

Happiness never ends

Fortunately, I was the one who received the scholarships to visit Canada twice. Although I only stayed there for about 3 weeks each year, I learned and experienced far more than I expected.

I like taking responsibility for the ones I love and care for. During the trip, **my teachers called me “Senior Assistant”**, as I was the oldest student to go on the trip, and I felt very excited and confident. At the very beginning, all I did was count the number of students and report to the teachers. Not long after a week, I started to realize that a good student needs to create a good learning atmosphere in the class, which can greatly help the teachers. Through these days, my self-confidence had been built up a lot.

All of the activities I had in Canada allowed me to combine learning with fun. The activities we had in the afternoon were related to the teaching of vocabulary in the morning. I played many sports that I've rarely seen in Hong Kong, for example: baseball, mini golf, archery and horse riding.

Staying with my host family exposed me to a lot of Canadian culture. I even learned about things like eating habits and communication style. I was really nervous and embarrassed when chatting with foreign people, but this feeling did not continue to hinder me. Asking for help or having a little conversation is necessary when you are with people. I was willing to be open-minded when dealing with them as they always listened and cared about my thoughts and needs, which led us to having more communication. My host parents treated me like their child; I could easily sense it through the ways they talked to me.

Actually, I stayed in the same host family for two years, and we were really close. We shared earphones while listening to music together; I attended the birthday parties of their grandparents and cousins, and hung out with my host sisters and their friends. All of these activities made me become an important part of their life.

An itinerary had been planned out everyday that made us feel like the happiness was never going to end. I still can't forget how excited I was when I woke up everyday in Canada.