

## Internationalisation

### LUSU trip

Trip to India 2015

*(Fylde Scholarship contributed to general costs)*



I travelled with LUSU Overseas to India from 29 August to 19 September. I did not know what to expect as I had been shocked by stories about India. However, this trip to India was attractive and unforgettable. This trip turned my view of India upside down. India was not like what I imagined before. My thoughts and views were widened through this amazing trip. Making new friends, discussing historical problems, visiting charming attractions and experiencing the life in slum made this trip unforgettable.

I am so glad to say that this was a precious chance for me to explore a historical country in such a deep way.

In Delhi, we visited the slum but we also visited the stunning attractions. On behalf of Lancaster University, we visited the lovely children in JJ Cluster Slum. We were warmly welcome by the students through their dances and performances. All of us were attracted by their innocent smiles and lovely dances. The day to slum made me understand that people could not choose which kind of life they were born to, but they could choose to be brave and hard working. 'Slum' does not stand for poverty, it stands for bravery and diligence.

From our cultural visit, we found out that most of the attractions were based around religious belief. Moreover, the tombs of the kings were marvellous and magnificent. They cost a large amount of money to build and to maintain. Hence I could imagine how strong India was in the ancient time. Although I have learnt Indian history before, this was my first time to experience this in person. Also, the inventions and innovation from ancient Indian people were amazing. From this trip, I found out that the wide variety of cultures made Indian people be deeply proud of their country. From special eating habits to charming costumes, Indian cultures were so attractive. In Manipal, we enjoyed sunshine and beach as well as taking lectures. We took classes at Manipal University, learning Indian cultures, history, traditions and modern life. For me, the most impressive part of Manipal was the lecture about colonial India. We discussed historical issues seriously. As a Chinese student, that was my first time to listen to the opinions from British people.

We open our heart to express our opinions, hence I enjoyed the discussion very very much. I was so excited to grab such a chance to listen to the opinions of people from different countries.

India is a country with amazing history, unique costumes, diligent people and incredible landscape. I am so grateful to have had such a chance to explore India.

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