

Placement at GEA Happel Netherlands Juli 2006

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At the beginning of the second semester in the 4th grade my teacher Prof. DI Dr. Heinz Schmid asked me, if I was interested in a placement at GEA Happel



Netherlands, which is located in Rotterdam. I quickly decided to make use of this offer and contacted Prof. Mag. Anton Pixner. Together we contacted GEA Happel Klimatechnik in Gaspoltshofen the first time. Miss Petra Maringer was my contact person there and

she arranged my stay in the Netherlands. My Dutch contacts were Miss Elles Van de Ruit and Aart Jan Mels. On this way I want to thank these four persons who organized this trip for me.

On Saturday the 1st of July I travelled to Rotterdam. A colleague from GEA Happel picked me up at the train station and brought me to dormitory.

The accommodation was very central and comfortable and the view from the deck was marvellous.



View from the deck

GEA Happel Netherlands is a subsidiary company of the Austrian company GEA Happel Klimatechnik. In the Dutch office there are about 55 employees who work in marketing, service and assembling. Their main job is to service the climate control- and air conditioning units of Dutch customers. Most of the time I had to do service jobs, but there was also some assembling work for me to do.

Usually I started to work at 6:30 AM. A service engineer picked me up from my dormitory and then we travelled through the country to visit customers. We solved different problems, did commissioning and rebuilt devices. I worked in very interesting places, like a harbour control centre in Lelystad, two military bases, different indoor swimming pools, diverse shops, a school, a hospital and last but not least in an office building in Venlo. Most of the time I had to do electrical and technical work, I had to change some broken-down servo motors and to install several new matrix-controllers in air conditioning units.



Most of my leisure time I spent on the beautiful deck, but I also went around on a bike I had bought for very little money. In the evenings I often went to the centre. There were some nice places to go out and have fun. It was a pity that beverages and food are more expensive than in Austria. A steak, for example, costs about €17,-- and a small bier €2,--. On the weekends I also visited Amsterdam, Den Haag and Scheveningen, which is the most beautiful beach of the Netherlands.

In conclusion I want to say that I really enjoyed this month in Rotterdam and that because of the perfect assistance from all people who were involved this was an unforgettable experience for me.



Scheveningen Beach