

## JOURNAL

### Pen-International 2006 Summer Leadership Institute *August 5-12, 2006*



I was at DLS-CSB at 2:45 a.m., ready to depart for the airport. The school van fetched us at 3:00 a.m. I was with Melissa, Miracle Stephanie, and Archieval. We arrived at NAIA and got in line with the other people for inspection of our tickets and passports. We waited at the departure area of the lobby from 3:00 until 6:00 in the morning. We waited patiently and tried not to go to sleep. The Cathay Pacific plane then left at 6:50 a.m. for Hong Kong.



It was my first time to sit in an airplane and I thought that it was very beautiful. In the picture I am smiling because I felt very comfortable and there was a nice view. We arrived at Hong Kong at 10:00 a.m. and we had to walk very far from the gate we arrived in to the departure gate for England. When we got to the gate we again had to line-up for our tickets and passports to be checked. From the gate to the plane we took a bus (shuttle) and they gave us plastic raincoats to use because it was raining. We again rode the Cathay Pacific plane from Hong Kong to England. We sat in the airplane and later I felt that I had to use the comfort room. It was my first time and I didn't know how to flush the toilet. I panicked and I was wondering if the stewardess could help me, but she would not understand me and there were people waiting in line outside the comfort room. I was starting to feel stressed! So I searched and searched and I found it and then I returned to my seat. Not I know how to use the airplane comfort room.

I fell asleep while Archieval was looking outside at the clouds. Then Archieval woke me up and I felt some pain in my ears and I can't open my mouth. I got some candy and gum to help me. I went to sleep again and the next time I woke up my butt felt very painful from sitting for such a long time. Later we were informed that we were going to arrive in **LONDON, ENGLAND**.

We arrived there on **August 5, 2006** at 4:38 p.m. The first thing we had to do was try to exchange our money to British Pound. Then I wanted to look for my

auntie and uncle who would meet us at the airport. I am very happy to see my auntie and uncle from London. They showed us how to go to Terminal 3 of the Heathrow Airport where we will meet the other delegates from the different countries. We began to get hungry so we looked for food to eat. The other delegates arrived later. First there was Russia, then Japan, and last was China at 8:50 p.m. We then rode the bus to go to the Castle. It was very cool in the bus and we were very so I slept during the bus ride for 3 hours.



We arrived at **Bader Hall** and we were welcomed by the people from Pen-International. It was a very cold night and we had not eaten yet but we were given some bread and orange juice.



My roommate is **Miracle** and we are assigned in **Room 64** this is a picture of the door lock and our card key. On **August 6, 2006** we dressed and changed and walked to Herstmonceux Castle. We walked around the place taking pictures and we were all so happy. We ate breakfast and went to the conference hall where we had our introductions with the participants of the different countries.



### **Ice- Breaker Activity** (*A. Hurwitz and V. Hurwitz*)

I enjoyed this activity of linking hands and having to untangle ourselves. This encouraged strong cooperation among us Deaf.

My partner during the Ice Breaker was Zhang Yixing from China. This was the first time I have ever communicated with a Deaf person from China and I suggested that it would be better if we wrote to each other in English. We discussed her sign language and culture and the sign language and culture in the Philippines. I am so very happy with my friend Zhang. We tried to communicate some more and tried to explain things clearly by giving examples. She was a person who smiled a lot and it was easy to



make friends with Zhang. Then we joined the pair of Chiaki Mori from Japan whose partner was Miracle from the Philippines.

### **Student Group Presentations on Leadership** (*D. kavin*)



#### **“Making of Deaf Leaders”**

(*A. Hurwitz and V. Hurwitz*)

We really admired their life story especially that they have a Deaf family. I want to have the same experience in joining different organizations and then being able to share my life story to others. They were truly inspirational and provided us with a challenge to be confident and excellent because we need to build up a strong Deaf Community! I thank Alan and Vicki for sharing their personal experiences for growth and the tips they gave for future student leaders.



#### **Group Discussion “Leadership & Diversity”**

(*P. DeCaro & M. Rocica*)

We had a lecture about the *PIN MODEL* and the *Conflict Response Modes* which were Avoidance (The Turtle), Accommodation (The Teddy Bear), Compromise (The Fox), Competition (The Shark) and Collaboration (The Owl). We had to dramatize how a conflict is resolved using the mode of **Compromise**.

Here we are with the group from NTID in the USA. This photo was taken as a remembrance. Thanks for sharing with us!



#### **“Setting Goals and Achieving Them”**

(*J. Macko & M. Rosica*)

We had a lecture about Goals and why it was very important to achieve them. It was a very excellent sharing of experiences and needing to understand the importance of cooperation and self-determination among the Deaf. So what is a goal? A goal is dream with a deadline.





## Play Time

This is a game that was taught to us by the delegates from Russia. We were happy and we enjoyed this time because it felt like! There was no stress and everyone felt comfortable and cool.



## A Night at the Pub

We enjoyed ourselves tonight and we were very happy with the people we were with. The pictures above are the boys group and girls group of the different countries that were present. We chatted about our sign language, culture and life story. When we needed to communicate better we would write on papers in English. I did my best to communicate with them. We did not know all the people at the pub but we tried to be brave and interact with everyone.



## My Dorm Room

This is my dorm room. I am arranging the binder and the bags that they gave us and checking the notes. But I won't sleep yet because I still have to do something. I'll check my e-mail first.

## The Computer Area

Here I am with Miracle checking my e-mail account to see if anyone has sent me messages.





### **The Gardens of Herstmonceux Castle**

It was very cold when we went to visit the garden but I enjoyed the cold weather and I am happy to be with my friends. We ate breakfast and then went on a trip. They said that we were going on a trip to a beautiful place. The date is **August 9, 2006**.



### **FIELD TRIP BRIGHTON and WHITE CLIFF (ALL)**

#### **WHITE CLIFF**

It was very cold at White Cliff. It was a very big mountain and also very beautiful. We took pictures and read a story about a girl who jumped from the cliff.



#### **BRIGHTON**

Next we visited **BRIGHTON** and we saw many people there. It was a beautiful place.



### Sharing the Filipino Culture

At the Summer Leadership Institute we had an opportunity to share about the uniqueness of the Philippines' culture. We shared about the three main islands of the Philippines: LUZON, VISAYAS and MINDANAO. We showed them how we show respect for our flag and we flashed pictures of the beautiful places in our country. We also danced to our Philippine National Anthem and showed the Itik-Itik. It was a truly wonderful ***CULTURAL NIGHT!***