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In this report I will short describe my exchange to France as an Exchange student from Soochow University in Taiwan to IESEG Lille in France. I will first give a short explanation how this Happens and after that I will go into the exchange itself.

I became a student at Soochow University because my girlfriend did an exchange programme for a year to Taiwan from Ieseq and I decided to follow her. So I signed my self in to the university where I followed the GBP program. After a year my girlfriend had still to do some course back in Lille so had to go back to France the exchange programme gave me the opportunity to follow her again. And it gave me also the opportunity to learn more about business in the European culture, which is my home culture because I am Dutch.

Now I will continue to explain more about the exchange, as you might expect I have been to Lille and France allot of Times before my exchange, so most of things where not new for me. Further because I did as many courses as possible in Taiwan I didn't need that many credits anymore. With the Idea I could travel next to my studies I decided to do only intensive courses. These are course that only last a week but has classes every morning, you will find the curriculum of these course behind this report.

The school live was further quit similar than what I was used to at high school in Holland expect that the courses didn't start at the time they say (that annoyed me a bit). I think I was expecting the course to be more difficult but I found all the courses pretty easy except of French but I was never good in that language.



The plan to travel more in Europe didn't work out so well because I forgot how much more expensive it is to travel in Europe than in Taiwan. So I did some sort trips to my home country Holland, to see family and friends.

Further I did a trip to the south of France to surf and see the world cup of surfing but I must say the waves in Taiwan are better. I also went to Disneyland with some Taiwanese; it was my first time to Disneyland.

A thing that I noticed in my Exchange program is that most exchange students just used the exchange program as a semester to party and to travel a bit and staying

with their own group of people instead of really trying to learn a new culture. This specially goes for Latin cultures.

On the other hand it gave me a better knowledge about the differences in Dutch and French culture and where they come from, and of course it improve my knowledge of the French language but I am still not good at it. This gave me the insight that I prefer Holland and in my latter life will choose to live in Holland instead of France if possible.

