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## Kyungpook National University Semester Abroad 2023 - Summer Term

During the summer term of 2023, I had the opportunity to go on a semester abroad in Daegu, South Korea, at Kyungpook National University.

In late December, we received our acceptance letters along with other necessary documents to apply for our visas. With just a few weeks to complete the visa application process before departing for South Korea, I highly recommend starting the visa application as early as possible. My semester officially commenced at the beginning of March, and I arrived in South Korea in mid-February to allow myself some time to explore and settle in. One notable aspect of my stay is that I decided not to stay in a dormitory, as it would have required sharing a room. Instead, I stayed in an Airbnb right next to the campus, just a short 2-minute walk from the business and economics buildings. This accommodation option cost me approximately 350€ per month.

Upon our arrival, we had an orientation day, and each of us was assigned a buddy. This buddy system was beneficial, especially during the initial adjustment period. Buddies were always available to offer assistance, whether it was tackling administrative tasks or navigating the process of obtaining the Alien Registration Card (ARC). The semester, although only four months in duration, kept us consistently engaged. We had to prepare for midterms and finals, with assignments and projects sandwiched in between. Moreover, regular attendance in all our classes was mandatory, unless one had a valid medical excuse or faced an emergency.

The big and beautiful campus offered many restaurants, bars, and convenient stores, making student life fun and easy. The 24/7 operation of these convenience stores was particularly helpful. The overall student experience at KNU was really enjoyable, with numerous campus festivals and events organized by KNU's international ambassadors. As an international student, I also had the privilege of joining the ambassador team. This role allowed me to participate in meetings with Korean ambassadors and collaborate on organizing events for fellow international students, an experience that not only was enjoyable but also facilitated meaningful connections with Korean students.

The campus itself is stunning, especially during the springtime when cherry blossoms begin. Daegu is renowned for its cherry blossom season, and being able to experience it firsthand was very beautiful. The professors at KNU were incredibly understanding and supportive. They encouraged students to seek help whenever necessary. Despite the higher workload compared to some other institutions, the professors were dedicated to ensuring that students succeeded in their classes.

In conclusion, my time in South Korea at Kyungpook National University was a fun experience. Beyond my academic commitments, I had the opportunity to explore various cities like Busan and Seoul using the KTX train system. I also traveled to Jeju Island, which I can highly recommend.