

Study in Ireland

On 12th September 2013, I came to Ireland to study at the Irish International Hotel and Catering School (IIHCS). I am now studying level 5 Professional Cookery.

When I first arrived in Ireland, I was worried about my immediate future, especially speaking English, working and living here. The next day I arrived at the school, I walked out alone with my camera to Salthill where the school is located.

I felt cold. Just then a person stopped to chat with me. That was the first time for me to chat with an Irish person. He asked me where I was from and what I thought of Ireland. Of course I said "I came from Hong Kong." I told him that I had only arrived yesterday and I really did not know too much about Ireland, but overall I had a good feeling about the country.

Then I walked along the seaside and took some pictures, and returned to the school. On the way, I met a number of other Irish people. They all smiled to me. I find that the place is very quiet, but the people are very nice.

Having lived here for a few months, I got along with more Irish people and experienced culture. I have become to like living here. In Hong Kong, usually I spent a lot of time on shopping and going out with friends. But it is different in Ireland. Since coming to Ireland, I have changed a lot. I find that everyone is very nice to study with. I am now more focused on my studies. I realize that it is very important for me to work hard to learn my lessons and do my homework. I know that if I do well in my studies, I will go up to level 6 next year. Then I will have a good chance to study in a university here in Ireland if I pass the examinations.

There are many places in the universities or the institutes of technology in Ireland for students who pass their examinations. I plan to study culinary arts here so that I could become a professional chef one day after I finish my university course.

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