



Dear all,
Home sweet home!!! I have come back to my dear country Vietnam after 5 weeks experiencing as an English teacher at Szily Kalman high school and as a Hungarian person. :))))

I LOVEEE IT!!!!

Everything starts when I was awkwardly coming to such a strange country, knowing no one, cannot speak even a single word in Hungarian, and now I can come back, proudly told everyone I know in Vietnam, hehe, damn, Hungarian language is super duper hard to remember and to learn!!!

Haha, but that's OK because besides the language, I have learned so many things to pay off. Firstly, let's talk about my work here in Szily Kalman. Students are adorable :))), they are small kids always talking, eating, sleeping in the classes and if I did not mention that this is a high school, people might think that this is a kindergarten with kids in big shapes :P. However, somehow, I still miss them a lot. Not everyday is perfect and successful but come on, who needs to be perfect. The matter is that I always get new feelings and new experience after each class and it makes me feel "full of energy" to think of what to do in the next classes :D. If you ask me whether I have learned a lot, then yes, I have learned tons, especially the way students and teachers think and I hope thanks to that my observation about things surrounding me would improve too. I have learned a little bit of something from something else or someone, and gradually, looking back, maybe my skills are not improved fully yet but I know clearer about myself, my strengths and my weaknesses that only by this, by falling into a completely strange environment that I can understand, I am not so confident as I expected and my adaptability is not as much to be proud of. Isn't it wonderful that within 5 weeks, you could see clearly the weak side of yourself that you could never see within 19 years since you were born?

And am I satisfied with my work? Then no, I am not at all. I would never be satisfied with my work not because of my thirst for perfection but just because of I know I have not done enough. I want more of that, I want to inspire students to love learning a new language but all I have done so far to to make them feel fun in class and speak a little bit more. So no, I would want to have more time so that I could put more efforts because the school English teachers and I have just started brainstorming some great ideas together. :(But I still hope it is a great beginning step and in the future, some cooler guys or some much more beautiful girls would come to this school with brilliant ideas and diverse cultures, haha, you guys would feel like travelling around the world by attending every single class and ALL I WANT TO SAY IS THAT "Hey guys, speak in English, is it that hard or that embarrassing, think that it is just a language but with that, it can change your whole life and make it better. You stay at school for free, have free English classes and have the chance to communicate in free English classes with students from different countries, don't be hesitated, frightened or silly not to take that OPPORTUNITY."



Aaa, this is my favourite part, cultures! I hope that I have brought you such a great taste of Vietnam, my home country, It is such a short time but hehe, I can see many of the students' astonishing faces when hearing about Vietnamese cultures and customs as they are completely strange and different from them. And so did the students tell me about parts of Hungarian interesting cultures. I would never know that Hungary also has the origin from Asian people if I did not come here, hehehehe :D I did see a Mongolian coat in the National Museum in Budapest too. :D Hungary is not like any other European countries as the cultures are so diverse with different historical stages and I really enjoy it. Hehe, I love Hungarian sweet, especially the Turorudi. I think I have gained tons of weight since I came here. There is just one thing I do not like, which is onions and OMG, Hungarian cooks use it in every dish. But anyway, it was still a great adventure with Hungarian food cultures, especially what most students told me, something really really special and unique "the dorm food" :))))))

I would definitely come back, but not with such a thing, maybe just a visitor. However, there would be more and more people like me come from different countries in the BIG WORLD to your SINGLE SCHOOL in Budapest and please do not let those opportunities pass by so that you would not have to regret it after finishing high school. Who knows in the future, you would become THE ONE because of your impressive cultural knowledge and the reason is that you talked to some international students like me in English about their home countries' cultures :D



At the end, I would like to give my many thanks to Szily Kalman Board of Directors, to all teachers in the school, especially English teachers that I had the chance to work directly with- Ms Monika, Ms Gabi, and Ms Agi, the director, all the teachers and the cooks at the dorm too (Please forget everything I just mentioned above about the dorm food :D), and finally all crazy, smart but not-yet-grown-up and not-yet-show-up-all-what-you-got students :D

Love you all and thank you for everything, such an amazing time, a different challenge but life-changing experience!!!

From Vietnam with love,
Nga <Jessica>

P/s: I sent U some more pics besides what U have already had.

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