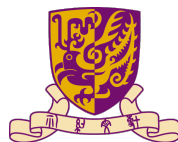




Virtual Student
Exchange



香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

APRU Virtual Student Exchange: International Education Unbound

**Shally Fan, Director of Academic Links
The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

December 2021

The Chinese University of Hong Kong



**Comprehensive
research university**



Unique college system



Bilingualism & multiculturalism

8 Faculties

Arts, Business Administration, Education,
Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science, Social Science

Top 10

Times Higher Education
Asia University Rankings



CUHK Global Learning & Experience

International Education at its Core Mission

- Regional pioneer in international education: **1st student exchange partnership in 1965**
- Exchange opportunities at **280 partner institutions** in **35+ countries/regions**
- **1,000+** UG students take **bilateral term-time exchanges**
- Over **5,000 opportunities** for experiential learning outside HK each year
- **1,500+** visiting students annually



APRU Virtual Student Exchange Program

- Digital technology to support international education
- Virtual Student Exchange Program (VSE) developed under auspices of the **Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)** in August 2020
- Connecting students from 61 leading research universities in Americas, Asia & Australasia through online platforms & digital technologies
- Enable students to receive international education & experience from some of best universities without having to leave home



Holistic Virtual Exchange Experience



Academic

- Acquire new knowledge & skills
- Develop digital competency



Co-curricular

- Prepare for future careers & workplace
- Experience different cultures & societies



Social

- Work with peers from around the world
- Build new friendships & professional networks

Two distinct components: **Academic Courses** & **Co-curricular Programs**

Academic Courses

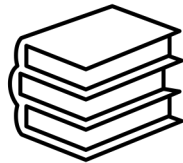
- Multidisciplinary & diverse **credit-bearing courses** contributed by participating universities
- Available in **synchronous, asynchronous** or **hybrid delivery modes** for students from different time zones
- 3 Study periods a year

Since August 2020:



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Course-offering
Universities



470+

Courses



2,600+

Applications



1,200+

Enrollments

- Connecting students from **35** universities in **16** economies

VSE Course Offering Universities

Representing 13 economies

Australia

Monash University
The University of Sydney

Chile

University of Chile

China

Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Tsinghua University
Zhejiang University

Colombia

Universidad de los Andes

Ecuador

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

Hong Kong SAR China

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The University of Hong Kong

Indonesia

Universitas Indonesia

Japan

Keio University
Tohoku University
Waseda University

Korea

Korea University
Yonsei University

Mexico

Tecnológico de Monterrey

Singapore

Nanyang Technological University

Thailand

Chulalongkorn University

USA

University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Oregon



VSE Courses in Diverse Disciplines



Learn new cultures & places

- Aboriginal Sydney
- Ecology & Resources of Ecuador
- Korean Popular Culture & Korean Wave



Explore diverse academic interests

- Creating Social Change: from Innovation to Impact
- Global Challenges: Food, Water, Climate
- Happiness Neuroscience



Equip for future workplace

- Effective Career Management
- Global Leadership & Management
- Leadership for Entrepreneurial Development



Get ahead in increasingly tech-driven world

- Foundation of Data Science
- Intelligence & Learning
- Robotics, Sensing & Autonomous Systems

Co-curricular Programs

- Series or one-time events conducted online to facilitate encounters with new ideas, cultures, experts, academics & students around the world



Cultural

In-depth cultural journeys



Leadership

Cultivate communication skills & teamwork



Career

Develop skills for future workplace

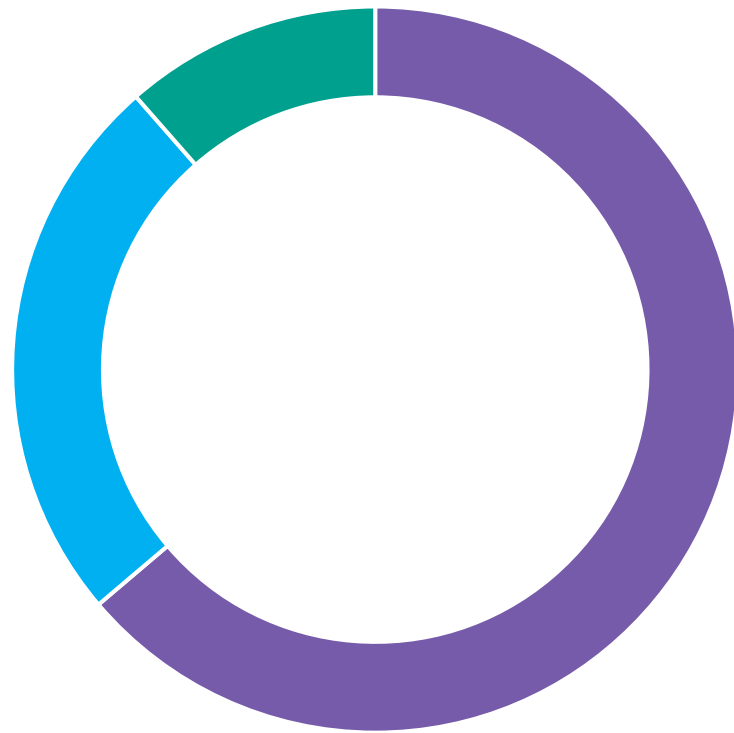


Social

Student organized activities

Co-curricular Programs

- Since launch of VSE, **17 universities** have contributed **73 co-curricular programs** that attracted over **1,500 individual participations**



Top 3 universities in each region with most participation:

Americas (24.7%)

- University of Chile, Chile
- Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador
- University of California, Riverside, USA

Asia (63.8%)

- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKSAR China
- Harbin Institute of Technology, China
- University of Indonesia, Indonesia

Australasia (11.5%)

- The University of Sydney, Australia
- The University of Melbourne, Australia
- UNSW Sydney, Australia

Different Models of Delivery & Engagement



Webinars

- Primarily one way
- Interaction thru chat box, slido



Tours

- Immersive experience with live engagement
- On-the-spot interaction with local community



Activities

- Hands-on
- e.g. cooking class, music jam



Discussions

- Focus on cultural sharing
- Pre-event engagement
- Driven by students

Co-curricular Programs – Cultural

- Virtual cultural experience to **stimulate** students to gain in-depth understanding of cultures & embark on journeys

Korea University Student Life Revealed!

Korea University

Nov 16, 2020
19:00 Korea Time

Korea University Student Life Revealed

Tour along with Korea University students to learn about KU and what makes it so special in the hearts of all Koreans!



Saké Lecture & Virtual Brewery Tour

Tohoku University

Let's learn about saké!

Saké Lecture & Virtual Brewery Tour
Presented by Asahi Shuzo

February 9th, 2021
17:00–18:00

Contents

- About saké (AKA *nihonshu*)
- Virtual brewery video
- Saké etiquette

Capacity: 100 (first-come, first-served basis)
Venue: Online (Zoom)
Fee: Free
Language: English
Registration Deadline: February 8th 9:00 a.m. (Japanese Standard Time)

Registration URL: <http://bit.ly/36lNyn8>

Contact: rumi.watanabe.cs@tohoku.ac.jp

Organizer: Global Learning Center, Tohoku University
Co-organizer: DATentre, Tohoku Innovation Human Resource Development Program



Co-curricular Programs – Leadership

- Focus particularly in context of **globalization**. Communication, teamwork, etc.

Corona Corps Global Learning Community University of Oregon



Student in Public Health – Corona
Corps Global Learning Community
Winter 2021

5:30-6:30pm (US Pacific Time Zone, -8GMT)

Improv for public health communication with Zeina Salame
— January 14

Student led discussion — January 28

Student led discussion — February 4

Student led discussion — February 18

**Student led discussion with students from Oregon Health &
Science University** — March 4

Many institutions have mobilized talented, energetic students, working with public health authorities, to stem the coronavirus pandemic. This group gives students a global community of peers with whom to share experiences. Open to students at all levels, engaged or interested in public health. Contact [Elly Vanderrift](#), Program Director, [Global STEM Education Initiatives](#) for more information.



APRU Becoming a Global Learner Leadership Series

University of California, Davis

BECOMING A GLOBAL LEARNER
SERIES *Developing Intercultural Learning Skills*



Co-curricular Programs – Career

- Prepare for future industries, practice skills needed for **future workplace**

Decode the Most Challenging Interview Questions: How to Talk about Failures in a Job Interview?

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology



Research, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Webinar

CUHK

A poster for a CUHK Webinar titled 'Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship'. The poster has a teal background. At the top, the title is written in white and yellow. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'Have you ever thought about translating your innovative ideas into action and starting your own business? In this webinar, three young CUHK alumni entrepreneurs will share their career ambitions and how they have coped with different challenges when establishing their start-ups. Join us and get ready to embark on your entrepreneurial journey!'. Below this, the 'Date and Time' are listed for four locations: Hong Kong (July 19 3:00-4:15pm), Seoul & Tokyo (July 19 4:00-5:15pm), Sydney (July 19 5:00-6:15pm), and Los Angeles (July 19 12:00-1:15am). The 'Speakers' section lists three individuals: Mr. Tony Song (Co-founder of NEX Team), Mr. Eric Kuo (Co-founder of R-Guardian), and Ms. Winnie Lee (Co-founder of Spread-It). The 'Moderator' is Prof. Andy Wong (Co-director of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Minor Programme). The 'Registration' section includes a QR code and the email 'oal-events@cuhk.edu.hk'. The 'Enquiry' section also includes the email 'oal-events@cuhk.edu.hk'. On the right side of the poster, there is an illustration of a rocket launching from a base, with several people standing around it. The bottom of the poster features the CUHK logo and the text '香港中文大學 The Chinese University of Hong Kong'.

Co-curricular Programs – Social

- Organized by students covering a range of activities that are usually organized on campus, empowers students to be ambassadors of their culture and country

Language Lunch Events for English & Japanese

Waseda University

November 2021

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE EVENTS BY WASEDA UNIV ICC

An international community created for and by students

Dates

Japanese Chat Club にほんごベラベラクラブ	11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29
Japanese Lunch ジャパニーズ・ランチ	11/11, 11/16
English Lunch イングリッシュ・ランチ	11/9, 11/19

Details

Japanese Chat Club	Japanese / English Lunch
Time 5:00pm-6:00pm (JPT)	Time 12:20pm-12:50pm (JPT)
Opens at 4:55pm (JPT)	Opens at 12:15pm (JPT)

Registration

Required Deadline via Google Forms 11/1

SIGN UP

QR Code

WASEDA University

Inquiries: Waseda University Intercultural Communication Center (ICC) e-mail: icc-events@icci.waseda.jp

Stories from around the World

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

UNIVERSIDAD SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO

STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Meet your peers from all over the world in a series of events geared towards cross cultural exchange and immersion through social connection.

MODULE 1

All times are GMT-5 (US CST)

Sept 11th - Origins	12:00PM (noon), 8:00PM
Sept 25th - Culinary Arts	12:00PM (noon), 8:00PM
Oct 16th - Gender & Equality	12:00PM (noon), 8:00PM

JOIN US!

Let's make the world a little bit smaller

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER](#)

USFQ GO

USFQ

Many more fun & intellectually inspiring activities

Disneyland Virtual Tour

University of California,
Santa Cruz



Black Lives Matter: Global Perspectives

University of California,
Los Angeles



Online Music Jam

The Hong Kong University
of Science and Technology



Network Building

- Interactive workshop on Developing Co-curricular Programmes to Support Virtual Mobility
- Success stories & best practices on running engaging co-curricular programs, breakout sessions with participants on each category, 100+ concurrent views from over a dozen of economies
- Establishing network for sharing of best practices and future collaboration



International Exchanges Unbound:

Developing co-curricular programmes to support virtual mobility

Speakers from APRU Universities:





What VSE Students Have to Say?



Satoshi KUSAKABE
Keio University



Tecnológico de Monterrey
Intercultural Communications & Negotiations

VSE allows me to participate in virtual exchange in a multicultural environment while studying at my home university. My VSE experience is absolutely a strength for me to **study abroad in post-COVID period.**



Daniela ÁLVAREZ
University of Chile



Korea University
Media, Art, Culture & Society

I've gained confidence in my abilities and receive invaluable knowledge from an excellent university. If I ever get to visit Korea, I can say that **my mind went there first.**



Joaquin SÁEZ
University of Chile



Nagoya University
Intercultural Training Methods

Being part of VSE program has been a wonderful experience. I have been able to **meet people** from many countries and have learned a lot about **intercultural communication.**



Jiwon KIM
Korea University



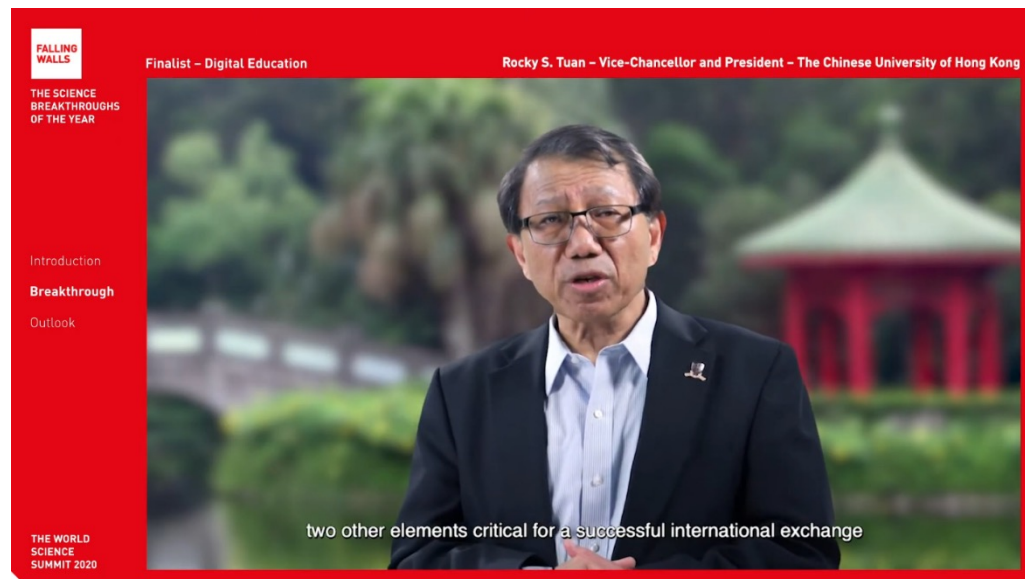
University of Chile
Law, State & Society in Latin American History

The VSE program offers so **much more than one single university can.** The classmates and the professor I had were the most hospitable people I've ever encountered.

Global Recognition

FALLING
WALLS

Falling Walls Science
Breakthroughs
of the Year Award 2020
Finalist in Digital Education



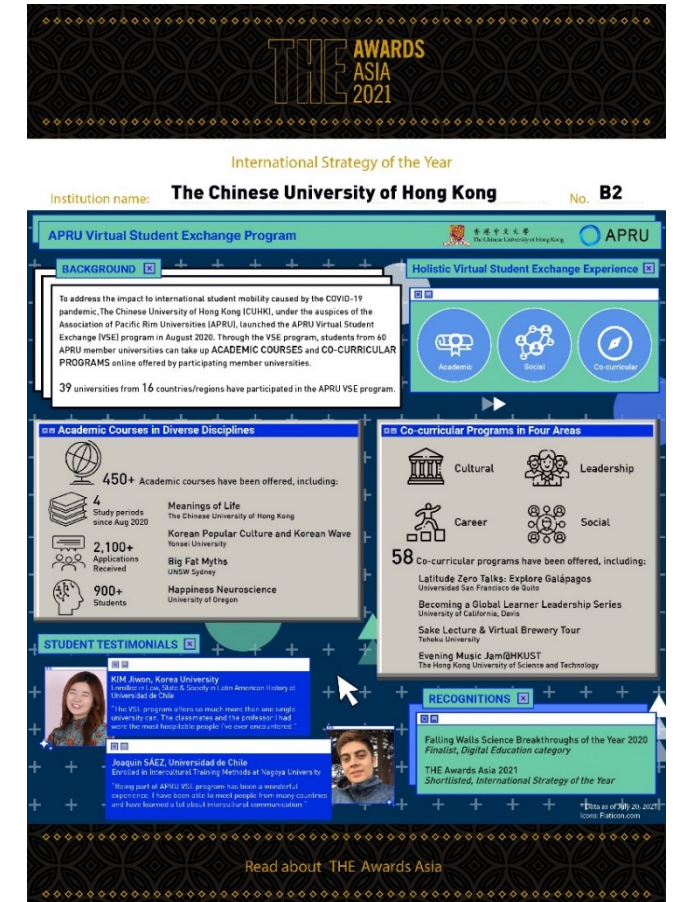
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2021

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2021

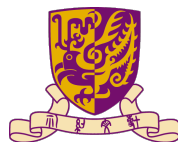
Shortlisted in
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Strategy of the
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Thank you!



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Sharing of Experience

- Mix of live & pre-recordings works well
- Dividing participants into smaller groups encourages more active engagement
- Investing in & exploring different technologies
- Consider how content might be relevant in different cultural context
- Finding ways to engage students after event, e.g. start a group conversation among students on another platform, careers group
- Building on event, creating sequence of events, & through partnerships
- Hosting programs in partnership with other universities. Expand audience & increase global relevance, & partnership building