

18-24 SEPTEMBER<br>FROM TRUC QUYNH

TRAVELLING AND STUDYING ABROAD HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM SINCE I WAS YOUNG. THEREFORE, I HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR ANY CHANCES THAT I MAY GET TO ACHIEVE THAT DREAM ALL THE TIME. I MUST ADMIT THAT I FAILED A LOT AND I WAS DEPRESSED FOR A LONG TIME UNTIL THE DAY THAT I BECAME A STUDENT AT CAN THO UNIVERSITY. FROM THAT DAY, I PROMISED TO MYSELF THAT I NEED TO CHANGE AND WORK HARDER FOR MY GOALS. AND WITHOUT A DOUBT, I HAVE ACHIEVED MY FIRST GOAL: BECOMING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT.


I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN I FIRST HEARD THAT I WAS GOING TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITAS AIRLANGGA. THE SCHOOL WAS SO HUGE AND I WAS AMAZED BY ITS ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT WHEN I WAS VISITING ALL THREE CAMPUSES. OF ALL ANYTHING, IT WAS THE WARM WELCOME FROM UNAIR STUDENTS THAT MADE ME
EXTREMELY HAPPY. THEY WERE KIND, ENERGETIC AND CONSIDERATE. THEY HAD BEEN WAITING FOR US ON THE NIGHT WE LANDED IN SURABAYA. THEY FULFILLED OUR WISHES BY SHOWING US THE BEAUTY OF SURABAYA CITY, SHARING SOME KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR CULTURE, GIVING US LECTURES ON ECONOMICS, AND TAKING TONS OF PICTURES TO KEEP BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES.

THERE ARE 5 LIAISON OFFICERS: FICHRIE, AVIN CERIN, RIFA, HUDIANA AND MY LO IS AVIN. WELL, I HAVE TO SAY THAT HE REALLY IS THE MOST HARD - WORKING AND CARING PERSON. I REMEMBER WHEN WE HUNG OUT AT THE NIGHT MARKET, OUR GROUP ASKED HIM IF HE HAD EATEN HIS DINNER BEFORE GOING WITH US. HE SAID: "I THINK I ATE", BUT ACTUALLY AFTER that he admitted that he just lied on bed a LITtLE BIT, THEN HE HEARD THAT WE WERE ALREADY IN THE LOBBY, SO HE QUICKLY WENT DOWN AND CAME WITH US WITHOUT EATING HIS DINNER. THIS WAS JUST A SMALL EXAMPLE BECAUSE WHAT HE DID FOR US WAS A LOT MORE THAN THAT. THERE IS NO WORDS TO SHOW HOW MUCH GREATFULNESS WE HAVE FOR HIM AS WELL AS OTHER INDONESIAN FRIENDS THAT COME WITH US DURING OUR TRIP.



LASTLY, I CAN'T FORGET TO GIVE BIG THANKS TO DR. TU AND MISS NGAN. WITHOUT THEM, I THINK I COULDN'T MAKE IT TO INDONESIA. THEY CAREFULLY GAVE me AND OTHER STUDENTS THE INFORMATION WE NEED AND HELPED US UNTIL We came back home safely. besides, all my 19 VIETNAMESE FRIENDS WERE ALSO AN IMPORTANT PART IN MY TRIP. ACTUALLY, WE ARE NOT JUST FRIENDS, WE ARE A FAMILY. WE TALKED COMFORTABLY ABOUT EVERYTHING, WE TOOK CARE OF EACH OTHER, WE DISCOVERED LOCAL RESTAURANTS, WE PLAYED GAMES, WE SHARED OUR CULTURE TO INDONESIAN FRIENDS, AND SO MANY OTHER THINGS THAT WE DID TOGETHER. THUS, I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO MEET, AND EVEN GO ON ANOTHER EXCHANGE TRIP AND CREATE MORE MEANINGFUL MEMORIES

