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Faculty/Graduate School at UTokyo:	Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies	Year at the time of Study Abroad	M1
Program Attended:	IARU GSP	Host University:	University of Copenhagen
Occupation after graduation (intended):			
	1. Research		
	2. Specialist (Medical Judiciary Accountant)		
	3. Civil Service		
	4. NPO		
	5. Private sector (Type of industry:)		
	6. Entrepreneurship		
	7. Others ()		

KU is the oldest university in Denmark, and the second oldest for higher education in Scandinavia. Its campuses sprawl all over the city, and they hold one of the architectural wonders of a dormitory in the south side.

I wanted to grab opportunities provided by the University of Tokyo, in liaison with leading research universities around the world. I wanted to go outside my comfort zone, meet new people, and travel by myself across the globe.

(1) Application process (please give any advice on dealing with the application process)

Apply in advance, always. It is to leave sufficient time for mistakes and other paperwork needed prior departure.

(2) Visa application (type of visa, where to apply, processing time, any advice on visa application)

It would be best if there is an endorsement from University of Tokyo because I had experienced delays due to clarifications by the embassy to the university. Also best to have English forms by default because the embassy does not accept Japanese ones.

(3) Medical check-ups (health check-ups before departure, inoculations, etc.)

I had no medical check-ups before departure.

(4) Insurance (information about insurance for travel/studying abroad purchased)

I had purchased insurance and had some trouble with the number of days and payment, but was able to arrange everything prior departure.

(3) Problems experienced with language issues, advice conceBy had observissues

No problems in Denmark.

(1) Accommodation (Type (home-stay, room-sharing etc.), cost, atmosphere/appearance of accommodation, how you found it, etc.)

The accommodation I got was through the university housing foundation. I would recommend a University of Tokyo internal network of alumni for insight and suggestions prior booking, similar to what I had observed with NUS students who had stayed in the same accommodation.

(2) Living environment (such as climate, environment around the institution, transport facilities, food, managing your money (overseas money transfer, credit cards))

Summer in nordic countries have very long days, as opposed to summers in the kindly temperate countries, or tropical countries as I have been used to, it still remains cold and rainy. Please be prepared and bring layers of clothes, just in case.

(6) Activities other than academic/research work (sports, cultural, volunteer/internship, weekend activities, etc.

We had field trip on the country side during the first weekend. Following weekends and free days were also spent with friends in suburban areas. In Copenhagen, it is an additional experience to transit using the bicycle and would highly recommend this as opposed to buying a metro pass.

(1) Support facilities for students taking part in the program (such as language, academic, living support mechanism and counseling services)

I was unable to obtain my ID card due to student support miss.

(1) The significance of the program and how you have developed by taking part in it, any other impression from having studied abroad

I have obtained a wider worldview, and made friends with an interesting mix of people of various ages and background. Moreover the course content, I believe this is what I cherish most.

Study abroad had no direct implications towards my future plans, but had satiated my wanderlust.

