



2009 Mentoring Programme - Study Trip to the United States

On 14 July 2009, William Lee Tsz Wai and Matthew Sung Ming Yan went on a study trip to Boston, USA for three weeks under this programme. Their mentors are Wayne Moy and Stephen Chan, who are alumni of our school. This is a study trip where the students have visited colleges, universities and the workplace of the mentors. The followings are the sharing of the mentors and mentees.



Wayne Moy, Stephen Chan, William and Matthew in Stephen's home

Reflections from Matthew Sung

"Throughout this valuable US study trip, my scope of view has been widened.

We have visited several renowned colleges, for example, the well-known medical school in Baltimore, John Hopkins, Harvard and MIT. We found that the culture of the universities is liberal and people can express themselves freely. This is the study area where I enjoy much.

Moreover, the historical heritage in the State impressed me. Museums can be found everywhere which means that the US people have put much focus on the past instead of ignoring it due to developments. I find it good to do so, as it helps to nurture the young generation by history, let them understand the past and help them to reflect their life. This is very important because we need to learn from our history.

In addition, the state-of-the-art technology in the pharmacy department makes me surprised. They have robots to pack, distribute and collect the medicine. It makes me reflect on the relationship between human being and technology. Is that technology can replace human being and that human being is no longer crucial?

The most impressing thing was the sincerity of our mentors. Our three-week trip was completely planned by them. They have arranged the accommodation before we arrived. They have booked the hotels for us. They have taken us to try different kinds of dishes there. They have treated us very well even though we have no direct relationship with them. I was really touched by their goodness and warmth in treating people.

I really cherish this experience and thank my mentors for taking care of me for three weeks."



Wayne Moy with his mentee, Matthew before the White House



William standing before Stephen's home with his two mentors

Reflections from William

"I was delighted to enter the Mentor-Mentee program. My horizons have been broadened after these 3 weeks.

The most unforgettable experience was visiting the hospital robot, showcasing the advanced technology of a robot which collects drugs accurately. Such technical know-how is nowhere to be found in Hong Kong.

Besides those eye-opening experiences, I've learnt how to take care of myself. For me, it is a good try.

I need to wash my own clothes, to tidy up my own room, and sometimes to buy food from supermarket and prepare for the lunch. There are times I asked myself why after washing the clothes, they are still dirty? Why after tidying up my room, it was still in a mess. Those things seem to be easy for me before, as my maid will do all these for me. It is good experience for me as I seldom have to do housework.

Also, it is a good chance for me to learn how to live with 'strangers'. The art of living with them for 3 weeks, not 3 days is something that cannot be shared by using words alone.

Mentoring program has provided us a precious chance to explore. Also, it is a kind of connection between old students and the new one so that experience can be handed down from generation to generation. The program has enriched my academic study and social experience. And I hope that more and more students can join it."

Methodist College 2008-09 Mentoring Program US Eastern Cities Study Trip Itinerary

Overseas Mentor: Mr. Wayne Moy (1967) and Mr. Stephen Chan (1969)

Day	Date	Activities	Mentor	Overnight
1	14/7 (Tue)	Hong Kong - Boston; Wayne greets at Boston Airport	Wayne Moy	Wayne's Home
2	15/7 (Wed)	Rest and relax	Wayne Moy	Wayne's Home
3	16/7 (Thur)	Visit Wayne Moy workplace at Merrimack, New Hampshire	Wayne Moy	Wayne's Home
4	17/7 (Fri)	Travel to Baltimore	Wayne Moy	Wayne's Brother Home
5	18/7 (Sat)	Tour Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore	Wayne Moy	Wayne's Brother Home
6	19/7 (Sun)	Tour Washington D.C.	Wayne Moy	Hotel in D.C.
7	20/7 (Mon)	Travel to Williamsburg, Virginia	Wayne Moy	Hotel in Williamsburg
8	21/7 (Tue)	Tour College of William and Mary & Colonial Williamsburg	Wayne Moy	Hotel in Williamsburg
9	22/7 (Wed)	Return to Boston	Wayne Moy	Wayne's Brother Home
10	23/7 (Thur)	Rest and relax	Wayne Moy	Wayne's Home
11	24/7 (Fri)	Tour Colby and Bowdoin College, Maine	Wayne Moy	Hotel at Desert Island
12	25/7 (Sat)	Tour Acadia National Park	Wayne Moy	Hotel at Desert Island
13	26/7 (Sun)	Back to Boston	Stephen Chan	Stephen's Home
14	27/7 (Mon)	Discuss with the Chans - Career in Public health & Engineering; Dinner	Stephen Chan	Stephen's Home
15	28/7(Tue)	Tour MIT & Harvard	Stephen Chan	Stephen's Home
16	29/7 (Wed)	Tour Boston (may visit BU, Northeastern U or other colleges)	Stephen Chan	Stephen's Home
17	30/7 (Thur)	Travel to NT City and visit UN	Stephen Chan	Hotel in NYC
18	31/7 (Fri)	Tour NYC (Columbia)	Stephen Chan	Hotel in NYC
19	1/8 (Sat)	Travel to Boston and pack	Stephen Chan	Stephen's Home
20	2/8 (Sun)	Leaves Boston	Stephen Chan	On plane
Itinerary may change depends on weather and local conditions				