



HARMONY AMONG DIVERSITIES

A Rewarding Experience in Student Halls @ HKUST

“Culture” derives from the Latin verb *colere*, which means to “cultivate”, as associated with tilling soil for harvesting a rich produce, or breeding of a particular crop or bacteria.



Values, beliefs and behaviors are cultivated through learning and experiences, and the cultures formed could be as diverse as people’s personalities. While hall cultures are developed among hall residents through their living and sharing together, international and local students alike also bring along the unique characteristics of their country cultures. What is the hall culture of your student hall? What are the country cultures of your hall mates from different parts of the world? You’ll find these out through observing, communicating, sharing and involving in hall life.

**Hall Culture
MEETS
Country Culture**



MAGIC FORMULA

- ★ show respect for others
- ★ be considerate and sensible
- ★ be open-minded
- ★ avoid labeling the others as unfriendly or discriminating

Try this special formula that we recommend to all hall residents



The experience of local and international students living together in a student hall is exciting and challenging. It is joyful and rewarding when you live with others in diversity and yet harmony. However, difficult situations may arise from discrepancies in expectations of hall life, maladjustments of life styles, misunderstanding and conflicts over noise, unwelcomed visitors etc. It may be unpleasant and sometimes painful to face these situations.

★ **Use this magic formula for a happy and enriching hall life!**

Seek help and support when needed from your hall warden, tutors, hall manager, or the **Student Housing Office** (tel: 2358 6664, email: shoug@ust.hk or shopg@ust.hk).

