

International Air Cadet Exchange 2009

Hong Kong

Upon being accepted to the Hong Kong program of the IACE I was overjoyed. I knew that it would be an exciting trip, but I could not have imagined the adventure that was in store for me. The Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps went above and beyond to make this a wonderful experience I will never forget.

After departing the airplane I had my first glimpses of the city of Hong Kong. From the beautiful mountains and harbors, to the towering bridges and skyscrapers, it was unlike any city I had ever seen. Little did I know that in a short two weeks this exciting new city, and the Panda Hotel, would begin to feel like home. As beautiful as the city was, it was the friendliness and hospitality of its people that truly impressed me.

As a member of the United States Civil Air Patrol, I had seldom experienced any cadet program other than mine. I, therefore, considered it an honor to become friends with the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps. They are a truly excellent organization, and I commend its Cadets and Officers for their hard work and enthusiasm. Though I have only experienced a small part of this program, I have met extraordinary people, and seen what a great organization Hong Kong is blessed with.

The culture, food, and landscape, were all unforgettable, but what truly made this a highlight of my cadet career is the friendships I have made. The IACE program has truly helped me understand other countries better. I will always look back with affection on my time with the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps in the wonderful city of Hong Kong.

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