



Southeast Asian Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Student Exchange Program

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS

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<p>Sometimes we need to do successive follow-ups due to delay in responding to e-mails (or too many email addresses which leads to confusion).</p> <p>There are also instances wherein students directly communicate to host universities.</p>	<p>Direct communication to the coordinator of the exchange program.</p> <p>Communication shall be done UtoU, through international affairs office (or its equivalent for each partnering university) to handle mobility concerns and coordination with internal departments and external offices.</p>

VISA CONCERNS

CHALLENGES/ PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS OR INTERVENTIONS
Students come to the host country with tourist visa (less than 30 days).	Options given by the Bureau of Immigration: Apply for Special Study Permit Apply for Non-Immigrant Visa (47 2a) *Schools shall be accredited by Bureau of Immigration and shall designate school representative/ liaison officer to BI.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Registration/Articles of Incorporation/By-Laws for a private institution, OR Charter for State Universities and Colleges;
- Certificate of Accreditation issued by Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP);
- Commission on Higher Education (CHED)/Department of Education (DepEd)/Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) accredited courses and program;
- Information Bulletin;5
- Faculty Profile; and
- Pictures of buildings, laboratories and libraries.

THE SPECIAL STUDY PERMIT

The Special Study Permit (SSP) is issued by the Philippine Bureau of Immigration for foreigners who wish to engage in short-term, non-degree courses in the Philippines (i.e. language proficiency, computer courses). It is only issued in the Philippines. Eligible nationals who plan to enroll in non-degree courses that last for less than one (1) year may first apply for a tourist visa at the Philippine Embassy. Upon arrival in the Philippines, the student should apply for a SSP at the Bureau of Immigration's Student Desk.

Minimum entry requirements for the Special Study Permit:

- Passport valid for six (6) months from the date of intended entry to the Philippines;
- Duly notarized letter from the applicant requesting the issuance of the permit;
- Duly accomplished and notarized application form;
- Certificate of acceptance issued by the learning institutions duly accredited by the Bureau of Immigration;
- Photocopy of the applicant's passport reflecting its data page, entry stamp and authorized stay of not less than 20 days from the date of filing;
- Bureau of Immigration Clearance Certificate.

Filing of Non-Immigrant Visa Application Under Section 47(a)(2) of the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as Amended

For exchange professors, fellows, students, scholars, participants, volunteers, and social workers under sponsorship of locally or internationally recognized educational, scientific cultural, relief and charitable organizations institutions, agencies or foundations and representative of non-recognized foreign government to international organization and their dependents:

1. Valid Passport
2. Contract or agreement between local sponsor and foreign national
3. Appointment of foreign national by the host or receiving organization, institution or foundation
4. Acceptance signed by the subject foreign national
5. Proof of guarantor's financial capacity to fulfil his/her undertaking, e.g., income tax return, bank accounts, etc

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (PREPARATION)

CHALLENGES/ PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS OR INTERVENTIONS
<p>Delay in the issuance of acceptance letters</p> <p>Delay in the submission of flight tickets</p> <p>Ph universities (particularly SUCs) need endorsement of the BOR and CHED IAS certification</p>	<p>Earlier schedule of preparations and compliance to schedules set by SEAMEO Secretariat</p> <p>Be familiar with country regulations/ procedures for exchange programs.</p>

SCHEDULE OF INTERNSHIP ACTIVITIES

CHALLENGE/ PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS OR INTERVENTIONS
<p>Schedule of activities are not well-prepared (due to time constraint and limited details/ background).</p> <p>Some students have to pay 'overstay fee' since the university schedule does not include travel time.</p>	<p>*Curriculum mapping and curriculum benchmarking shall be done so we can study the learning outcomes/ specific courses per academic program.</p> <p>*Development of a prototype internship plan design (activities)</p> <p>*Earlier confirmation of acceptance for effective coordination with the industry.</p>

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INDUSTRY SELECTION & COORDINATION

CHALLENGES/ PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

Some industries do not provided free accommodation.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS OR INTERVENTIONS

Earlier schedule of preparations and coordination so we can find other industry partners.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

CHALLENGES/ PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS OR INTERVENTIONS
<p>Some students have no international insurance.</p> <p>Other institutional requirements are not submitted.</p>	<p>Host universities shall ensure that the students get international insurance and submit additional institutional requirements.</p>

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

CHALLENGES/ PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS OR INTERVENTIONS
<p>Students request weekend trips.</p> <p>If there are no weekend trips, they always request to travel to the city.</p>	<p>Host universities may provide weekend trips, but not mandatory.</p> <p>Language training classes may replace some weekend trips.</p>

STUDENTS' BEHAVIOR

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<p>Some students go out often with their buddies without the approval of the international office/ coordinator.</p> <p>Some issues are raised by dormitory in-charge regarding cleanliness and use of facilities.</p>	<p>More intensive pre-departure orientation about the main purpose of the exchange program.</p>



THANK YOU!