

The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong  
Scotland – Hong Kong Exchange Program  
Trip Report

THANK GOD!! It's really excited to own this precious chance to travel in Scotland. As an international exchange ambassador, our aims are to bring the relation between BBHK and BBUK closer and continue the international Brigade development. All the memories in Scotland were fabulous. They were special and just like happening yesterday.

25 /7/2012

After a long period of waiting, the trip to Scotland had started on the twenty fifth of July. When we, Dorothy, Iain, Andrew and I, arrived Hong Kong International Airport, all of us changed our clothes immediately. Once we put on our exchange t-shirt, I was touched by this scene because there is a big meaning behind – the relation between BBHK and BB Scotland will become closer through this wonderful exchange program.



26/7/2012

After a long flight, we arrived Glasgow International Airport in the afternoon on the twenty sixth of July. The weather in Scotland was wonderful. We met John Neil O.B.E., the Brigade Honorary President in the airport. He brought us to the BB Scotland HQ,



the Carronvale House, which was a beautiful place with its own distinguishing features. The BBHQ in Scotland gave me a deep impression because it is a multiple purpose house. The aim of the house is very similar to our future new HQ complex for BBHK. I really hope BBHK can have such a big area for trainings, meetings and activities which can help to expand the development in

youth.

27/7/2012



A brand new day with beautiful sky started, we went to two different company's summer camp from Dundee and Edinburgh Battalion respectively. The camping style in BB Scotland is quite different from the one in Hong Kong. For Dundee 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> company summer camp, it lasts for 7

to 10 days. They had a mobile kitchen on tow cart which provided food for all campers during the summer camp. Also, their camps were very large in size which can accommodate up to 12 boys in one camp. Moreover, they prepared many challenges for boys to take. All these challenges gave opportunities for the boys to work as a team and compete with each other. It is beneficial to the boys to enhance and show their exceptional competence within peers. For the summer camp in Craggan outdoor center for the Edinburgh Battalion, it is a BB center provided indoor accommodation, indoor and outdoor activities and different kind of water sports for boys. I think it is quite well developed. When I related the situation back to the situation in HK, I strongly feel that BBHK should have a new HQ building. Almost all the uniform group in Hong Kong had their own massive HQ. For a better BB movement and development in HK, a new HQ seems to be a key milestone. Hope God can give us wisdom, so, we can find out the most suitable method to fund raise for our new BBHQ. :)



28/7/2012 – 3/8/2012

Starting from 28/7 to 3/8, the KGV Youth Leadership Training course began. In the KGV course, the atmosphere is really good. All of us were very eager to learn and try. We discussed many topics, for example, BB issues, Christian faith and public issues,



with each other actively during the whole course. I learnt a lot throughout the training course. We have practical program planning, team building and leadership training. Also, I know more about the badge system in BBUK and the present situation of Boys' Brigade in Scotland. The badge system is well organized and all-rounded. It provides more time for boys to get the highest achievement – the Queen's Badge. In KGV, I met a lot of new friends. We learnt together, played together and shared together. It was wonderful and happy to be with them during the whole week. I really enjoyed the evening praise very much. We sang many interesting songs to praise God together. We built up the spirit very quickly. I loved the united and happy atmosphere in the camp. Hope we can meet up next year in KGV and keep our friendship forever. I miss you all!



4/8/2012 – 8/8/2012



After KGV, we travelled three important cities in Scotland – Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh. We went to many landmarks in these three big cities. For example, the Law, the RRS Discovery and the Corrie Fee in Dundee; the Palace of Holyroodhouse complex, the Parliament, the Royal Mile and the Edinburgh Castle in Edinburgh; the first Glasgow company, those places related to BB founder, the Headquarter of Glasgow battalion, the Piping Live in George Square and the National Piping Center in Glasgow. No matter where we travelled, the natural environment, historical buildings or modern cities, the whole journey and every place we travelled are very



impressive. The whole journey in Glasgow and Edinburgh, we have two senior tour guides, John and Bill, to lead us to walk around in Edinburgh and Glasgow. It's really a precious experience. The sightseeing parts greatly broaden my horizons. I know more about the history of Scotland, the establishment and development of Boys' Brigade in Scotland. All those things in Scotland are really wonderful. I won't forget all the things I experienced, the people I met and the places I visited in Scotland. Hopefully, Dorothy and I can go back to Scotland to continue our KGVI year 2 and continue the relationship between BBHK and BBUK. Thanks everyone for their arrangement and cooperation to make this international exchange event come true.