BACKGROUND

In 2006, 40 McGill undergrads and MBAs spent a day with Warren Buffet in Omaha, Nebraska. On the return flight, we wondered, “How do you top spending a day with the second richest person in the world?” Bill Gates wasn’t available... thus, we came up with the Hot Cities of the World Tour: Taking the Future to The Future.

The Desautels Faculty of Management, always a trendsetter in novel and inventive teaching practices, thoroughly believes in giving its students the opportunity to better understand where the global economy is headed. How is this done? By giving them the opportunity to travel to far flung parts of the world to meet with CEOs and other senior executives, government agencies, and professionals closer to their own age from leading multinationals and local firms. They also get the opportunity to connect with local alumni, as well as delve into local culture and customs.

THE TAKE-AWAYS

Over the years, reflections from each participant have shown us that each student extracts a number of different elements from their trip. However, the one unquestionable common factor is that each student leaves with a unique, one-in-a-lifetime learning experience. If you ask the students themselves, their answers say it all...

“India was by no means a “vacation”, but I would prefer no other trip. I was able to experience the food, culture, and religion firsthand, all while developing an understanding of how they intertwine in the business world. From finding new friends, to learning life lessons, India lasted a lifetime and has reshaped and solidified my view on every aspect of the world. Experiencing life outside your comfort zone is the best way to grow.”

– Alexandre Mallory, B.Com.

WHEN

Depart Montreal, Thursday, February 28th and return Monday, March 11th. Planned flights:

Feb 28 AC05 11:30 (YUL to NRT)
March 5 NH807 17:20 (NRT to BKK)
March 8 PG277 17:25 (BKK to HKT)
March 10 KA265 18:55 (HKT to HKG)
March 11 AC16 15:30 (HKG to YYZ)
March 11 AC428 21:30 (YYZ to YUL)

COST

We are planning on $4,000 or less for flights, hotels (double occupancy), transport, admission to museums, et al, and all but a few meals. Last year eighteen of the thirty undergraduate students received funding from Desautels, McGill, or provincially.

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