SUMMER EU STUDENT EXCHANGE

TOP-UP PROGRAMME BRUSSELS 2015

The top-up summer programme in Brussels is organized by the European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong (EUAP) with the support of the European Union and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels. The aim of the programme is to enhance students' knowledge on the European Union and on the EU’s role in different global issues.

Date: 22nd June 2015 (Mon) and 26th June 2015 (Fri)

Quota: 35

This unique tailor-made programme includes*:

1. Visiting the European institutions including European Commission, European Parliament and/or NATO

2. Learning the works of the EU and discussing with the EU officials or experts in person in different areas

3. Joining a dialogue session with the representatives of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels

4. Going on a day trip to other Belgian cities

*The itinerary and programme is subject to change and will be given to chosen participants later on

Students will benefit in:

1. Learning the institutional development of European integration;

2. Understanding the EU as a global economic player and the importance of its single market; its development under the current crisis

3. Overviewing the new united foreign policy of the European Union under the service of European External Action Service (EEAS)

4. Acknowledging the role of the European Union in different controversial global issues

5. Understanding the relation between Hong Kong and the European Union
APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Full-time undergraduate students of Hong Kong Baptist University, the University of Hong Kong or the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Priorities will be given to:
- Students who are going to participate in a summer programme in Europe organized by Hong Kong Baptist University, the University of Hong Kong or the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Students that are not in their final year of studies

ENROLLMENT

The top-up summer programme is subsidized by the EUAP. Accommodation during the whole programme (6 nights between 21st June and 26th June) will be covered. A cash subsidy for local transportation will also be provided (to be redeemed after the trip). The total subsidized amount is €490 per person. The exact amount of subsidy to be received depends on the exchange rate between Euro and Hong Kong Dollars by the end of the programme.

Students need to pay HK$3,000 enrollment fee to confirm their registration. Upon successful completion of the whole programme and submission of all necessary materials, the enrollment fee will be refunded to students together with the daily substance.

Students should pay HK$3,000 into the account of 283-338366-001 (HKBU). Please enter the following details as our reference when transferring the registration fee.

EUAP- 4049-528
Your name
Student ID card number
The name of your university (HKBU/CUHK/HKU)

You are highly recommended to do the transfer at a counter in a bank branch for entering the reference.

Students who have NOT been given a place for the programme will be refunded the HK$3,000 enrollment fee by the end of June.
PROCEDURES

Interested students should fill in 1.) The application form and send it to the EUAP together with 2.) Bank-transfer or pay-in slip for the HK$3,000 enrollment fee by **8th May 2015**.

All selected applicants will be notified by email *no later than 15th May 2015*.

If the number of applications **EXCEEDS** the quota, participants might be selected through phone interviews.

If a place has not been filled by a selected student, the available place will be filled automatically by the next student on the waiting list.

Successful applicants will ONLY be refunded the entire amount of enrollment fee plus subsidy if the followings requirements are fulfilled:

1. Successful completion of the programme, including attending all the pre-departure briefings and courses in the programme;
2. A group presentation on a specific issue about the EU during the pre-departure briefings;
3. Submission of An individual report with no less than 300 words;
4. Submission of an evaluation form.

Refund is not applicable for withdrawn participants and failure in attending all sessions of the programme or submitting all the documents after the trip.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Enrollment fees paid are non-refundable after successful enrollment unless the programme is cancelled.

Enrollment fees do not include transportation to/from Brussels. Students need to make their own travel arrangements at their own expenses. All participants are required to make themselves available at the location on the required arrival date. Details will be given to selected students before the departure.

Students accepted to the summer programme are responsible to apply for appropriate travel and/or transit visas. Please contact the respective consulates/embassies for details. (Useful website)

Students are recommended to buy their own travel insurance. The European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong will not cover the cost.

The European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong reserves the right to make changes to all matters related to the top-up summer programme 2015.

Should you have any inquiries, please send an email to euaphk@hkbu.edu.hk.