

# 2015 Future Pilot Training Program (Australia)

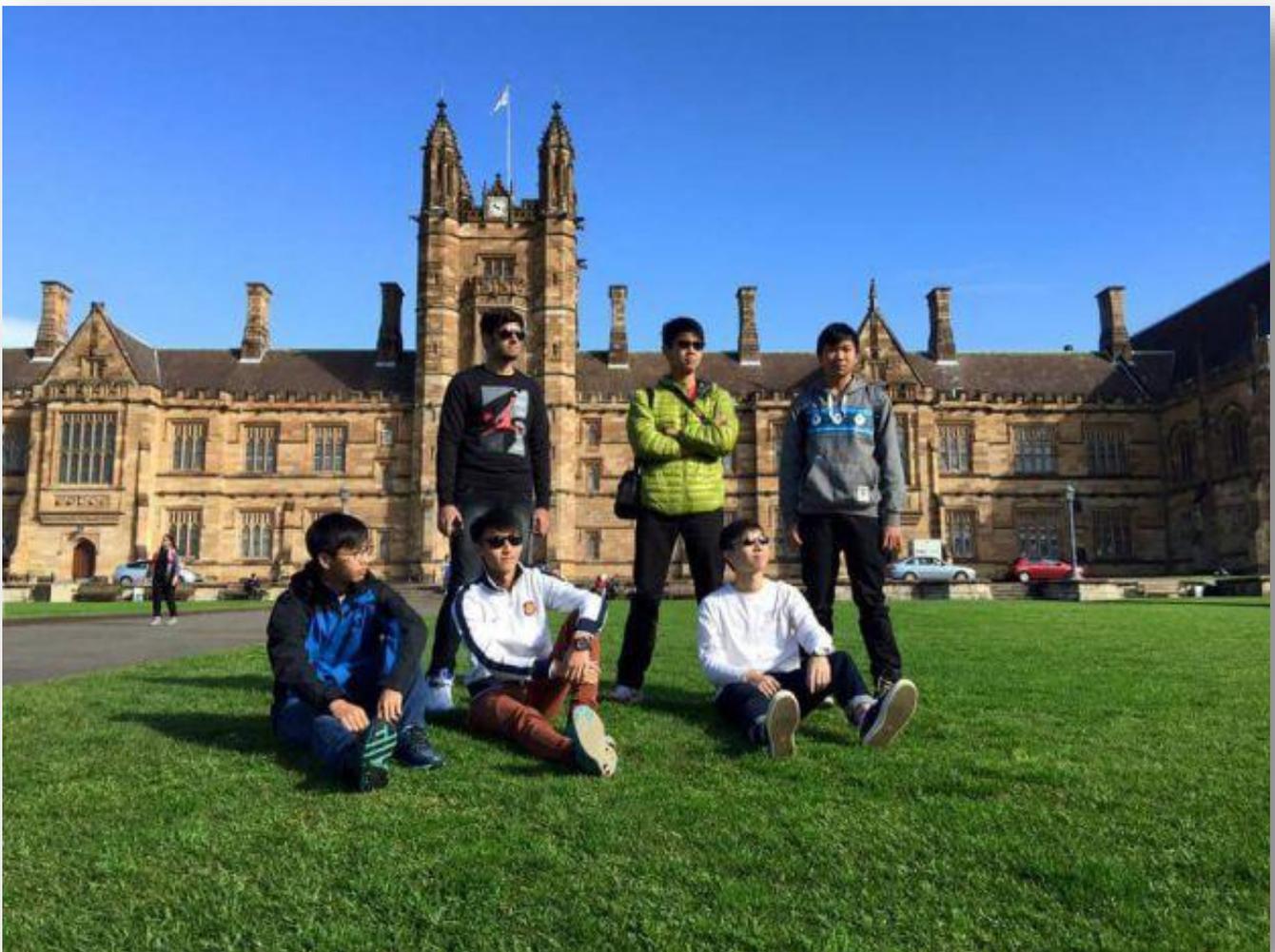
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A 15-day trip to Australia which was a once in a lifetime experience for me. I was delighted to be given this opportunity by our school to have a taste of what it is like to be a pilot with 20 other students from different schools across Hong Kong. And at the same time, sightseeing in Sydney which I admired a lot.



Before even being selected for the program, I had to go through a few interviews. This was to see if I am enthusiastic enough about being a pilot and the knowledge that I possess about the aviation industry is sufficient enough. Afterwards successfully being selected for the program, the school offered me a scholarship to pay off the fee of the program for me. This is noteworthy as the free of the program for every candidate taking part in this program was a lot. A huge burden was taken off me.



The first day of the trip was to the Australia's landmark, Sydney Opera House. It looked much better than I expected. The view from the Opera House was spectacular as the whole Sydney city could be seen from there. It was a beautiful scene. A week went past and another sightseeing trip took place. This time was the Blue Mountains and the Sydney Stadium. The Sydney Stadium, was the place that the Olympic and other major competitions took place. The stadium was gigantic. No wonder it could entertain thousands of spectators. Afterwards, we took a long drive to reach Blue Mountains. Once reaching there, we were dazzled by the scenery. We found out why this place was called the Blue Mountains. The mountains are originally green but from a distance it looked light blue. These were a few of the tourist attractions for Sydney which were worthwhile to visit.



Now for the main reason why this trip was held. Simply having to experience to fly an airplane for the very first time. There are no words to describe the feeling when sitting in a cockpit of a plane and having been given a chance to control it. Before this opportunity was given to us, all students had to take theory classes to learn the basics of flight controls and safety procedures. Afterwards, every student was given a chance to fly an airplane with a highly experienced flight instructor. Once in the sky, various tasks were given to us to do, which ranged from responding to the instructor's commands and simple manoeuvres. Various commands were given at the

same time to test the student's ability to do multi-tasking under pressure and skill. Later, the reward would be a legendary view of the iconic Sydney city from the sky. This was one of the best moments in the whole trip, which is worth remembering for my whole life.



At the end of the trip, I got to learn a lot more than I expected from this flying program. The program gave me a taste of how it would like to be a pilot in the near future and hopefully bring me closer to my dream career of being a pilot.

