

First sight with IAESTE: It was a really “accident” to know IAESTE from my classmate on our university’s website, as it just established a cooperation with Dalian University of Technology. And this participation can be an unforgettable experience in my life which I would never regret, but appreciate for having the opportunity to enjoy living and studying aboard. Actually my prior company is IBM in Canada; main reason is my relatives there. After following the advice from Venny, the administrator of IAESTE China, I transferred my choice to MEHT in Switzerland which suits my major perfectly.

Switzerland is like a blank paper in my mind except the Swiss knife, watch and chocolate, a country full of mystery and cheers. It’s a glad thing that IAESTE Switzerland and Enderess+Hauster accept me. So now it’s my turn to discover this country and show how wonderful it is.

Living Condition: The first sight with my apartment was “Ha”, all the necessary furniture I can image before are there, and by the way, the king-size bed is my favorite one, so thanks to local committee who find it for me. The first class here is learn to look for my company according to the instruction of Swiss map (it really has a clear view, even with the illustration of the trees), so it took no effort for me to find the address. The Switzerland has a convenient traffic system and with the help from the warm local people I can find every place I want to travel. Because the exceptional location of Basel, border of French and German, also close to Italy, it seems a waste of life without traveling.

Working as a trainee: My company located in Rinach, Basel. Around it are many global reputation companies. I guess it is a company zoon in suburb. The first thing pop up was can I afford for the job? After I met my manager and colleagues, the harmony working atmosphere chase the shadows away. They are always willing to help not only in work but also with the frivolous thing in life. A colleague in another department even searches the address of an Asian shop for me. My manager arranged a week English training for me to get familiar with the company culture and grasp a rough knowledge of the hardware produced by company. Then follows some meetings and learning from the previous employee until I get familiar with my job and the software I will use to test the producers. Their professional knowledge and the attitude to job influence me most. The Endress + Hauster Company is a global company with many sub companies around the world. Its products, the precise instruments involve in many fields. Such as pressure, temperature, density etc. These devices can control the extempore situation through the bus automatically. My job is to test the software FieldCare which is developed by MEHT to manipulate the devices. It is used wildly in automatic factories, so that it can spend a lot of effort for people and improve the precision of monitoring. During the testing, I learn about the process of a testing, from the very first to the end, each step should be followed with comprehensive consideration for each accident situation. That helps a lot.

We don’t need to work all the time, with break time drink coffee and chat with each other, sometimes free chocolate and deserts. During launch time, they will play table soccer, just make fun, but I am totally a sucker. This helps to relax, especially for software programmer. All days with laughs and cheers, now I can have the chance to have a meeting in German Mother Company, I think that will promote the communication with other international students and learn more. Thanks to giving me the chance. If there is something not so good, that is the language, English is not their official language, although sometimes it is a barrier, MEHT also has the courses available for English and German.

Life in Swiss: Working is for better life, what a wisdom it can be provided in Switzerland. I always have a lot of activities here so that never has time to consider boring here. There are so many well organized activities holding by IAESTE Local Committee. With the enjoy nature activities in nearly every weekends. The company also held it in summer, last week I went to canoe with colleagues and enjoy a sunny day on the famous Rhine River with the glorious wild view around us. Fortunately, I also had festivals here, the national Swiss Tattoo, the Swiss national day with big fireworks. All of these make me learn more about their culture and lifestyle. One thing I must mention is during the time people talking with me about the Olympic that the magnificent opening ceremony leave a great impression on their mind when they know I am form China, I am proud and willing to deliver a real country culture to them from my point of view.

Thanks Letter: Thanks for everyone who involves in my working here. Thanks to IAESTE to give me this experience. Thanks my manager and hard working colleagues. Anyway, I want to say it in one sentence, join in the training ship, learn more; broad your eyes; experience a different life .To live a life as hard as hard can be, to enjoy an excellent life as excellent can be.

