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Living and studying in Singapore is a meaningful experience to me and my other members in this exchange programme. During the two weeks in Singapore, we lived in local families, studied in local schools and visited many places. It is a fruitful trip.

We were very excited about the trip. After arriving in Singapore, we went to Balestier Hill Secondary School and met our buddies. Then we followed our buddies to their families. All the members in my host family were friendly and warm. When they came home, they spoke to me about what they saw and heard. They took me as one of their family members, and this made me feel relaxed and comfortable. The host family brought me to the shopping mall nearby and had dinner there. They ordered some Singaporean food for me to try and I fell in love with the chicken rice which is really delicious.

On the next day, there was an opening ceremony for our exchange programme at Bukit Batok Secondary School. After the welcome speech, there were various interesting performances. We enjoyed the ceremony very much.

Our first school day in Singapore was 12th of July. We went to our buddies' schools and had lessons with them. It was my first time visit to a Singaporean school. Three things there surprised me most. First, the school is really big. The area of the school is 2 times more than my secondary school in Hong Kong. I was afraid that I would lose my way in the school without the company of my buddy. Second, the classrooms are not air-conditioned, but the climate of Singapore is tropical, being hot and humid all year round. I felt hot and wet although the fans were on in the classroom, I was surprising that the students there still studied well in this conditions. It makes me think that I am a spoiled student. Third, they were wearing shorts instead of trousers as their school uniform which looked like the primary students' uniform in Hong Kong. I think it is because the weather is hot and the classrooms are not air-conditioned. Wearing shorts is more conformable for them.

Apart from studying in local schools, we visited many places in Singapore. The most interesting place is the Night Safari and there is only one night safari in the world. I saw many kinds of animals which I could only see in books or on television. I think I am lucky to have a chance to visit the Night Safari which is really fantastic. If there is a chance for me to visit Singapore again, I will definitely bring my friends and family to the Night Safari.

At the weekend, my buddy, Justin, and his mother brought me to Sentosa for a day trip. We went there by cable car at the Jewel Box. Since Singapore is an environmental- friendly city, trees are everywhere. It was very relaxing for me to enjoy the beautiful garden view when I looked out of the window in the cable car. We watched a dolphin show in Sentosa. The dolphins were cute and smart. I think the dolphin show is much better the one in Hong Kong.

Happy time flew. On 22nd July, the last Friday in Singapore, we had a closing ceremony at Ang Mo Kio Secondary School. All students joined this programme and prepared a performance for the ceremony. We sang a song on the stage. As we did a lot of practice and rehearsal before the performance, all of us, Singaporean Students and Hong Kong students, did a great job on the stage.

Before leaving Singapore, I went to Snow City with my buddy and other friends. We had a lot of fun and I really enjoyed the time with them. Although we had to go back to Hong Kong, it did not mean our friendship would end. We are friends forever.

I am looking forward to meeting them again in the coming November, and I hope they will enjoy the trip in Hong Kong too!









