

Amazing CHSS Journey

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Hello, my name is Helena Hoehnke and I'm 15 years old. I was in Hong Kong for two weeks and on weekdays I went to CHSS. It was my first time in Asia and I was really excited to see what Asian life was like. After two weeks I know that there are lots of differences between Germany (my hometown Hamburg) and Hong Kong. I could recognize some of them right away after leaving the airport, and some of them only after a few days. The biggest differences I noticed are the weather, food, school and landscape. The air condition for example is so different from the German

one. Obviously, the weather here is much hotter and more humid. But the air is also much more polluted. At the beginning it was really hard for me and my German school mates to stand the heat, but after a while we got used to it.



The local eating habits are also really different. I noticed from the food I tried that people here are really into intense flavors like for example sweet, sour and spicy. In Germany most people prefer high quality food; however, I learnt that for most people here don't care about where the meat comes from or if the food is unnatural or processed. I recognized as well that people here produce lots of rubbish, also unnecessary waste like plastic forks and plates. It really surprises me that there's no waste separation and no recycling for bottles. The school's also really different. Confucius Hall Secondary School is much smaller than our school and there are also smaller classes, and I really liked this. The teachers and students were all so kind and friendly to us, and we felt so welcomed and thankful. In the end, I hope I'm going to meet the people I met on this journey again. I think I'm really going to miss the crowded beautiful Hong Kong, the people and our time here.