

“MANY CHINESE PEOPLE STUDY IN THE USA OR IN ENGLAND, BUT I HAVE DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENT!”



AN ASSET FOR THE FUTURE

Liu Yun, Lisa, is a 20-year old second-year student in the International Business Marketing and Logistics programme in Rauma. Like many Chinese people, she had planned to do her bachelor's degree in China and then go abroad for the master's degree.

“I decided to study in Finland when a friend of my mother, a professor in a Finnish University, told me and my parents about the good quality of Finnish education”, she explains. “I knew almost nothing about Finland”, she admits, “only Nokia and that Finland is a safe Nordic country, maybe the safest country in the world. I knew I was interested in logistics, so I looked at the possibilities and chose SAMK”.

IBML HAS BEEN A GOOD CHOICE

After living in Rauma for almost two years, Lisa is happy that she chose to study abroad. There are students from Europe, Asia, Africa and Russia in her class, and also tens of international exchange students every year.

“I like the studies”, Lisa says. “We do a lot of teamwork, which is a very efficient way of studying. We hardly ever just sit and listen in the classes. We all have our accents and English is

a foreign language to us all, so sometimes you really need to struggle to understand others and to have people understand you”, she laughs.

INTERNATIONAL PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Lisa has somewhat clear plans for the future. She wants to continue her studies and living abroad but would like to eventually move back to China to work.

“I don't know if I will stay in Finland after graduating”, she says. “I would prefer to stay abroad but I think it would be hard to find a job in Finland, especially since I don't speak Finnish. I have taken some courses and the language is not too difficult”, she laughs. “It is just that people in Rauma and in Finland in general speak such good English that you survive perfectly here without speaking the local language”.

Whether she stays in Finland or not, she is sure a degree from SAMK will be an asset to her in the future. “I have learned professional skills, improved my English, learned how to live in a foreign country and how to work on an international team - all that while getting a bachelor's degree”, she concludes.