

Students experience Asian culture

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A summer trip to Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea provided an immersion into Asian culture for 15 Riverside students.

“Not only did the trip help us learn about ourselves as individuals but other cultures as well,” said Ania Salehirad, a traveler and student in grade 11.

The group spent four nights in Japan, four nights in Hong Kong and nine nights in South Korea.

While in South Korea the students stayed with Korean families in Incheon, a city of 2.5 million people.

Business Ed. teacher Bill Tong, organized the trip in order to help students experience Korean culture in greater depth.

“It was quite a life-changing experience because it opened our eyes to how others live,” said Salehirad.

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Gaby Yeong, Kara Hannestad, Ashley Batch and Kitty Wong in traditional Korean clothing during their summer exchange trip.

The students also visited three schools while in South Korea: Soongduk Girls High school, Incheon Boys Middle school and Jemulpo Girls Middle school. Tong also wanted the students to learn about the Korean education system.

“They have a lot more work and stay way later hours than we do. Some stay until 12 a.m. and they go to school on Saturdays,” said traveler Ryan Vandenrink.

The students left on August 16 and returned September 3.