EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: School of Communication  Major/Minor: Communication, Publishing
Host university: Nanyang Technological University  Host Country: Singapore
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) Jan 2015 to (month/year) Apr 2015

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost: $800
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost: SG $100/month

Do you have a recommended routing or airline?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, please describe: Transferring in Shanghai is often cheaper.

VISAS

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Chinese
Did you need a student visa/permit?  □ No  □ Yes: What was the cost? $50
If yes, what documentation was needed? An immigration form, passport hardcopy, letter from host university
Did you need a visitor visa/permit?  □ No  □ Yes: What was the cost? ___________________
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Where was your immigration documentation processed? at campus
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? about 2 weeks
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, please comment: ________________________________

AIRPORT RECEPTION

Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university?  □ No  □ Yes
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university?  □ No  □ Yes
Please comment: MRT (like the Skytrain) to Pioneer Stn, and take the campus line (free), totally costs about $3; or taxi, about $40
What is the closest airport to the host university? Changi Airport (the only one)

ORIENTATION

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university?  □ No  □ Yes
Was there a cost for the orientation session?  □ No  □ Yes, how much? ___________________
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate?  □ No  □ Yes
Please comment: Give useful info about campus traffics, accommodation, faculty location, and cafeines. Make it easier for freshman to adapt the school life.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  □ No  □ Yes

If yes, how long is it?_____________________________________________________________________________________

Is there an additional cost for language training?  □ No  □ Yes: How much?_____________________________________________________________________________________

Please comment:__________________________________________________________________________________________

ACCOMMODATION & LIVING

Is on-campus or university dormitory accommodation available?  □ No  □ Yes

If yes, are you living in a university dormitory?  □ No  □ Yes

If yes, can you make a recommendation for a specific dormitory?  □ No  □ Yes

If yes, please describe: ***Dormitory is arranged randomly._____________________________________________________________________________________

What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? $250

Is there a meal plan?  □ No  □ Yes: How much is it? $4

If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities?  □ No  □ Yes

How far is your dormitory from the main campus? 10 mins campus bus/ 40 mins walk

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

There is a cable, but need to buy an ADSL Modem. Wifi speed is ok.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  □ No  □ Yes

If yes, how did you arrange this?_____________________________________________________________________________________

Is off-campus housing easily available?  □ No  □ Yes

Please comment on off-campus housing:

There are some websites that given in the package, and I think it is not difficult to find a place.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $700

Any other comments on accommodation:

Apply as early as possible because there are limited rooms left. Can consider live off-campus is there is no air conditioner in the dormitory.
**FINANCIAL DETAILS**
Have you opened a bank account in your host country?  □ No  □ Yes: What are the challenges/benefits to opening a local bank account? 

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency?)

- Local currency

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments?  □ Cash  □ Debit  □ Credit card

Please comment: Cash for meals/ little staffs, but bring the credit card just in case there is not enough money with you.

**ACADEMIC DETAILS**
Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted?  □ No  □ Yes

Please describe the course registration procedure:

I only got 2 courses I wanted at the beginning, but I put the rest courses in the waitlist and went to the first lecture to ask the instructors for permission of enrollment. In most situations, exchange students can get the permission.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university?  Communication

What is the language of instruction in your courses?  English

If not English, are English-taught courses available?  

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.

All of my instructors were very nice, and some of them are industry professionals, and they usually teach students something very practical.

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

I can take some courses that are not available at SFU. The communication department provides their students with very specific concentrations like journalism, advertising, research and public relations, which I think it is better for students to have a clear direction of future employment. Also, teaching style and study mode are very different. I feel I benefitted a lot from the program.

Submission Instructions:
1. Please complete and return this form by E-mail to studyabroad@sfu.ca as a PDF.
2. Subject line of email: Questionnaire - [Host Country, Host University]
3. Please include your full name and student number in the body of your E-mail.