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# ASIA EXCHANGE STUDY ABROAD PROVIDER

## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Asia Exchange offers opportunities for participating in academic study abroad semesters at internationally accredited Asian universities. Our focus is in supporting student mobility, increasing general knowledge on Asia and alleviating the administrative work for universities as well as the students.

## STUDY ABROAD IN ASIA

The bilateral agreements and other networks between partner universities are the backbone of student mobility. And yet, services that complement this exchange are needed all over the world.

Asia Exchange offers students the opportunity to study abroad in carefully selected Asian universities. Accredited partner universities are located in China, Indonesia, Taiwan, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and New Zealand.

Our mission is to encourage students to go global through a channel that best suits their individual needs.

[Read more about the destinations on our website](#)

## QUICK FACTS – ASIA EXCHANGE

**ESTABLISHED** 2007 in Finland

**COMPANY DESCRIPTION** Asia Exchange enables students to take part in study abroad programs in Asia. Together with our Asian partner universities we increase internationalization and streamline student mobility in a convenient and affordable way.

**FOR WHOM?** Asia Exchange is ideal for students who are interested in Asia, but aren't able to find suitable study abroad options via their own universities

**STUDENTS** from more than 70 nationalities, 500 universities and 6 continents.

**AFFORDABILITY** The tuition fees for European students vary between:  
➔ 1,790-1,990 EUR

Fees for non-European students are  
➔ 2,880 USD.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE** Online application and acceptance within one week.

## EMPHASIS ON ASIA AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

The growing importance of Asia in our global world is a fact. Study abroad semesters in regions that are only going to grow in importance in the future are investments both in the students' and their respective home countries' futures. Asian universities are putting more and more emphasis in study programs taught in English to both enrich their curricula and better accommodate the international students and integrate them with their own students.

[Read more about the courses and fees on our website](#)



## OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT IN ASIA

Asia is an inviting environment for experiencing different cultures and gives students the chance to learn about the world's fastest growing economies. Studying in Asia is likely to be an enlightening experience, the world outside the lecture halls also playing its part in building an understanding of different cultures. Asia offers a multitude of employment opportunities. Having studied there can give one an edge when entering the workforce; whether it is in Asia or somewhere else.

The tuition fees in Asia are reasonable. Even still, the home universities play a key role in supporting every student interested in going abroad and helping the student find a host university that suits their individual needs. Students gaining experience of destinations which will continue to have a culturally, politically and economically significant role in the future is mutually beneficial for all parties.

We've heard great things about Asia Exchange, particularly about the programs in Indonesia and Thailand.

Andy Wilcox, (The Harvard Advocate, Harvard University)

## THE CHALLENGES IN STUDENT MOBILITY

Despite the increased internationalization of students, not everyone is able to find a suitable study abroad destination through their own university ; and sometimes they are simply left outside the placement quotas. Still interested in studying abroad, these 'free mover' students usually have to go through a difficult, expensive and time-consuming process to ensure a potential host university can accommodate them for a semester, as well as provide them with courses and credits that can be transferred to their home universities. The students also have to find out about traveling, insurances, vaccinations, scholarships, visas etc. on their own.

Asia Exchange's purpose is to fill in the information gap and act as a bridge between the students and the foreign host universities. The Asia Exchange staff advises on academic and practical matters, thus reducing the administrative work load for all parties involved. By 2018, over 5000 students from more than 500 universities and 70 different nationalities have participated in study abroad semesters with the help of Asia Exchange.



## THE CONCEPT OF ASIA EXCHANGE

Asia Exchange was founded in 2007 in Finland. It is a dynamic study abroad organization that stresses the importance of encouraging students to become more international and gain experiences and knowledge of the industry and culture in Asia's growing economies.

The courses at the host universities are held in English by lecturers who often have an international background. Asia Exchange also invites charity organizations, business people and ambassadors to come meet with the exchange students.

On top of offering study abroad semesters, Asia Exchange also offers the possibility to apply for studying a whole degree in Asia.

Asia is probably the most dynamic continent in the world, and economically it presents endless opportunities. The centre of gravity is moving towards the East.

Alexander Stubb, (Former Prime Minister of Finland)

## THE SERVICES OF ASIA EXCHANGE

The students receive a study abroad placement as well as services and information on the host universities and cities. Asia Exchange gives advice on all practical arrangements and takes care of the mailing of applications, acceptance letters, transcript credits and the invoicing of tuition fees. However, Asia Exchange is not a travel agency; students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements, all a part of the study abroad experience. Asia Exchange focuses on tackling the logistic, information and quality gaps sometimes associated with free mover exchange semesters.



**TUOMAS KAUPPINEN**

Academic Director, Asia Exchange

Study abroad semesters have enabled so many unbelievably things in my career and personal life. Everyone should study abroad at least once. Asia is the number one destination of this century.



## FOR WHOM IS ASIA EXCHANGE INTENDED?

Asia Exchange is ideal for students interested in Asia, but who are not able to find suitable study abroad options via their own universities. While most of the participants are students of business, technology, social sciences, law, arts or tourism, students from other fields of study also take part and are given the opportunity to take interesting minor study courses in an international environment.

Studying abroad in Asia combines academics, affordable price level, metropolises, world's fastest growing economies, friendly people and diverse cultures. In Asia students can get hold of opportunities that can translate into Life Changing Experiences.

The exchange in Indonesia was definitely the best time of our lives so far – and you as an organization made that possible. You are doing great work! Keep it up!

Jannik Voß & Magnus Möhler (University of Hamburg), studied in Indonesia

## CHARITY

Charity work is also an important part of Asia Exchange. Charity projects help deepen exchange students' understanding of their chosen destination. Asia Exchange donates a part of the tuition fees to organizations that support education and children in our host university countries. In Indonesia and Thailand, Asia Exchange works with orphanages that the exchange students can also visit.



**HARRI SUOMINEN**

Managing Director, Asia Exchange

All the greatest experiences in my life are linked to Asia. That's why I also encourage other people to grab onto their life-changing opportunities. Seek your passions, follow your dreams and believe in yourself. Put in use what you learn and everything is possible!

## MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear professional in international education,

Without your contribution, the internationalization of our students and societies would not be as far as it is today. Your work is essential.

Networks between universities are at the core of student mobility. We at Asia Exchange work to complement these networks that connect students to the most strategically important part of the world. Study abroad semesters to Asia enable our future leaders to immerse themselves with our planet's industry heavy weights and cultural giants.

We will be happy to map out steps for increasing the internationalization opportunities for students with you.

Sincerely,



### HARRI SUOMINEN

Managing Director, co-founder of Asia Exchange

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