

Report on AEARU Summer Camp 2016 @ Peking University

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Introduction

JULY 3, 2016—JULY 23, 2016

PEKING UNIVERSITY

Association of East Asian Research Universities was founded in 1996 with the goal of promoting the communication between its members. This year, AEARU Summer Camp was hosted by Peking University. The participants came from a variety of universities, including Peking University, University of Tsukuba, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, National Tsing Hua University, Pohang University of Science and Technology, Fudan University, Tsinghua University, University of Science and Technology of China, National Taiwan University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Nanjing University, Seoul National University and Kyoto University. The participants enjoyed three weeks full of intensive courses provided by Globex and attractive cultural activities mainly provided by PKUSSI.



Participants List

Name	Home University	Name	Home University
01 Akiyoshi Yue	University of Tsukuba	13 Ke Yu-Han	Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu
02 Chen Lei	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	14 Li Yi-Yuan	Nanjing University
03 Chien Yu-An	Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu	15 Lingling Zhang	Seoul National University
04 Cho Hyemin	Pohang University of Science and Technology	16 Ma Wing Sze	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
05 Fang Leping	Fudan University	17 Ogishima Hironori	University of Tsukuba
06 Feng Xuan	Tsinghua University – Beijing	18 Tan Bochen	Peking University
07 Huang Siyuan	University Of Science And Technology Of China	19 Tomohiro Watanabe	Tokyo Institute of Technology
08 Huang Yu-Ting	Taiwan University	20 Yeseul Kim	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
09 Hyemin Yin	Seoul National University	21 Yuhei Nagamachi	Kyoto University
10 Ji Gwanghyeon	Pohang University of Science and Technology	22 Zhao Haotian	Tsinghua University – Beijing
11 Joo Min Jung	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	23 Zhang Songlin	Nanjing University
12 Kanae Imai	Tokyo Institute of Technology	24 Zheng Chuanmao	University Of Science and Technology Of China

*This list is sorted alphabetically according to the participants' names.

Calendar

Explanation for Colors:

- Grey: Program Related Events.
- Crimson: Activities For Everyone.
- Golden: Cultural Experience Events. Pre-registration is required. Participation on First-Register First-Get Basis. First 30 people will have the chance to take part in with a 10-people waiting list.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2 ● Registration @Wangkezhen Building (王克桢楼) Floor 10, 1006	3 ● 16:00-17:00 Orientation @Science Building (理教) 207
4 ● Classes Begin	5	6	7	8	9 ● 08:30-16:00 Visit the 798 Art District Gathering in front of No.4 Building, Global Village (中美新园)	10
11	12	13 ● 17:30-20:00 Happy Hour@Luce Pavilion	14	15	16 ● 08:00-16:00 Visit the Great Wall at Mutianyu Section Gathering in front of No.4 Building, Global Village (中美新园)	17 ● Making Your own Dumplings for Dinner(Selective)
18	19	20	21	22	23 ● Last Day of Class Program Ends Nan Luo Gu Xiang: hutong tour(Selective)	24

Orientation

16:00-17:00 JULY 3, 2016

NATURAL SCIENCE BUILDING, PEKING UNIVERSITY

Before all the classes, students of the AEARU Summer Camp joined other students of PKUSSI for a welcome ceremony and orientation. The orientation was mainly covered by student assistants. They introduced the grand city of Beijing to all the foreign students while the transportation system, social convention and safety notice took up most of the time. After the orientation, students and I had a group photo taken and then we had a brief tour around PKU together. The orientation marked the beginning of this exciting program and the students, especially the foreign ones, were able to get a quick sense of how things are done in China from it. In a word, it was both interesting and instructive.



Globex Dinner

17:30-20:30 JULY 7, 2016

QUNYING BI, ZHONGGUANYUAN GLOBAL VILLAGE

Globex is a summer camp held by College of Engineering of Peking University offering attractive and intensive courses on engineering, economics and even politics. All of AEARU students were taking courses in Globex this summer. They were, naturally, invited to the Globex welcome ceremony and the dinner afterwards. During this event, AEARU participants got to know their classmates as well as some of the teachers and organizers, such as the amicable associate dean Han from College of Engineering.



798 Tour

08:00—14:00 JULY 9, 2016

THE 798 ART DISTRICT

Students of AEARU Summer Camp, along with other students of PKUSSI took a tour around the famous 798 Art District in Beijing. The district features numerous sculptures, graffiti and paintings. Some students enjoyed themselves walking in what used to be industrial factories; some students was drawn to the prestigious Lawrence Modern Art Center; some students just chose to sit down at some tiny coffee shop and sipped a cup of refreshing Latte. A few hours passed by and it was time to take the bus back to PKU. All the students had a great time and the 798 Art District was sure to stay in their memory for a long time.



Happy Hour

17:30–20:00 JULY 13, 2016

LUCE PAVILION, PEKING UNIVERSITY

Halfway through the courses, the Office of International Relations of PKU held “Happy Hour”, a social event for all the students of PKUSSI. (AEARU Summer Camp students included) It began with the speeches delivered by the vice president of PKU, teacher representatives, assistant representatives and student representatives. Then, the crowd scattered into little groups and all the students chatted happily together. There were delicious food and drink, which helped people get into the mood. Before anyone noticed it, night fell. Students left the Luce Pavilion with new friends and a lighted heart. Some students even got together and hanged out after “Happy Hour”. It was a great opportunity for AEARU students to step out of the daily circle of theirs and come across with different people.



Great Wall Tour

08:00—16:00 JULY 16, 2016

THE GREAT WALL AT MUTIANYU SECTION

There is a saying in Chinese: “You can never be a real man if you haven't been to the Great Wall.” The Great Wall, indeed, is kind of a fantasy to numerous foreign students. This Saturday, the students visited the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall featuring “Eleven Towers”. Although it rained a bit during the climb, the passion of the students' wasn't affected at all. Standing on the Great Wall and looking down at the mountains and forests is an exceptional cultural experience. The Great Wall surely didn't fail anybody on being one of the “Wonders of Human Kind”. After the climb, students enjoyed their lunch at a Subway restaurant at the foot of the mountain. The fatigue added up to the hunger. A lot of students complained that they felt pain in their legs the next day, but the tour was surely worth it.



Get-together Dinner

18:00–20:00 JULY 20, 2016

ORIGUS RESTAURANT, ZHONGGUANCUN

Classes were drawing to an end and the situation called for some relaxation. After a little poll on WeChat, we decided that Wednesday was the most appropriate day for a get-together dinner for AEARU Summer Camp students. The date was chosen on the basis of general good, though some students could not make it in the first place. However, things didn't turn out as we had planned. Beijing was struck by a heavy rain that day and PKU was half flooded. Fortunately, the rain settled down at about 5 pm, giving us a chance to head for the restaurant. In the end, four students and I enjoyed a buffet dinner at Origus restaurant in Zhongguancun. The pizza, sushi and cakes appealed to us very much and we chatted happily about the program and our future. Although the rain gained later, it didn't diminish the fun a bit.



Other Photos (1/2)



Other Photos (2/2)



Students' Perspectives

'The program was also the most assistive activity to take a closer look and to obtain thorough understanding about China as a whole.

'Without my PA, I couldn't have survived with the complexities and hassles regarding the issue. He was sincere, kind and did his utmost to organize the program by keeping close contact with the friends.'

Yeseul Kim from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

'The most attractive point was Great Wall tour, because we could go there and have lunch free. And I could make a lot of friends in not only AEARU also other groups. Staying for 3 hours is the best time length.'

Ogishima Hironori from University of Tsukuba

'Overall, I could say that I enjoyed every single moment (except for the hot weather, flood etc.) of the program.

I was able to build friendships with people with different background and get some inspirations from thought-provoking lectures and speaker series.

I sincerely am grateful towards Peking University, Globex and AEARU organizations.'

JOO Min Jung from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

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