hong Kong from the characteristic there. After that, we took a stroll from Hollywood Road to the Peak.

In Hollywood Road, the participants were interested in searching all the special feature of the antique. Especially for girls, they were attracted by the jade jewels and tried them on.

All the way they reached the Man Mo Temple. Man Mo Temple is famous of praying for good academic results. As the topic was closely related to them, they wholeheartedly prayed there.

Lan Kwai Fong was the next pass-by feature. Many Hong Kong movies were filmed there. And there, they could meet the westerners, too where it seems to them a better place for cultural exchange. They then all stuck on the road to feel the place.

On the way to the peak tram station, we passed by the main famous buildings of Hong Kong such as the Bank of China, the HSBC headquarter and the Legislative Council. The participants were all amazed of the financial and international image of Hong Kong.

Last Station → The Peak

Finally, we arrived at our last station of the tour, the Peak. We had a ride on the oldest transportation of Hong Kong, the Peak Tram. The participants were excited on the ride because of the steep slope. They actively hang around to take photos for the beautiful sea view of the Victoria Harbour. We were lucky to catch the sunset for taking photos.

2. Project Preparation (2)

The second topic was “Competition and Cooperation”. We all know that for a country to take a success, there should be competition and cooperation among countries. The point is how to maintain peace, trust and balance through these competition and cooperation.

For the second topic, the participants needed to answer three questions:

1. State some existing cooperation and competition among countries in the field of economic development, environmental protection and information infrastructure.
2. How can the above cooperation and competition maintain the Peace, Trust and Balance in Asia?
3. Will cultural differences influence the cooperation and competition between different countries?

Date: 28 July 2005

1. Seminar (3) & (4)

In Seminar (3), we were grateful to have Mr. Kane Shum, the Principal Engineer from the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Limited to deliver the topic “Sustainable Development” to us. In the seminar, participants learned a lot on how development related to environment so as to maintain a balance.

In Seminar (4), we had the topic “The Development of Information Infrastructure in Asia-Pacific” and we were glad to have Professor Xu Yan, Associate Professor of Department of Information & System Management to conduct the seminar. He introduced how the development of Information Infrastructure influences so much on the economic development.

2. Engineering Lab Tour

Participants had visited the Lab of Mechanical Engineering Department and the Lab of Civil Engineering Department. They had a close look at the wind tunnel in the Civil Engineering Lab which is the world’s famous one. They admitted that the tour enriched their knowledge a lot.

3. Outing (2)

3.1 The Hong Kong Planning and Infrastructure Exhibition Gallery

The Hong Kong Planning and Infrastructure Exhibition Gallery (HKPIEG) showcases the major development and infrastructure projects slated for Hong Kong. In the Gallery, the participants could try on the touch-screen and hands-on exhibits to have an interactive experience. They were all amazed of the fast pace development of Hong Kong.

3.2 The Hong Kong Museum of History

The museum showcases Hong Kong’s broad and dynamic history. Just looking at the current structure of Hong Kong, it was difficult for us to think of Hong Kong has already 6000 years of history. Through this museum, participant learned more about the history of Hong Kong.

3.3 Star Ferry

Participants all had a joyful ride on the ferry. Participants were excited taking photos of the night view of the Victoria Harbour during the ride

3.4 Golden Bauhinia Square

The Forever Blooming Bauhinia sculpture is the great feature at the square because of its symbolism of the return of Hong Kong to China. As a good place for photo taking, we had a short stay in the square to let the participants to view this symbol as well as the Victoria Harbour.

3.5 Free Time in Causeway Bay

Waited for long, here came the time for participants to experience shopping in the shopping paradise. Therefore, they hang around all the brands for what they needed till tired.

Date: 29 July 2005

1. Project Preparation (3)

The third topic was “The Bright Future”. The future belongs to us, the future leaders. What we want our future like to be depended on how we action now.

In this topic, the participants needed to answer the following questions:

1. State you vision towards the future of Asia.
2. As a university student, what should we do to help maintaining the peace, trust and balance in Asia?

2. Project Presentation

In this session, each group was required to come up to the stage to present what they had discussed for the three topics in two ways – Presentation and Written Report. For the Presentation Session, we were delighted to have invited Mr. Luke Wong, the Director of Student Affairs, to be our judge for this session.

Participants all tried their best to perform well. They used variety kinds of format of presentation such as drama and news report to catch the audience attention. At last, the winning group was presented prize by Mr. Luke Wong.

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3. Outing (3)

3.1 Mongkok

Mongkok is regarded as one of the crowded places in Hong Kong. Participants were all hyperactive in shopping in Mongkok because of its cheaper price and the selling of characteristic products in Ladies’ Market.

3.2 Temple Street Night Market

We visited the Temple Street Night Market next. Participants were curious on the stuff in the market such as curios and the fortune-tellers. There were competition among professional Chinese chess players and among participants gathered around to observe their battle.

3.3 Tsim Sha Tsui Star Pier

We gathered at the pier to view **A Symphony of Lights**. The show was a multimedia show combined with lights and music and involved 20 key buildings of Hong Kong. That was a great night and participants were amazed of the beautiful view. They went shopping at the Harbour City after the show.

3.4 Avenue of Stars

The Avenue of Stars pay tribute to the stars who contribute so much to the silver screen. Participants hang around to the sculpture and handprints of the stars to take photos.

Date: 30 July 2005

1. Farewell Party

The farewell party marked the end of the camp. At the party, both the organizing committee members and participants shared what they felt about the camp, the happy and unhappy things and their feeling on Hong Kong. Each was given a piece of paper to write down their comment towards the camp. We all promised that we would keep in touch and the atmosphere was warm in the party.

IV. Evaluation and Suggestions

- It was agreed by all the organizing committee members that we got invaluable guidance and full support from the Student Affairs Office. With their suggestions, we were able to overcome many difficulties.
- It was appreciated that students were informed early this year to form the organizing committee and prepare for the camp. This year, the preparation work started in early March, which was very appropriate for giving the students enough time to plan and prepare the details of the camp.
- Throughout the preparation and camp period, the organizing committee had to handle so many printing matters, e.g. printing camp booklets, instruction sheets, paper models for the project preparation, etc. However, we could only print the documents in the computer barn, which caused troubles when the computer barn was closed. We suggest that two laser printers could be lent to the organizing committee.
- Preparation and functioning of the camp involved many materials. Therefore, storage formed a problem for the organizing committee. It would be much appreciated if a classroom could be lent to the committee to serve as an office for meeting and storage.
- It was recommended that the structure and the members of the organizing committee should be confirmed in an early stage. It took about 1.5 to 2 months for us to form the committee, which leads to certain delay of planning for the programs.
- For the participants who would arrive in Hong Kong before the commencement of the camp, we strongly recommend them to try their best to arrange for their own accommodation. The organizing committee might not be free to help in the on-time arrangement since they were busy with the final preparation of the camp.
- For firm visit, the organizing committee was unable to find support from any companies. This led to the cancellation of the session. We suggested that the firm list and contact should be done 2 to 3 months in advance.

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- The project was highly complimented by the participants. We provided plenty of information for them to use in the project. All in all, they had learnt the importance of peace, trust and balance in Asia. We had the following suggestions for the project.
 - 1) More time for them to discuss for the project.
 - 2) More time for them to prepare for the presentation, e.g. giving them rehearsal time.

- One of our highlighted programs this year was camp fire. This was a joint program of AEARU Student Camp and Delta Forum. Participants were interested learning the steps for the songs. As we used wood to build up the fire in the program, participants danced excitedly and they could feel the atmosphere of the orientation camps for Hong Kong students. Hence, it was recommended to continue this program in the coming camp.

- Greater concern of the physical and mental conditions of the participants should be bare in mind when the organizing committee plans for the activities, e.g. not to wake up too early in the morning. The majority of the participants were exhausted due to the tight schedule. More free time and breaks between the activities were recommended.

Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Zhu Li Jing, Head of International Students Office, Mr. Luke Wong, Director of Student Affairs, Mr. Kane Shum, Principal Engineer, The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Limited and Professor Xu Yan, Associate Professor of Department of Information and System Management for their kind assistance and valuable suggestions in arranging the seminars for us.

V. What have we learnt?

- ✘ Participants learned and appreciated the diverse cultures of different regions and different universities.
- ✘ Participants gained valuable experiences of cooperation, teamwork, mutual respect and trust, and communication among people from different cultures and background
- ✘ Participants gained a more international exposure.
- ✘ Participants were more aware of the importance of maintaining peace, trust and balance in Asia.
- ✘ Participants learned the importance of multi-lingualism and the use of English in cross-cultural exchange.
- ✘ Members of the organizing committee learned time management, practical organization and management skills and in particular, how to keep up the quality of work with limited resources.

VI. Conclusion

AEARU Student Summer Camp 2005 inherited the success of the past years and was satisfactorily accomplished this year. Its completion was the fruit of the whole-hearted dedication of all member universities, staff, organizing committee members, helpers and participants. All of us spent a memorable and cheerful time in HKUST. We believe that these wonderful memories will always be close to our hearts regardless of the passage of time and regional separation.

Today's accomplishment sows the seed for future success. A true success is built on the accumulation of experience. It is strongly believed that AEARU Student Summer Camp would be even better in the future based on the work done by its predecessors. Let us hope that the spirit of AEARU will be carried to unprecedented new heights in the years to come.

VII. List of Participants

Fudan University

Name	Gender	Major
Lu Jun Ting	F	Broadcasting
Meng Yuan	F	Computer Science and Technology

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Name	Gender	Major
Jong Ho Lee	M	Mathematics
Roh Whi Jae	M	Biosystem

Kyoto University

Name	Gender	Major
Tomishima Shingo	M	Human Integrated Studies

Nanjing University

Name	Gender	Major
Yang Yang	F	Philosophy
Cao Yan	M	Environmental Science

Osaka University

Name	Gender	Major
Wakamatsu Hidekazu	M	Biotechnology
Negi Atushi	M	Biology
Kodama Hitoshi	M	Biology
Nagano Maiko	F	Biology

Pohang University of Science and Technology

Name	Gender	Major
Kim Hye ROUNG	F	Chemical Engineering
Lee Jaeho	M	Chemistry

Seoul National University

Name	Gender	Major
Kim Hyo-jin	F	Business Administration
Kim Jinbok	M	English Education

National Taiwan University

Name	Gender	Major
Chang Chiung Wen	F	Finance
Yang His-Chieh	M	Political Science, International Relations

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Name	Gender	Major
Wu Zhen Dong Jake	M	Marketing
Liang Xue	F	General Business

The University of Tokyo

Name	Gender	Major
Sagawa Go	M	Law
Batsaikhan Mongoljin	M	Economics

Tohoku University

Name	Gender	Major
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Takeuchi Machiko	F	Mathematics

Tokyo Institution of Technology

Name	Gender	Major
Nakajima Miki	F	Earth and Planet

Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu

Name	Gender	Major
Lee Ping An	F	Foreign Language and Literature
Huang Yu Fang	F	Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management

University of Science Technology of China

Name	Gender	Major
Luo Yushan	M	Physics (Plasmas Physics)
Wang Wenqin	F	Physics

University of Tsukuba

Name	Gender	Major
Kuwahara Nozomi	F	International Relations

VIII. Attachments

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