

Studies in Ireland

“Beauty is found everywhere. Our eyes do not show a lack of sense of beauty, but a lack of observation.”--Auguste Rodin

On August 27, 2010, I left China and took the flight to Ireland to begin my study in University of Limerick—UL, the memory of which has shed a new light on my life.

Ireland prides itself on the beautiful natural scenery and delicate artificial creatures all over the country: the azure blue sky and sea, time-honored architectures, old churches, fairy-tale manor and villa, etc..

I studied in UL in Financial Services as a graduate. As I expected before setting out, my life in UL was going to be very easy. However, it turned out to be different from what I had thought. The grading system in UL was well-arranged that every course was assessed by several indicators, normally the paper work, the group work and the home work, and the teachers in UL were just as strict as the system, so I had to work very hard on each and every work I was assigned.

One of the great things in UL is that it places a lot of emphasis on practice. Sometimes we were asked to work out an Investor Policy Statement for an assumed customer, and sometimes we were required to come up with a solution to benefit the futures market with time-decay. Software programming was also on the list. All these contribute to our understanding and applying the theories learnt.

Apart from harvests on academic knowledge, friendship constituted another gain during my stay in Ireland. Although there still remain lots of differences between nations or groups, peace and friendship are prevailing.

After all, experiences themselves are beautiful.

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