Exchange participant questionnaire

Complete and return this form at the halfway point of your overseas program.

Dates of your exchange: May-Aug 07
Your name: Ryan
Today's date: Sept. 11 2007
Host university: DLSU
Philippines

Travel
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1200
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? Cab to Vancouver direct from SFU = $60
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe: __________________________

Visas
Did you need a student visa? ☐ Yes ☐ No
What was the cost? $30 for tourist visa, 100 for student visa
Where was your visa processed? Toronto, Visa in Vancouver, Student visa in Manila
How long did it take to process your visa? Not very long
What documentation was needed? Passport

Airport reception
Were you met at the airport by representatives of the university? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? ☐ Yes ☐ No
What is the closest airport to the host university? Manila Intl. Airport is very close to DLSU

Orientation
Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is there a language program available before the term begins? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how long is it?
Is there an additional cost for language training? ☐ No ☐ Yes: how much?

Accommodation & living
Are you living on-campus? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is off-campus housing easily available? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Please comment on off-campus housing: I don't like shared bedrooms & no kitchen.
Are you living in a university dormitory? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Can you make a recommendation for a specific dormitory? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, describe: __________________________
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? $150
Is there a meal plan? ☐ No ☐ Yes. How much is it?
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $300. sh

Financial details
Is it easy or necessary to organize bank transfers for your time away? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is the name/address of the bank you used? I used ATM's at all DLSU and the Canadian dollar? 1 dollar = 43 pesos
Is it better to take ☐ Canadian or ☐ American ☐ money or ☐ travellers cheques? I just took and pesos from the ATM.
What is the current exchange rate between the currency in use where you are now living and the American dollar? 1 dollar = 46 pesos
Academic details
Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted?  
☑ Yes  ☐ No

Please describe the course registration procedure: I told the international department the courses I wanted, and they did everything for me.

What is the language of instruction in your courses?  English

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university, with specific reference to changes that might be implemented here at Simon Fraser University.

Quality of instruction was very good. Prof's are very strict in the Philippines. Classes are not curved like at SFU. I think that should be implemented at SFU (especially for business!?)

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?

Seeing how the world operates from a "developing" country's point of view.

Describe the campus, including its size and population, its atmosphere and facilities, its proximity to a major population centre or city, etc.

Campus is smaller than SFU. Maybe less than 10,000 students. There is WiFi internet. Gym is only for athletes which I did not like. ULSU is in the heart of Metro Manila. Students start university around 14-15 years old. I found it hard to relate to students that young.

Comment on any other aspect of your experience which you think might be appropriate for students considering this exchange.

Take Tuesday/Thursday classes so you can travel over the weekend.

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