

A Letter Of Advice

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Dear John,

Congratulations on getting offers from two universities. Wow, I'm so envious of you. Of course, with choice comes the difficult process of decision-making. Well, I think there are both benefits and disadvantages of studying in Hong Kong and studying overseas.

Needless to say, continuing your studies in your homeland, which you are so familiar with, has many advantages. When you encounter difficulties, or feel depressed, your family and friends, including me, of course, can immediately be there to offer our support and encouragement. Besides, the tuition fee and living expenses here are much lower, so you can save money for future use.

However, if you study in Hong Kong, there are also some disadvantages. You will miss the opportunity to experience life overseas. You might then feel bored and want a change. What's more, your friends might distract you from your studies, so you can't work hard. You should think about these situations very carefully.

Then, what do you think about studying overseas? You can experience a different culture which will be fun and interesting. You will see what another country has, which can broaden your horizons. You will have more exposure to another language and may learn it very quickly and well. Surely, you will make new friends there.

On the other hand, you can't ignore the disadvantages of studying overseas. You may experience culture shock and have trouble adapting to the school and the country. If you aren't good at its language, you will have difficulties. Obviously, as you live far away from your family, you will get less support from them.

I hope my advice helps.

Your friend,
Luke

Teacher's Feedback : You have briefly discussed the advantages and disadvantages of studying in Hong Kong and overseas. However, it would be better if you could state your own view at the end of the letter. (Miss Tse Kit Wan)

Food For Thought : Would you like to study abroad? What other benefits can you think of?

