



## **Exploring The Beauty of Israel**

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This was my first visit to Israel and I was extremely attracted to the beauty, creativity and diversity of the country. Throughout the 8-day study trip, we visited various places including University of Haifa, The Hebrew University of Jersualem and Yad Vashem. When going through the history in the long dark tunnel in Yad Vashem, I saw people rebuilding the wonderful Israel which has become the spotlight of world.

## Harmony, Peace and Diversity of Israel

Here, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs for giving us an introduction of the complexities of the religions in Israel. I am proud of the diversity experienced in this place where everyone respects every religion. It enables people to choose their own beliefs without constraints, and to preserve their living styles and cultures. In particular, Jerusalem is a holy place for different religions but Israelis can still embrace others which makes Israel a place with harmony, peace and diversity.

## **Putting Thoughts into Actions**

Although Israel is a young country, I am really amazed by its innovation and determination. Israelis are good at putting thoughts into actions. It may be the successful key for so many brilliant startups and for NGOs creating changes in Israel and around the world. Besides, I was inspired by the Hand-in-Hand, Centre for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel, which provided bilingual education for the Arab and the Jews. It created a great platform for children of different races to build trust and mutual understanding, as well as improving racial integration in the society. I sincerely hope that the Israeli Government can provide more support to these NGOs and startups so that their actions can make a bigger influence in the world.

It is certainly my great pleasure to explore the beauty of Israel, and I hope that there will be more chances for Hong Kong students and Israelis to exchange their ideas on diversity and strengths of Israel.