

MY KOREAN TRIP

I, Mrs. S. Harding nee Sherry Franciscus, was given the great opportunity to accompany 7 students from the R.E.A.L. Cahaya Campus, Shah Alam to Korea in conjunction with the LEX Homestay Programme from the 25th May to the 31st of May 2016.

It was certainly a wonderful experience for me! Firstly, I was not only amazed by the breathtaking views and culture of the country but also the warm and friendly people of the LEX family members.

I had sprained my ankle about a week before I left for my trip. Upon arrival at Korea, our group was welcomed by the president of the LEX programme, Madam Nikko and her contingent. I was surprised to know that they had already known about my predicament. I felt touched at the thought that I was given special treatment due to that reason.

Once, we had settled down, we all dispersed to our home stay destinations with our home stay families. As for me, I was fortunate to be staying with the lady whom I had hosted during her stay here in Malaysia, Blondie.

Many activities we planned for us during our stay in Korea. On our arrival, my host Blondie together with another host of one of our students took us to a famous K-Pop plaza. The architecture was beautiful. The surroundings were very modern and captivating.

Then we were taken to the palace to witness the guard changing ceremony. It was an interesting experience. The guards were dressed in bright coloured uniforms. The surface area of the palace quarters was humongous as well as scenic.

To end the day, we all gathered in a home stay family home with every member for a 'pot luck' dinner. We were able to mingle and savour the Korean delicacies. Here we were able to see the unity and hospitality shown among the LEX members towards us.

Besides that, we visited the beautiful Everland, Nami Island, Namdaemon Market, Insadong Shopping Street and a beautiful Catholic church.

In a nutshell, it was a great experience for me, thanks to LEX programme organised by our school. I thoroughly enjoyed my entire stay in Korea. Not only was I mesmerised by the beautiful sights, culture and traditions but also captivated by the warmth of all the LEX host families and other extended family members too.

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Lavin and REAL Cahaya Campus for this opportunity. I will always treasure the wonderful memories.

I Sherry, was honoured to have the opportunity to accompany the students of Cahaya Campus Shah Alam in the LEX exchange programme to Korea from the 25th to the 30th of May 2016.

It was a fantastic experience to enjoy the breath taking views and sights of the county. Besides that I was taken aback to see how united the LEX members were. As soon as we arrived, we were greeted by the gracious Ms Nikko and her contingent of host families.

Then we were taken to the famous K-Pop complex and the palace. At the palace, we witness the guard exchange ceremony. It is a historic event which takes place twice each day. Then we toured around the sprawling compound of the palace.

The same night we gathered at one of the family host's home for a pot luck dinner. We savoured a variety of Korean cuisine.

The rest of the trip was spent visiting famous places such as;