

Letter from Seoul

Hello (or rather: 안녕하세요) from Seoul!

Sometimes I still have to pinch myself to believe that our freshman year will be over in a month. But, since we still have 30 days until we go back home or spend summer somewhere else around the world, we try to make the most of our time left here.

I feel like every one of us finds our own way to enjoy Seoul. Whether it is delving into the heavenly flavors of Korean cuisine, visiting historic buildings and Buddhist temples, working on personal projects, enjoying nature, watching sunsets, dancing one's soul out on the top of the hill at 2 a.m, having night conversations with friends and fairy lights - or doing it all together.

It still amazes me how easy it is to explore this city while thriving academically. Seoul's cafes are the perfect place to study (believe me, cafes here are one of a kind!), and there are always vibrant streets with truly magnificent views to admire on the way. Over the weekends, we often choose to hike some of the nearby mountains. It is still surprising how perfect the juxtaposition of high skyscrapers and brand new technologies with all the breathtaking nature can be.

Amidst the rush of doing our final projects and finishing classes, I am beyond excited for the cherry blossoms to bloom next week! I can't wait to admire all those enormous palaces, peaceful temples, greenish hills, and tiny streets, this time surrounded by all the shades of pink.

When I was thinking of going back to my country next month, I thought I was coming home. I realized that I am just moving from one home to another because Seoul has already started to feel like one.

Lots of love,

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