

It's so much more than a band trip.

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On 2010-Mar-29th to Apr 5th, I have spent a short slice of my life in our school senior concert band's trip to Cuba, which is undoubtedly become an unforgettable experience among all band members. Personally, to be honest, before going to the trip, all my images about Cuba are negative and dull, and now I'm terribly sorry for having these thoughts before. On the contrary, the Cubans teach me what is actually important in our lives and give me a totally new ^{understanding} ~~perspective~~ of 'having fun'. Frankly speaking, we are living in a richer world than them, we have more things to use, to consume and to waste. We have seldomly think about how lucky we are and treasure things we are having. Although it is kind of cliché, but it is utterly true that poor people know ^{more} how to pay respect to stuff than us. I saw they ~~use~~ used cans to make a toy camera, dried fruits to make an instrument and repaired motor which is 40-year-old. These things in our society are totally refuse, but to them, they use their creativity to make garbage into useful things. They value all the things they owned and are living a non-materialistic world. I can still remember the smile on a trombonist called Charlie when he received the trombone that one of our students donated. It was so bright that everyone will cheer for him and made us believe that it is ~~the~~ one of the best presents in his lifetime. Besides, after playing music with Cuban musicians, I had a feeling that in the past, I was not 'playing' music, instead, I was just making a sound with my instrument. The way they play music is so lively that I can feel the passion and the enthusiasm from the notes. Now, I think that music, is not just an international language, but also a bridge which allows us to build connections with people. Moreover, the trip also allows ^{students} ~~us~~ to know each other and be as one. For me, I am a new student at Burnaby North and I'm new in Canada. I think that the trip gives me many opportunities for either me

~~me~~ myself and other students ~~to~~ ^{and} understand each other and become more and more cohesive.

However, I hope that next time we can have more time to spend with musicians in these. Although I know that it is hard to adjust a right time to do that, but still, I want to learn more from them, ~~either~~ be it musical or spiritual.

On the other hand, I hope that there are more chances for group activities between band members. I think most of our members would agree to this. As we are playing as a team, we undoubtedly want to strengthen the bond between members and members. In my point of view, the more closer we are bonded, the larger incentive we want to play and be part of the band. Therefore, I think it would be great if there are some 'game nights', not dance, but really games.

Nevertheless, I want to express ^{my gratitude for} the concert effort made by ~~between~~ Mr Wenzel, Miss Davies, the parents and all band members which make the trip possible. The trip gives me many inspirational moments and it ~~marks~~ will forever mark on the sand of time.