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Finland 2024 GEP Trip (7 Sep-22 Sep)

From 7-22 Sep 2024, 18 LEAD students participated in the Global Engagement Programme (GEP) Study Trip to Finland! Here are some testimonials:



"The GEP Finland trip is definitely one of my most memorable experiences.

From engaging with lecturers and local students to planning self-directed weekend tours, I gained invaluable knowledge, perspectives, and skills that I know will benefit me for life.

One of the trip's highlights was the insightful conversations we had with TP's PCEO. Listening to his perspectives and receiving advice tailored to our fields was truly eye-opening.

Our schedule was packed with daily lectures and learning journeys, which tested our resilience and perseverance. We faced several challenges—falling sick, unexpected changes, and feeling exhausted from the demanding activities. Yet, looking back, overcoming these obstacles undoubtedly helped build my character and competencies."

Keith Pang Tai Chen
Year 2, BUS LEAD Student



"My GEP trip to Finland was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that broadened my horizons far beyond the scope of my diploma curriculum. Attending lectures on diverse subjects, such as the Finnish political system and circular economy, provided insights into areas I wouldn't have encountered otherwise, enriching my academic journey.

The industry visits were particularly impactful. Exploring places like Agency Leroy, the Finnish Parliament, and the Iittala design factory deepened my understanding of how theory connects to real-world practices. These experiences not only expanded my knowledge but also offered a fresh perspective on different industries and their operations.

Overall, the trip was a unique blend of education and practical exposure, fostering both personal and academic growth."

Aidan Marc Rayner
Year 2, ENG LEAD Student



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LEAD Heart (11 & 12 Sep)



On 11-12 Sep, 260 LEAD students participated in LEAD Heart, exploring social inequality and the realities of families in one-room rental flats.

Through experiential learning journeys, they gained insights into Singapore's social compact and discussed how to contribute to supporting vulnerable communities. Participants found the event meaningful and impactful.

Polytechnic Forum (25 Sep - 2 Oct)



A total of 91 LEAD students took part in the Polytechnic Forum 2024, hosted by Nanyang Polytechnic from 25 Sep to 2 Oct.

Students participated in a range of engaging activities, including learning journeys, army camp experiences, and thought-provoking panel discussions. These experiences were designed to deepen their understanding of Singapore's national resilience and the critical role Total Defence plays in safeguarding the country's stability, security, and unity for the future.

Person of the Month

Salimul Fikri

Vice President of Law & Management Interest Group

QN: What is something you hope to have achieved as a LEAD student?

🗣️: **Having been halfway through my poly life already, there are many things I still want to achieve. Ultimately, the most important thing I want to achieve is to live my life as a lead student to the fullest. I want to go to more programs, make more friends there, learn and play together. I hope 10 years down the road, I still remember my poly life with the widest smile.**



QN: One value that your experience in LEAD has inculcated in you?

🗣️: **I am glad that my experience in LEAD has allowed me to realise that although it is still very important, studies aren't everything, friendships as well as extracurricular experiences are as important. Be grateful with what you have and remember that comparison is the thief of joy.**