

SmarTone AYP Hong Kong – Korea Exchange Project 2017

A 7-day and 6-night culture exchange project to Korea was successfully held between 15 August and 21 August 2017. 15 Hong Kong Gold Award participants traveled to different provinces in Korea with 11 Korean Gold Award participants. They visited Seoul, Cheonan and Yeongdeok to have different cultural exchange activities.



Participants were preparing group project.



Group photo



Hong Kong participants visited Seoul Station.



Participant shared her AYP journey.

During the trip, participants learnt more about Korean history and culture. They visited to the Independence Hall in Cheonan, a national museum showing the Korean history during the Japanese colonial era. Korean participants became tour guides in the visit and explained the history to Hong Kong participants. Participants also visited to an elderly center with hand-made pastries that were made by them earlier in a local community center.



Participants visited the Independence Hall.



Participants made pastries to the elderly.

In addition, participants were given three nights to prepare a culture related project and presented it on Culture Night. They used games, food-tasting and story-telling to introduce snack, festivals and leisure activities in both Hong Kong and Korea. They also prepared cultural performances to show their own culture.



Korean participants tried snack from Hong Kong.



Hong Kong participants taught Korean participants campfire dance as their cultural performance.

Besides, participants took up challenges and made breakthroughs during the trip. One of the challenges was the maritime safety drill, which taught participants how to survive when marine accidents occur. Participants were taught different movements under water in order to be saved. Then, they needed to jump into a 2.5 meters deep swimming pool from a 1.2 meters stage to imitate jumping out of a sinking ship. All of them were courageous to finish the task with encouragement of teammates.



Participants performed different movements under water.



Participant imitated jumping out of a sinking ship.

After seven-day and six-night activities, participants not only experienced each other's culture, but also broke down the language barrier and built up friendship. They exchanged their contact during farewell dinner and hope to keep in touch in future.