

Experience report on the excursion to the VGU in HCMC

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Last Thursday we, Class 11, together with classes 8, 9, and 10 took part in the visit to the "Vietnamese-German-University" in Binh Duong. At 8:00 a.m. it was time to leave the premises of the IGS. Some of us even had to get up a little earlier than usual for this. Unfortunately, the university is not necessarily nearby. Therefore, about 2 hours travel time had to be planned, which we shortened with online soccer, but also with word games.

When we arrived we were given a 20 minute introductory presentation. Here we learned a few points about university life, such as the courses offered, partner universities in Germany, etc. I found it interesting, as did many others, how large the area is overall (approx. 50 hectares!). I myself found the possible courses of study rather less exciting. Because they leave me with few options for studying in my hometown. After this introduction, we were able to take part in a real lecture in the Electrical Engineering Department. This was great! Because I was not only able to fully understand the content, the lecturer also played a humorous song about the "tough" life of an engineer for relaxation.

We were then divided into different groups. I went to "Technology and Communication" with friends. Although it wasn't quite what I was interested in, at least we had some fun connecting various computers with various cables and were amazed that nothing exploded. Then it was lunchtime and everyone was accordingly hungry. We went to the canteen with normal students.

After dinner, I was in a group where I learned a great deal about appropriate computer science reading. Although I'm not particularly interested in programming and coding myself, time just flew by. In later conversations, I learned from my classmates that the university library, for example, is a highlight. There, automated machines ensure that the books are sorted independently. Most of the IGS students also thought it was great that we could talk to the students as a matter of course and learn from their wealth of experience.

Our time on the university campus passed very quickly and we took the buses back home. An overall very interesting day was coming to an end and we were all able to get a small but good impression of future student life.

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