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ZŠ Čelákovice J.A.Komenského 414 The Czech Republic

Good day,

I would like to extend my wholehearted gratitude for hosting the AIESEC team in Čelákovice. I can say with complete transparency that the time I spent in this beautiful, quaint city was my most memorable experience in Czech Republic. Interacting with the students was an enlightening and enriching experience; I truly felt like I made a difference in the lives of the school children.

Having spent my entire life in Canada, it was refreshing to speak to and learn from the students at ZŠ Čelákovice. Their active engagement and interest in this program greatly enriched the experience. There was never a dull moment during my week stay in Čelákovice; in fact, I returned to spend the weekend with my host family.

Our welcome meeting with Mr. Pátek and his deputy Mr. Studnička at the townhall was especially remarkable. To be welcomed to the city in this fashion was heartwarming and it made me feel a part of your community.

This experience gave me the opportunity to not only enlighten the leaders of tomorrow on global citizenship and global issues, but it also strengthened my capacity to develop relationships with those from different functional, political, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. I'm sure the same can be said for the students at ZŠ Čelákovice.

I would like to summarize my experiences in Čelákovice as unforgettable and life changing. I left your city a different person. I formed relationships with students that I will continue to develop; they are all eager to practice their English. I believe there is a lot we can learn from each other and this program facilitates the exchange of ideas and viewpoints that transcend language barriers.

Hopefully our paths will cross again, and I truly believe that another experience like this one will assist in cultivating a deeper understanding of global citizenship and global issues in the students at ZŠ Čelákovice.

Sincerely,

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Dear Vilma,

I 'm so glad I was a part of Project Edison that happened in the end of February 2018 at the ZS Čelákovice.

I'd like to begin by thanking the school for arranging this Project, all the teachers for their help and support, the students for showering so much respect and love, and finally to you for coordinating the program so effortlessly and taking care of us exchange participants so well during the Project. We never missed home here.

I would say that it was really a fun week more so because the students were really enthusiastic, cooperative and very keen to know about our cultures and the country that we came from. Them being keen and patient listeners made our task easier.

I really appreciate that the city mayor Mr. Pátek and his deputy Mr. Studnička welcomed us to Čelákovice in the townhall, in spite of having busy schedules. It was a good time we spent with them.

I hope that the school gets more chances to undertake Project Edison in future since I see so much benefit for the students in terms of learning they have from this. I hope I come to Čelákovice sometime and collaborate with the school and kids once again.

Thank you.

Lots of love, Ashish