

International Students Exchange Session

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For Global Reach!

Welcome to ISE Session!





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Dave Scott, Alexandre Caron and Rachel Baker**
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MIE's Vision of ISE

Foster and Encourage Personal Renewal by:

- Developing the skills necessary to integrate and fit in new environments, and being attentive, respectful and appreciative of others
- Embracing and respecting the diversity of other cultures, respecting their common values and traditions,
- Facilitating global educational, research and professional experience, and
- Developing greater personal independence and confidence in managing own affairs.

Why You Should Study Abroad?

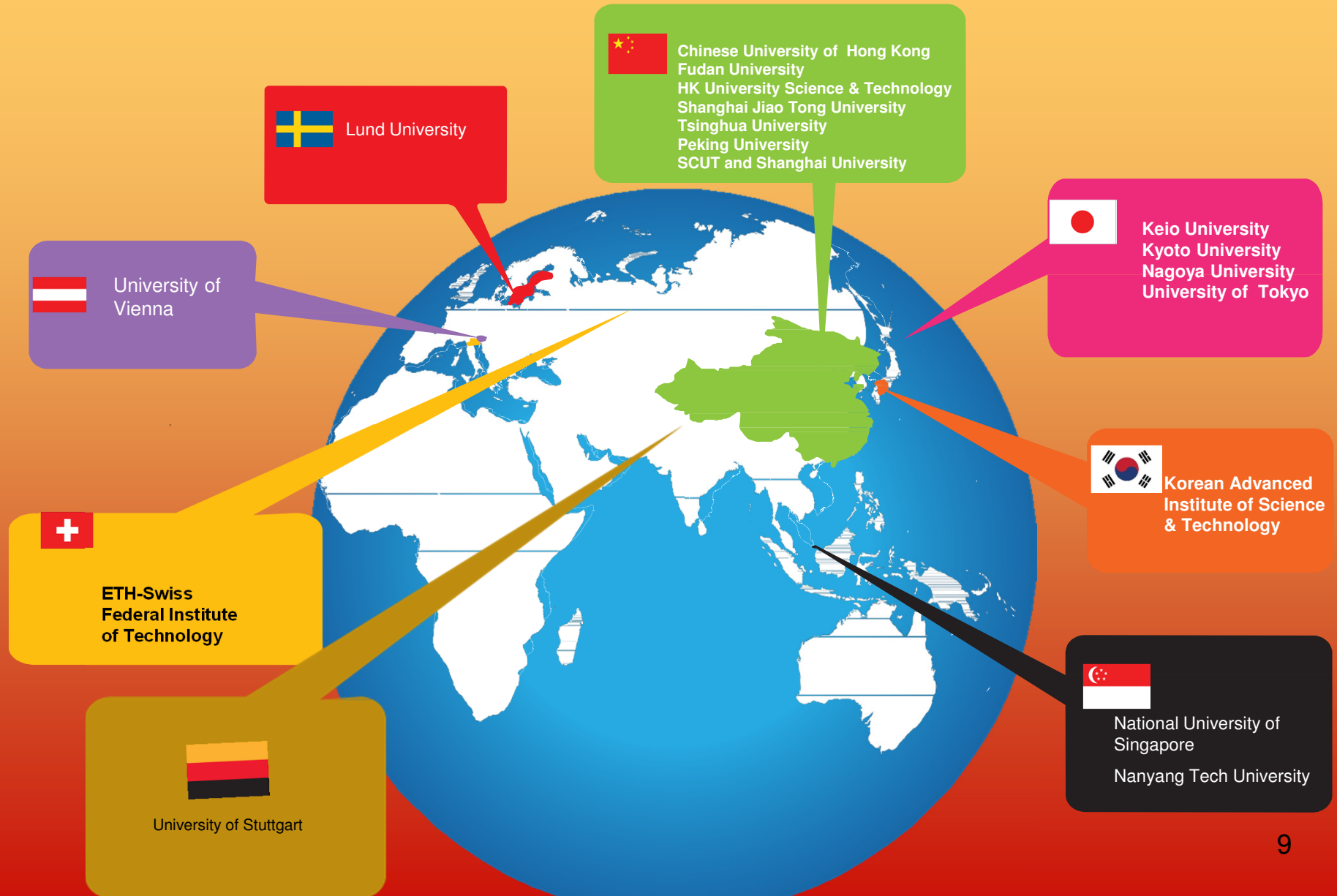
- **It is not about achieving high grades.**
- **It is about:**
 - **Fitting in a new teaching environment.**
 - **Joining a new culture.**
 - **Making new friends.**
 - **Embracing the diversity experienced in your newly adopted society.**
 - **Respecting its values and traditions.**
 - **Tolerance and acceptance of any perceived unusual social/religious customs/practices.**

Personal Renewal!

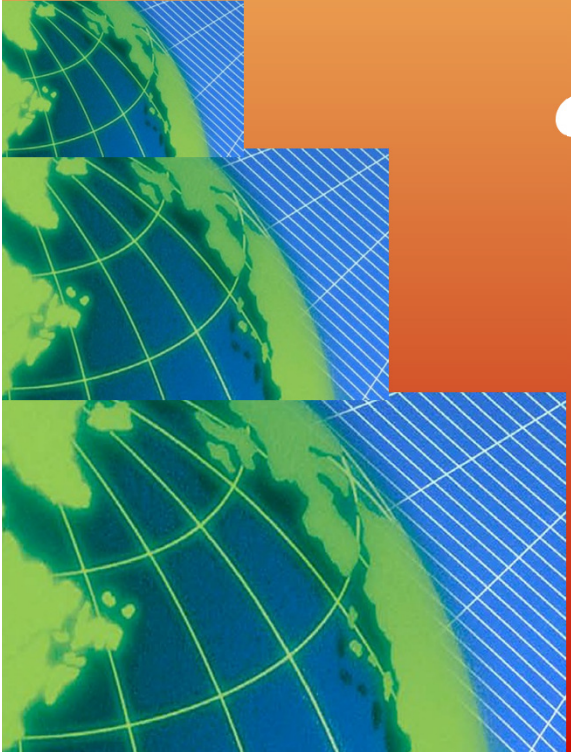
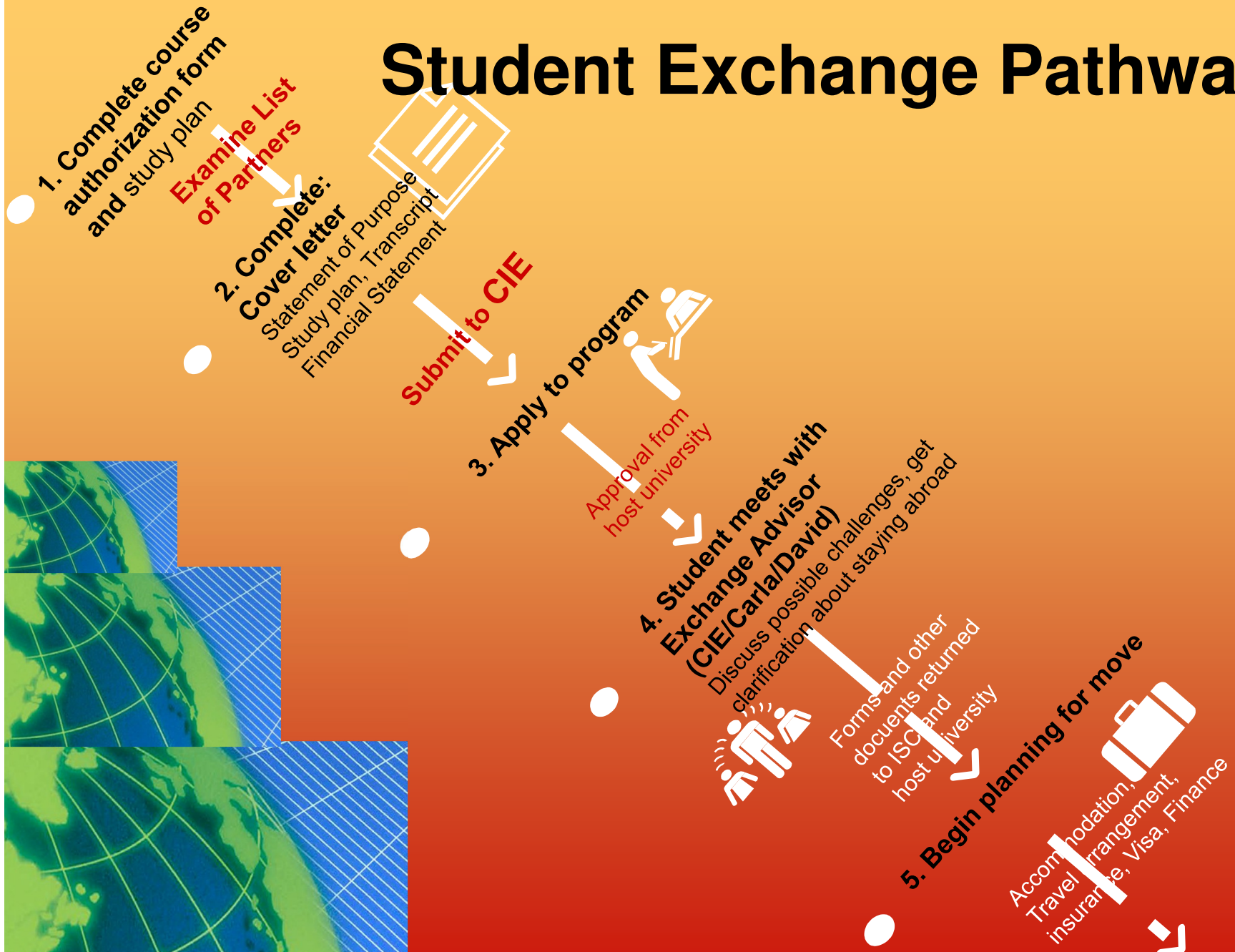
Impact of Studying Abroad

- Facilitate daily contact with the natives.
- Helps you to develop the skills to integrate and fit in a new environment.
- Helps you to embrace and respect the diversity of your newly adopted culture.
- Respecting its common values and traditions
- Develop the skills for small talk to help you develop new friendships.
- Manage your finances and time.
- Develop the skills for conflict resolution.

Current MIE Partner Universities



Student Exchange Pathway



Forms to be Completed

- **Course Authorization Form for Engineering Students**
- **Study Plan for Degree Completion upon Return from Exchange Form**
- **MIE International Exchange Scholarship Application**

ISE Requirements

- Satisfy host and home institutions' requirements.
- Satisfy host country entry requirements.
- When applying for a student visa, a **number of countries** may demand documentary proof of your **financial status and health insurance as well as medical examination.**
- When approving a student's application for exchange, consideration is also given to his/her character and ability to be a good ambassador for MIE/UofT.
- MIE/UofT will help you with the mapping of your courses.
- MIE will help you to ensure that you complete your degree on time.

Mapping of Courses

- **Selection of equivalent courses is carried out by the student in collaboration with UGC.**
- **Equivalence of syllabi of overseas courses and MIE courses in terms of content, contact hours and assessment is necessary.**
- **MIE has a list of approved courses delivered by our partner universities.**
- **Design courses are tricky because they should be taught by PEng.**

Cost of Studying Abroad?



<https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/how-much-does-it-cost-to-study-abroad>

Cost of Studying Abroad!

Is it costly to study abroad?

It is more costly NOT to study abroad

Examples of Cost of Studying Abroad

EXPENSE	ESTIMATED COST
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8 - inexpensive meal (fast food) • \$15.50 - pub/ restaurant meal • \$67 - average weekly grocery bill
Monthly rent	\$850 - \$1,000
Utilities	About \$80 per month
Cell phone	About \$30 per month
Local transportation	Monthly pass: \$60
Personal expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair of Jeans: \$80 • 0.5L of beer: \$5 • Cappuccino: \$4 • Movie ticket: \$12
Total	Expect to spend about \$6,200 - 7,000 for one semester in England after airfare and program fees.

Italy

EXPENSE	ESTIMATED COST
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 - inexpensive meal (pizza) • \$56 - date at a mid-range restaurant • \$50 - average weekly grocery bill
Monthly rent	\$450 - \$1,200 for a room in an apartment.
Utilities	\$140 - \$170 per month
Cell phone	About \$17 / month
Local transportation	Monthly Pass: \$43
Personal expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair of Jeans: \$92 • Beer at a pub: \$4.50 (hint: wine is cheaper) • Cappuccino: \$1.50 • Movie ticket: \$10 • Play: \$35
Total	Depending on how much you spend on travel and personal expenses, budget around \$4,500 on the low end to up to \$7,000 on the high end for a semester in Italy.

France

EXPENSE	ESTIMATED COST
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3 - inexpensive meal • \$19 - date at a mid-range restaurant • \$44 - average weekly grocery bill
Monthly rent	\$306 - \$540 for a one-bedroom apartment
Utilities	About \$53 per month
Cell phone	About \$20 per month
Local transportation	Monthly pass: about \$16
Personal expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair of Jeans: \$91 • 0.5L of domestic beer: \$.75 (about \$2 for imported) • Cappuccino: \$4 • Movie ticket: \$11
Total	Expect to spend about \$2,200 - 3,200 for one semester in China after airfare and program fees.

China

EXPENSE	ESTIMATED COST
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$14 - inexpensive meal • \$63 - date at a mid-range restaurant • \$63 - average weekly grocery bill
Monthly rent	\$942 - \$1,311
Utilities	About \$165 per month
Cell phone	About \$45 per month
Local transportation	Monthly pass about \$100
Personal expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair of Jeans: \$100 • 0.5L of domestic beer: \$5 • Cappuccino: \$3 • Movie ticket: \$14
Total	Expect to spend about \$6,000 - 7,500 for one semester in Australia after airfare and program fees.

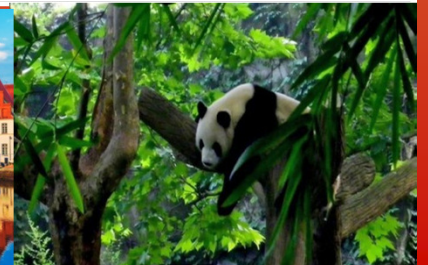
Australia

EXPENSE	ESTIMATED COST
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7 - inexpensive meal • \$33 - date at a mid-range restaurant • \$114 - average weekly grocery bill
Monthly rent	\$420 - \$710 for a one-bedroom apartment
Utilities	About \$173 per month
Cell phone	About \$40 per month
Local transportation	Monthly pass: about \$79
Personal expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair of Jeans: \$66 • 0.5L of domestic beer: \$2 • Cappuccino: \$3 • Movie ticket: \$15
Total	Expect to spend about \$4,700 - 6,000 for one semester in Japan after airfare and program fees.

Japan

EXPENSE	ESTIMATED COST
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$9 - inexpensive meal • \$45 - date at a mid-range restaurant • \$46 - average weekly grocery bill
Monthly rent	\$260 (dorm) - \$630 per month for a dorm or bedroom in a shared apartment.
Utilities	About \$0 - \$238 per month (dorms and many apartments have utilities included)
Cell phone	About \$11 per month
Local transportation	Monthly pass: about \$72
Personal expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair of Jeans: \$86 • 0.5L of domestic beer: \$1 • Cappuccino: \$3 • Movie ticket: \$11
Total	Expect to spend about \$3,800 - 4,500 for one semester in Germany after airfare and program fees.

Germany



Financial Planning

- **Plan Ahead.**
- **Know your Resources.**
- **Budget Wisely and Stick to it!**
- **Research all your costs (including currency exchange).**



Cutting the Cost of Studying Abroad

1. Rethink How You Book Flights

Airfare prices become very expensive as flight dates approach, yet students habitually reserve flights close to departure.

2. Leave Your Old Credit Card At Home

Most credit cards will charge customers a foreign exchange fee (1-3%) on every transaction overseas. If you plan to live in a foreign country for 6 months, this expense can become very substantial.

3. Get International Student Status

Full-time student should get another piece of plastic called. “International Student Identity Card” issued in over 130 countries, gives cardholders discounts on any product, and services.

4. Apply For Funding

With thousands of international and domestic organizations dedicated to funding student travel, every student can find a scholarship, loan, grant or fellowship relevant to their needs.

MIE Scholarship Awards

- **This annual international exchange scholarship is open for undergraduate students from MIE.**
- **Applicant must enjoys good academic standing.**
- **The scholarship is for up to \$2,000 maximum, and is for one time only. Typically, \$1,500 for one semester and \$2,000 or two.**
- **Interested applicants must complete a scholarship application - together with a letter of approval from the host institute with a detailed program of studies - showing the need for the funds.**

Myth Buster!

- **Delay my graduation.**
- **Financial difficulties.**
- **Communication problems.**
- **So many unknowns.**

- **What will I gain?**
- **What if I fail?**
- **How about my job opportunities?**

Definitely, Not- But!

Yes, if you do not plan.

Attend language classes.

You are an

Engineering Student!

Personal Renewal!

Do Not Come Back!

Truly, Much Greater.

I'm Lost!

Where do I get helpful information?

- 1. MIE's website.**

<http://www.mie.utoronto.ca/undergrad/exchange/>

- 1. Carla, MIE's Undergraduate Office.**

- 2. David, Undergrad and Postgrad Coordinator**

- 3. Centre for International Exchange.**

- 4. Past Exchange Students.**

- 5. Exchange_Officer@mie.utoronto.ca**

Wonderful World: Charm and Beauty!



Conclusions

- **We hope that you will put some thoughts into what I have shared with you today,**
- **Advance your education by studying in an environment entirely different from your current environment outside your comfort zone,**
- **Gain truly meaningful cultural and linguistic knowledge, learn a great deal about yourself and gain confidence, knowledge and wisdom, and**
- **Forge further international goodwill among human beings.**

THANK YOU!