

Fantastic Experience

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Last week, I got a message that the German Embassy in China would hold a grand celebration on September 25 to celebrate Reunification Day. I applied to participate in this event immediately. Although I didn't get the chance, I will participate in any activities about German, and want to know any information about German. There is a special link between Germany and me. That's what I feel after my exchange.

The overall feeling to German

When I got on the train from Frankfurt Airport to Paderborn five months ago, I sat by the window, watching the fantastic scenery. The not tall trees, vast plains covered with grass, and one or two small hills occasionally, I feel peaceful.

Paderborn is a small city, but beautiful. There are churches, parks, a lake, and farmland where we can pick strawberry. I lived in Peter-Hille-weg, not far from the downtown. I can even walk there to go shopping or play Bowling.

Study

1. In Lab

When Prof. Mertsching asked which field I wanted to study, I selected control of robot. After I got used to CMake, I started to work on ROS. I want to appreciate my supervisor, Mujahed. He taught me a lot. Although he is so busy, he will try to find time to help me. Without his help, I can hardly walk forward one step. When I left for China, I can already write some program and simulate it.

2. Courses

I have two professional courses and German course. Prof. Mertsching taught us Robotic Lecture, and Mr. Tobias taught us Robotic Exercise. They both taught very well. I learn the knowledge in Lecture, and understand much deeper by exercise.

In Digital Image Processing II, about six teachers taught us. One teacher taught us one part of the course. After the lecture, we will write program to verify the knowledge in lecture and to help us understanding better.

I also study German from Monday to Thursday. My German teacher is very funny, responsible and patient. We Chinese students usually have problem with pronunciation. When we say a word wrong many times, or someone makes a very nonsense mistake, strange expression will show on his face. But no matter how many times we make mistakes or ask questions, he will always explain till we understand.

Paderborn University is very nice. I got much help from International Office. Ms. Brebeck is kind hearted. And Paderborn University is very funny. The picture maybe called *The School of Paderborn* below can prove that.



Life in German

The summer in German is not very hot. The rain comes rapidly and leaves soon. Trees and grass are here and there. Environment is so beautiful that every place looks like park. The air is fresh every day. The lawn in front of P1 building is amazing, especially in the afternoon. The bright sunshine pours on the grass. I can sit on the lawn, in shade of a tree, reading a book, enjoying the wonderful afternoon.

I am so lucky that this year is The World Cup year, and Germany Team won the cup! We watched one match in the lab. Prof. Mertsching gave everybody a chance to guess the result. We all thought Germany Team would beat American Team with a big score, so nobody guessed correctly. I watched the final match in a pub. That day I can hardly find a seat. The atmosphere is so exciting. When Götze goaled, the pub turned to boiled. Everyone jumps, shouting and cheering. As a Chinese, I saw how the people celebrated when their own team won the cup. I felt shocked and thoughts thronged my mind, because Chinese Team took part in the match only once. I dream that Chinese Team will be one strong team like Germany Team.

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Today is October 3rd, Germany National Day. Wish prosperity and harmony to German! And China! :D