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## Fung Scholars Website Redevelopment

[www.fungscholars.org](http://www.fungscholars.org)

The Foundation is revamping the Fung Scholars & Fellows website to provide a more user-friendly platform for Fung Scholars from every corner of the world to be closely connected. It is expected to be launched by the end of April. More interactive and dynamic elements will be added into the website. There will be lots of new things for you to explore. Announcement will be made once the website is ready. You will be invited to experience the fresh look and feel of the website and dig out those interesting features. Stay tuned!

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## Fung Scholars Leadership Conference 2010

Date: 2–4 Oct 2010



Prof. Richard M. LOCKE giving the Keynote Speech.



Dr. Victor FUNG giving the Welcoming Speech.



The conference is about to begin.

Apart from the formal setting of the Conference, the Foundation also organized Pre-Conference and Post-Conference activities:



Post-Conference Company Visit to the Li & Fung Group



Pre-Conference Leadership Workshop

The Fung Scholars Leadership Conference 2010 was held on 3 October 2010 at the Ballroom of Sheraton Hotel (Hong Kong) with the theme “Changing Leadership: The Role of Young Leaders in the Context of Globalization”.

Dr. Victor FUNG, Chairman of Victor and William Fung Foundation, delivered the opening remarks followed by a keynote speech and case illustration by Prof. Richard M. LOCKE, Professor of Management and Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Conference was attended by over 120 Fung Scholars & Fellows coming from Hong Kong, Beijing, Xiamen, Shanghai, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, Singapore, New York, Boston and

Princeton. On top of the 120 attendees, there were about 50 Fung Scholars on the waiting list who unfortunately could not seize a seat. It was heartening to see the participation of so many young and bright future leaders in the Conference.

The Fung Scholars found the theme of the Conference relevant to them and were very much impressed by the speaker’s speeches. And they appreciated the chance to meet and interact with other Fung Scholars.

Two Fung Scholars, Miss Lorraine CHOI of The University of Hong Kong (FS09-10) and Mr. Mark LOCK of Princeton University (FS09-10) were invited to be the Conference’s Masters of Ceremonies.





De-briefings after the tour in the darkness.

## Pre-Conference Leadership Workshop

Date: 2 Oct 2010

The Workshop was attended by 38 Fung Scholars. During the Workshop, Fung Scholars were given a half-hour presentation about Social Enterprise (SE) and how Dialogue in the Dark (DiD) acts as a case study of an innovative SE. Participants were formed into groups to experience the DiD exhibition tour which enabled them to use different senses to enjoy time in darkness and reflect essential elements on leadership such as effective communication, ability to tackle challenges and empathy.



Fung Scholars touring around the showrooms of the Li & Fung Group.



Mr. Gordon LAM, Research Manager, Li & Fung Development (China) Limited, introducing the Group's development.

## Post-Conference Company Visit to the Li & Fung Group

Date: 4 Oct 2010

The Visit was attended by about 35 Fung Scholars. The visit includes logistics facility and showroom tours followed by an introduction of Li & Fung and its Global Supply Chain Management (SCM) Model on which Harvard Business Review has conducted 6 case studies.





# How Leaders have Lost Sight of What is Important and Learning to Become a Better Leader by Losing my Sight

*Mark Y. LOCK, Princeton University, FS09-10*



Our traditional view of a business leader is a person who is able to get ahead of the pack. The leader is an aggressive but intelligent go-getter who has no time for anything else but his own vision. My time at the Fung Scholars Leadership Conference 2010 (sponsored by Victor and William Fung Foundation based at Hong Kong) painted a new picture of the modern, successful leader. Not only is he smart and fearless in his pursuits, he is a man of integrity who cares about humanity. Although the media is quick to point out corporate scandals that arise out of leaders' insatiable desires to get ahead, success does not need to be derived through morally compromising behavior but can be produced through constructive, socially responsible worldviews as well.

Gaining novel insights on my leadership approach required losing my sight for thirty minutes. The first part of the conference saw around forty Fung Scholars arrive at an exhibition hall called "Dialogue in the Dark." "Dialogue in the Dark" (DiD) is a social enterprise now located in 14 countries selling darkness to its customers. I entered the dark exhibition without any preconceived notion of how the experience would play out even after reading the mysterious description on the website. I was robbed of my eyesight in a room of absolute darkness and asked to navigate a maze with a blind tour guide and my colleagues. Eighty percent of human sensory input comes in the form of vision. When my most valuable asset disappeared, the world changed drastically – how I thought, communicated, and behaved. During the course of the thirty minutes in darkness, I experienced riding a ferry, crossing a street, visiting a grocery store, and watching a movie at the cinema without my eyes. Doing such simple tasks became ten times more challenging and would have been impossible without the guidance of the tour guide.

There are few experiences like DiD that can change you. From a leadership perspective, DiD served as a tactile, experiential metaphor for the decision making and team building processes that leaders may go through. Business leaders are always required to "make decisions in the dark" – with tight time constraints, limited information about the present or future, and limited resources. In DiD, my colleagues naturally broke down our communicative barriers. Because we were moving in a line formation, those in the front would have to take the perspective of those in the back and communicate what was happening. Bringing one's business team on the same page is a valuable and necessary skill for any leader. The blind tour guide knew how to effectively guide my group, because he effectively adopted the perspective of those who have lived with sight their whole lives. As a result, he anticipated where my group would have difficulties. DiD illustrated the power of perspective-taking and open communication in leadership roles. A leader is not successful until he can leverage the backgrounds of his team members by adopting their perspectives and until he can be honest about his weaknesses in order to seek help from others. The modern leader is one who understands humility and cares about the humanity of others.

The conference's keynote speaker, Richard Locke, Deputy Dean of the MIT Sloan School of Management, communicated a progressive view on corporate and individual leadership. The MIT model of leadership teaches one to not only identify one's strengths but to more importantly identify one's weaknesses. No leader can be the best at everything they do. Psychologists have accepted and thus been able to design a better world through the idea of bounded rationality—that humans have limits to their rational cognitive abilities. A similar notion that leaders and successful humans are imperfect is a valuable insight. It allows leaders to be honest, generating greater productivity by building teams that complements a leader's weaknesses.

Not only should leaders be able to understand their own limitations, they should understand the limitations of the world and act as socially responsible players in the global business arena. Dr. Locke presented a nontraditional notion that being a socially responsible business actor is not just an image ploy or something that companies are pressured into. Corporate social responsibility makes sound financial sense in the long run, even though there may be some tradeoffs in the short run. While each business is different and leaders have to evaluate whether sustainability and charity initiatives are feasible, there is always some area in which businesses can do more with less. The golden rule of profit is directly in line with the philosophy of a more sustainable world – increasing productivity or income while reducing the costs. In this case, companies have to also take into account environmental and cultural costs.

Businesses are not just money making machines. They have an external impact on the people they hire and the resources they utilize. In an age when energy shortage is predicted to occur in the 2020's in countries like Taiwan who are struggling to build traditional coal fire power plants to accommodate demand, the energy crisis is real and approaching. However, Dr. Locke states that water supply is an even larger issue that has been glossed over by the media. When countries encounter increasing shortages of drinkable water, the world may transpire into a serious security catastrophe. Companies like Nestle, Nike and the Li & Fung Group have picked up on this message and have walked towards goals that preserve environmental and cultural sustainability. These corporate leaders have realized that not only will such goals preserve the world for the future, these goals are also necessary to creating greater success in long-run business operations.

Leadership is not about one's ability to give the perfect answers all the time. Leadership is about humanity and a broader worldview that incorporates the perspectives of others. Leadership is being able to identify weaknesses and, more importantly, to admit them. A leader does not desire to gain respect through his success. Rather, he creates success through the respect he gives the world.



# More Than a Fad

Chenyu ZHENG, Princeton University,  
FS09-10



Sustainability.

We hear this S-word almost as often as the other S-word. From President Barack Obama, to New York Times columnist Tom Friedman, to Bill McDermott, the co-chief executive of SAP, everyone seems to be talking about it. What is sustainability? The term is often too broad to mean anything and needs to be clearly defined.

Is sustainability becoming a fad, like the vague “all natural” label on your cereal box? As someone who enjoys reading green news, I felt a bit disappointed by the fact that this honest term was turning into a public relations buzzword.

However, a workshop earlier this month by Richard Locke, a political science and management professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has restored my faith in sustainability. From the very beginning of his talk, Locke was informative. He defined global sustainability as “the preservation and stewardship of natural and human social resources today so that many future generations can have enough resources.” He emphasized human social resources in addition to the natural resources that are traditionally associated with sustainability. Sustainability is not just about climate change, environmental protection, energy crises and water shortages, nor is it just about labor standards. All the above issues are related, and sustainability encompasses them all. Only if we take a holistic view and try to link the issues together can our society become more sustainable and our economy more dynamic.

In tough economic times, concern for sustainability makes good sense, as companies try to produce more at lower costs. Companies have had to redesign supply chains and distribution systems and have had to use resources in a more sustainable way. These priorities are gradually being absorbed into some companies’ culture as we begin to make our way out of the recession. But is sustainability simply a fad that’s catching on recently? I used to think so. However, according to Locke, sustainability is an ongoing concern for any company.

I guess being an economics major doesn’t just mean getting lost in the biggest department here. It trains us to always refer back

to the cost-benefit model when we have a problem. Sustainability is no exception. Nike has recently released a completely green shoe model, Air Jordan 23, which is made from recycled materials. This model is not just for tree huggers, it’s one of their core models. This green shoe became a huge success, and Michael Jordan has asked Nike to expand the company’s use of recycled materials to more designs.

In this case, Nike did not design its green model for the sake of being more environmentally friendly, but because it was economically viable and cost-efficient. Many other companies are also designing green products. On a similar note, Nestle has started a farming initiative to train farmers in developing countries in organic farming and agriculture. The company did not do so to follow the fad, but because it is the best way for it to make sure that it has a stable supply for a long time. Now, let’s not get ahead of ourselves: They are not the same tree-hugging neighbors that you spot on the street. At the end of the day, they are businessmen who do what gives them the most profit. But following sustainable norms seems to be providing this profit.

At Princeton, our campus does a lot for sustainability, not because it’s a fad, but because it saves money. According to Shana Weber, director of the Office of Sustainability, and Ted Borer, manager of the cogeneration plant, real-time pricing — when the price of electricity varies during the day based on demand — saves the power plant more than \$700,000 per year. Dual-flush toilets, low-flow showerheads and new dishwashers in total save 300,000 gallons of water every year. Foaming soap uses 30 percent less water and soap. In addition, 52 percent of Dining Services purchases are local, which is the best rate among top schools.

We are saving money by being conscientious about the environment. We all want to be trendsetters, but sustainability is not a fad. It’s an ongoing commitment that everyone should participate in. Just as Obama said two weeks ago, “We’re going to stay on this because it is good for our economy, it’s good for our national security, and, ultimately, it’s good for our environment.”





# Foundation Updates

## Establishment of Local Chapter – Fung Scholars (Hong Kong Chapter)

*Dorothy MAK, Publishing Director of Hong Kong Chapter, FS 08-09*

### Add as friends...Fung Scholars (Hong Kong Chapter)

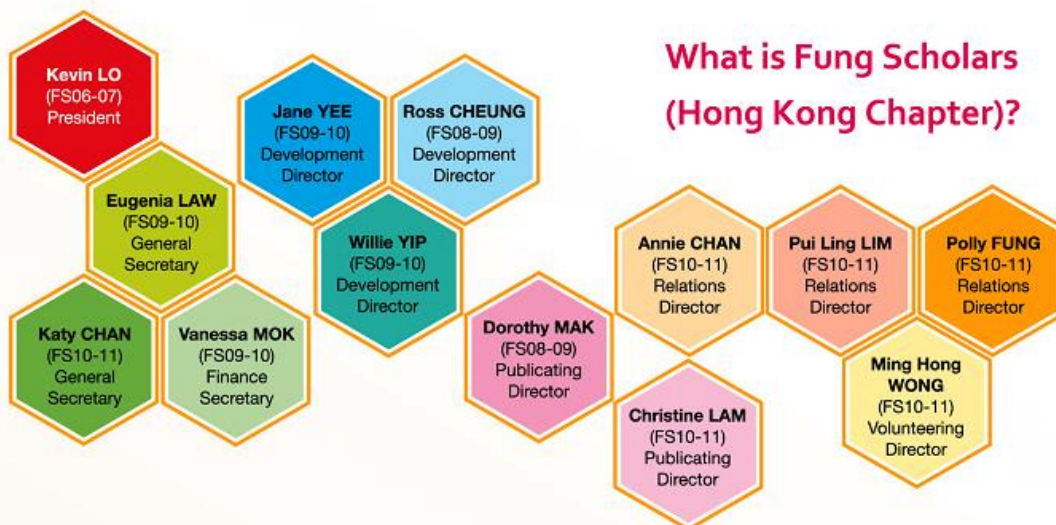


Thinking your next step for contributing after being selected as Fung Scholars? Planning to work out your community or leadership development project after your exchange?

Here comes with your GOLD chance. We are glad to bring you Fung Scholars (Hong Kong Chapter).

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It is a member-led chapter under the Victor and William Fung Foundation (“the Foundation”), aiming to connect the future leaders within the Fung Scholars global and local networks. With passion-driven hearts, a total of 13 committee members will utilize our fruitful international exposure and innovative leadership to enlighten others’ life, to serve our community and to make a difference.

### What did Fung Scholars (Hong Kong Chapter) do?

In addition to the Chapter’s regular meetings, an official meeting with Mr. KM Wong, Director of Victor and William Fung Foundation, was held in February 2011 for an in-depth and fruitful discussion on the focus, as well as the future development of local chapters. Meanwhile, the meeting provided an interactive chance for the committee to learn more about the current aim and work of the Foundation for planning synergy projects in the future.



### What are Fung Scholars (Hong Kong Chapter) doing or... going to do?



### How can you be engaged?

Reply our invitation email!!!

Stay tuned for our upcoming activities by checking your email box =)

and MOST importantly... let us know any new ideas or comments in your mind!!!

Fung Scholars (Hong Kong Chapter) is a platform for all Fung Scholars in Hong Kong on leadership, ideas exchange and giving back to the community. So remember ‘Everyone counts’!



## Distinguished Lecture by Dr. John NAISBITT on Megatrends and Pre-lecture Talks

Date: 19 Feb 2011 & 3 Mar 2011



Victor and William Fung Foundation cooperated with HKU (The University of Hong Kong) School of Professional and Continuing Education on a distinguished public lecture themed “**Mega Trends 2020: The Role of Innovation and Education in the Shift from the West to the East**” by Dr. John NAISBITT, famous author of a series of popular books on Megatrends. The distinguished lecture was held on 3 March 2011 which formed part of the celebration of HKU’s Centenary.

A group of Fung Scholars from Mainland China, currently studying at HKU as exchange students, were invited by the Foundation to attend the distinguished lecture as floor respondents. Two pre-lecture talks, therefore, were organized to prepare the Fung Scholars for the lecture. The speakers of the talks included Prof. SHIH Chi-ping, senior news commentator of Phoenix Satellite Television (HK), and Ms. Ada WONG, JP, a renowned innovative educator and a cultural advocate in Hong Kong. The themes of the talks were “**China’s Megatrends**” and “**Innovation, Education and Culture**” respectively. The talks were held on 19 February 2011 at HKU.



The lecture at HKU was attended by 3,000 participants.



Ms. JennyAnn CHAN, Senior Program Officer of the Foundation, presenting a souvenir to Ms. Ada WONG after her talk.



Prof. SHIH Chi-ping giving his talk.



The pre-lecture talks were attended by 50 Fung Scholars.

### Helen XU, Zhejiang University, FS10-11

I feel quite honored that I have the chance to attend the lecture made by John Naisbitt. Being a Chinese, especially as the younger generation, I am always very proud of my own country. Every day, I can see that this great nation is growing and developing and still, lots of chances are waiting for us to explore and achieve! Besides, I can really do some contributions to its future development!

In John Naisbitt’s lecture, there are three things that touch me the most. Firstly, China is an innovative society. The Chinese know clearly that finding a totally new way to develop their country is risky and time-consuming. Thus, they carefully study the cases of other countries and finally form their own way, by innovating it! The fast growing GDP and stable social environment are just indications of this successful and unique model! Secondly, the development of China is a whole-nation involving movement. Specifically, the top-down and bottom-up channels created by the PRC government are the main reasons. The top-down channel directs the big picture of the development of China and the bottom-up channel makes the innovative ideas and methods continuously practice in the real world. Thirdly, China is a quite harmonious society. Actually, a ‘harmonious society’ has long been the common dream in every Chinese’s mind. It’s either from the old tradition in the Chinese culture or the actual hope from the society. The development of China is not just about the economic development. Though, much emphasis has been put on the development on the economy, the PRC government also pays attention to issues like culture and society. China is now turning more and more to a well balanced society.

John Naisbitt used the methods of outside-in and then inside-out, as well as the combination of these two to give audience a more thorough perspective to study the development of China. He made his conclusion that the Chinese Model is challenging the western democracy!





Group photos at the entrance of the Forum venue.

## Make a Difference Forum 2011

Date: 21 – 23 Jan 2011

The Foundation sponsored 35 Hong Kong- and Mainland China-based Fung Scholars to attend the three-day MaD Forum 2011. MaD Forum is an annual youth leadership development forum organized by The Hong Kong Institute of Contemporary Culture (HKICC). During the Forum, over 20 renowned change makers from different countries shared their success stories related to creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship and leadership.

In addition to talks, workshops and sharing sessions, there were also competitions, awards and other activities to encourage young people realizing their potential and taking action to make a difference – on a personal, business and/or social level.

### *Ada CHAN, Hong Kong Baptist University, FS09-10*

The MaD Forum was really an amazing event. I was quite surprised about its large-scale and rich content, as I had little idea about it beforehand.

In the two workshops “Dialogue in Silence” and “Dialogue in the Dark”, I had the opportunities to experience how it feels to be a hearing or visionary impaired person. It was definitely uneasy and inconvenient to communicate with people with hearing or visionary difficulties, but I learnt to pay more attention to the needs of others, look into the world in a different way and treasure what I already have.

I also made some new friends from other schools, or even other cities like Beijing and Macau. It was fun to get to know each other through the activities.

After the forum, I have become more enthusiastic about making a difference, either within my own self or to the people and community around me. I have learnt to strive for my dreams- where I hope for my future success.



The “Exchange Square” for participants to exchange what they need.



## HUANG Yuren, Zhejiang University, FS10-11



When I first heard about MaD Forum, I was really looking forward to attending because I believed it would be a life changing experience and it really does. At the beginning, I was attracted by the famous guest speakers in the forum, including one of my favorite lecturers, Tal Ben-Shahar, who has been very popular online and I had read his book before. I really enjoyed these speakers' sharing during the 3-day forum.

Also, I gained an impressive experience in one of the workshops, 'Dialogue in Silence'. At that workshop, I began to understand those hearing impaired people's pain and tried my best to learn how to improve the communication with them. Much to my surprise, I found it was not too hard to understand body language as long as I could be more patient to observe and experience carefully, which indicates that if we can understand hearing impaired people with a little bit more patience, why we can't understand the others in daily life?

It is always said that language is not the barrier, but the heart. So the problem is our attitude to others and the world. I believe the world would be much happier and have less conflict with more patience among people. From that day on, I tried to be more tolerant and considerate to

people around me. In addition, I was very happy to see Tal Ben-Shahar and had a chance to ask him a question.

I realized that three days were gone faster than I expected when watching small red balls become big ones at the end of the forum closing. And I believe there is already a seed growing in my heart. Although the forum may not be as motivating as I expected before, I really appreciate that it inspired me to freely choose a totally new life style in the future, provided that I do wish to make a difference. I believe it is an unforgettable experience in my life.



Prof. Tal BEN-SHAHAR talking on "Positive Psychology: Making a Difference" in MaD Forum 2011 Closing.

## Mr. KM WONG met Fung Scholars at Singapore Management University

Date: 13 Sept 2010

Mr. KM WONG, Director of Victor and William Fung Foundation, met Fung Scholars at Singapore Management University (SMU) for a lunch and sharing session.







# Remarkable Moments

**Anthony SOROKA, Princeton University, FSo8-09**

*Anthony was selected as a Fung Scholar for participation in the summer program "Learn Live and Intern in China" in 2009.*



Farewell Party from EJ McKay in Shanghai



Traveling in Vietnam on my year off



Sprint Football at Princeton



Basketball at Oxford

During the spring of 2009, while I was studying abroad at Oxford University, I was selected as a Fung Scholar. The scholarship has had a very meaningful impact on my life. Through the scholarship I was given the opportunity to intern at EJ McKay, an investment bank in Shanghai. The experience helped me realize my career plans - specifically I found I had a passion for finance with a focus on Asia. Following the internship I decided to take a year off and gain more work experience. I had multiple internships throughout the year in both Hong Kong and New York where I was able to gain a broad perspective on the industry. Besides career development, being chosen as a Fung Scholar has additionally helped me realize how fortunate I am to have been afforded such wonderful opportunities. Similar to Victor and William Fung, I hope to give back to society what has been so graciously provided for me.

I will graduate this June from Princeton University, from which I will embark on my career in finance.

**Yuanyu XIE, Sun Yat-sen University, FS09-10**

One day during my exchange study in The University of Hong Kong, unexpectedly, I received an e-mail informing that I was chosen as one of the Li & Fung Scholarship recipients and entitled to be one of the "Fung Scholars". Quietly and warmly, I become a member of the Fung Scholars' family and stories begin.

*Yuanyu was selected as a Fung Scholar for exchange at The University of Hong Kong in 2009. She went for another exchange program at The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for the past semester.*



Attending the Leadership Conference 2010 in HK

As most of the other Fung Scholars, we kept in touch with the family through Internet during the exchange period in HKU. It was in October, 2010 when the Leadership Conference is held in HK that I had a great opportunity to really communicate with the big family face to face. We had great time both on and off the Conference, most of which are still fresh and vivid in my memory. The Pre-Conference Workshop at "Dialogue in the Dark" offered seventy minutes of dark experience for us to communicate with each other by touching and expressing. During the Conference, our mindset about leadership was refreshed by the great speeches from the MIT Professor Richard

M. Locke and the Li & Fung group leader Dr. Victor Fung. The Post-Conference Visit to Li & Fung Hong Kong office presented us how important role the Group is playing in global manufacturing and logistics. Together with those impressive experiences is the familyship built between Fung Scholars and the conference organizer, Victor and William Fung Foundation.

I even didn't realize a big smile came to my face when I was sitting in the UCLA campus recalling the great time I had with the Fung Scholars family. Currently being lucky enough to participate in an exchange program in UCLA, I am enjoying my life here both as a student and an explorer as what is deemed as the essence of exchange by the Fung Scholars Program, which encourages all kinds of exchange opportunity that involves as many areas and students as possible. Knowing that the next Leadership Conference will be held in the United States, we as Fung Scholars are all excited about this coming opportunity for the whole family to gather together again, thinking and discussing leadership in the East and West as well as sharing our different but wonderful stories in the past year.



In the USA



## Thomas YAU, Hong Kong Baptist University, FS10-11

### A journey more than expected



I swear this is not an I-got-a-horrible-exchange-time essay and here is what happened in my first month as an exchange student: I broke all of my lenses in America.

Then when I tried to order a bike from Wal-Mart, it shipped a brand new broken bike to me whereas my American friend and I had to put down all the seats in her SUV to send it back.

To make it worse, another friend's car ran over my left feet the other day.

But it is those misfortunes that make the exchange programme not just a happy time overseas.

They taught me when you are facing a hard time swearing and complaining how unfair this world is just make things worse. What I should do is figure a way to handle the entire problem, learn from the mistakes and then laugh at it.

They also reminded me I got some very helpful people around me.

One American friend kept inviting me different campfire parties and little drinks in bars when he knew I felt lonely and left out in a different country. My roommate's family invited me to live in their house for a week at the end of the semester.

*Thomas was selected as a Fung Scholar for exchange at Ball State University in 2010.*

Every time when I was in trouble, someone was there for me. What could I ask for more?

I spent 80% of my time in a small mid-Western American town called Muncie, not many travel plans, didn't see the country really much.

My school life here was hectic-not as frustrated as things back home though. 18 credit hours, projects, papers, presentations and three picture assignments every week.

Compare with other folks who go on exchange, my life is pathetic.

But I am glad I am here and this semester is the best moment of my 3-year college life.

I saw how a different culture cherishes their families just like we do;

I worked with a group of American friends, travelled all around Indiana;

I am determined to become a photojournalist during my time here;

And I knew how to become emotionally independent and I got more insight for how a relationship should go.

It is not what I expected. But it is more than I expected.

## Vivian CHAN, City University of Hong Kong, FS10-11

### Life in Antwerp.....

Last semester, I studied at the University of Antwerp, Belgium as an exchange student. This is the most remarkable experience in my life. I have met so many lovely friends from different countries. What's more exciting is that I could have a chance to travel around Europe. I can't forget



My friends in Antwerp

*Vivian was selected as a Fung Scholar for exchange at University of Antwerp in 2010.*

### Traveling around Europe...

the moment when I stepped in the concentration camp in Germany, the moment when I joined the mass held in St. Peter's Church in Vatican City, the moment when I climbed up Jungfrau..... All these allowed me to look into different countries deeply. I can't imagine how beautiful the world is!



Greece - Santorini



Swiss - Jungfrau



Germany - Schloss Neuschwanstein



## Florence CHAN, Lingnan University, FS10-11



The Guangzhou Asian Games started from 12 Nov 2010 and ended on 27 Nov 2010.

I was responsible for organizing and coordinating volunteering works, which meant to support volunteers such as administrative works and writing warm greetings to cheer up those volunteers who worked from mid-night till early morning (12:00a.m. - 8:00a.m.).

I was also assigned to control the crowd in the 29th Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) General Assembly

on 13 Nov. That is a fantastic assembly because all the OCA representatives held a meeting just in front of me. There were many presentations, for example, the presentation by the London Organizing Committee of Olympic Games 2012 and presentations by candidate cities of the Winter Olympic Games 2018. The cities included Munich, Annecy and PyeongChang.



*Florence was selected as a Fung Scholar for exchange at Sun Yat-sen University in 2010. She was one of the volunteers of the Guangzhou Asian Games 2010 during her stay at the University.*



Preparing for the party

The most impressive part of my job was organizing a birthday party for those who had their birthday during the Guangzhou Asian Game. The birthday party was really a warm and meaningful event. Activities included lucky draw, games and performance. Every November-birth volunteer was presented a birthday gift.



The first day that all Hong Kong volunteers gathered in BaiYun Hotel.



It is my honor to be one of the Asian Games volunteers. Although I did not work on the stadium, I did learn a lot which makes my exchange study more fruitful and meaningful. Firstly, I learn how to co-operate with people speaking in different languages. Some people may think that every Guangzhou people must be speaking Cantonese. In fact it was not the case. There were people did only know Putonghua.

Therefore, I needed to spend more time in communicating with them. This provided me an extra opportunity to practise Putonghua outside classroom. Secondly, the volunteer work strengthens my event-organizing skill. We needed to assign some volunteers to be receptionists, masters of ceremonies etc. We also needed to find the suitable material to decorate the venue and minimize the expenditure. Apart from these, I did make many friends there. They were very nice and helpful.

In my last working day, I had my last lunch with my teammates and our leaders in BaiYun Hotel. They gave me a box of goat toys which symbolize the city, Guangzhou. It was really an unforgettable and touching experience to me.



During the birthday party



The show finished successfully



My working places

