

MY SUMMER SCHOOL EXPERIENCE IN USA

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Going to the US was one of my biggest dreams ever, and so is everyone's dream. The excitement kick-started the moment I obtained my US visa and then time seemed to pass so slowly with the countdown to the day of us flying to Boston. The first few days in Boston were not easy as I was just overwhelmed by the feeling of home-sick as well as jetlag. Being away from the comfort of home and family I felt the need to stay strong and independent. Thankfully I had my teacher, Madam Wong and my fellow friends to brighten up things.

After settling down and successfully combating the jet lag, I began to enjoy the beautiful sights and view of the campus surroundings and the people. We stayed in the campus of the University of Massachusetts which is one of the top universities in US. It was fun attending classes and tutorials everyday although we had such a tight schedule and assignments to do. We also had the privilege to visit many other top universities such as Harvard, Yale, NYU and many more and all this had made the whole trip so worthwhile. I mixed and fostered new friendships with many people from other countries such as China and Bulgaria. They shared their stories and cultures and also taught us to speak a bit of their languages. Of course, we told them our culture here in Malaysia and especially, our awesome Asian food here. ;) They were amazed at how we could speak 3 languages – Mandarin, English and Malay. I got along really well with some of the students the moment we started talking to each other. The bond formed among us was so special and I'll cherish their friendship for a long time.

Soon the two weeks ended in the blink of an eye and it is time to say goodbye. Being a sentimental person, it wasn't easy for me to say that one word – 'Bye'. It was sad to see my friends leaving the place one by one and it just broke my heart. I'll miss the time all of us spent together, queuing up for food at the cafeteria, doing laundry at 1.00am, late night talks and so much more. This trip has definitely made me a much stronger person and it has taught me so many things that I hadn't known before as well as enriching my life and to look at things from a different perspective. I'm beyond blessed to be experiencing all these. The two weeks spent in US was definitely an amazing experience that I'll never forget.

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