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姐妹校國際交換交流學生心得報告  
International Inbound Exchange Student Report

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I have been in NDHU for one year, and my general evaluation and feeling of been here has been very positive.

### **Volunteers**

Taking into account that I came alone to Taiwan, for me it was very helpful to have some Taiwanese volunteers that could help me to do all the process of signing up in the university because it would have been impossible without them, even though the process is very well explained and they give you very clear steps to follow the process. I was so happy that the relationship of the volunteers and I didn't finished after they did their job, we still meet each other and do different plans.

### **Department and courses**

In my department (MSF) the girl that is helping to the international students to fill everything correctly is very kind, she helped me with all the process that I need to go thought in order to select the courses and know how everything works. I really like the variety of English classes you have for international (and also Taiwanese) students, because we have many different option to choose. I really liked the courses I took during both semesters and I'm very happy with the teachers and classmates I had.

### **Bicycle**

It is very convenient the opportunity of renting bikes inside the university because without a bike is very hard to move in the university. So instead of buying one it's a good idea to have the chance for those that want to have a way of moving on the university to have this possibility of renting a bike.

### **Campus**

Really beautiful campus with so many different options to do and to enjoy with your friends. Many different sports places to play basketball, volleyball, soccer... without need to pay, so I think is a good

way to encourage people to do sport and enjoy and have fun with their friends.

Regarding the restaurant, I had many times lunch in Lakeside restaurant or the one in the library and I think both are very convenient and with many different choices to choose.

### **Library**

Whenever I needed to study I've been to the library and the installations are great, so many different spaces depending on what you need to do (read a magazine, study, quiet area...) that makes very efficient library and I really like it. I've just been once in those discussion rooms but I think they are very well prepared; you have all the material you need to have discussion in those rooms.

### **Dormitory**

Regarding the dormitory, I've been living there both semesters and I've been very comfortable. It is true as we are divided in dormitories because of your study year, sometimes is hard to find international people to be with, or even Taiwanese people that are able to talk in English. In my case, I've been with Taiwanese students that don't know much English, so we didn't communicate each other much. I just want to highlight that in the dormitories it would be important that the notifications that say from the speaker would be in English and in Chinese, not just in Chinese; at least in my dormitory (number 6) they only said it in Chinese.

### **Chinese classes**

I think that is a good idea to be compulsory for those international students that come to Taiwan to study. I am very interested in Chinese and I really enjoyed the Chinese course and learned a lot. However, I also think that there were too many people in each class, so because of the way it is taught this course, sometime is a bit boring and hard to follow the class because there is too many people. But apart from that, I enjoyed a lot.

### **General evaluation**

For myself this experience has been very positive, but I also need to say very shocking at the beginning. It was hard for me to get used to this lifestyle, because it is very different to where I come from (Spain), but I am so happy I had the possibility to experience it, and I really like it so much.

I feel very comfortable in the university, everybody was always ready to help me even if they didn't know me at all, and that's something I am very glad of.

I'm so happy that I meet a lot of local students, but also so many international students. I think sometimes because of how we are distributed in dormitories it's hard to meet each other,, so my suggestion is that whenever each semester starts, it would be a good idea to do an international dinner in order to be able to meet each other.

I taking into account that this university is very big and it has many students, it would be a good idea to make different activities but in English, that international people and local people could join. Because most of the activities are suggested are in Chinese, so one of the reasons not to join in my case was the lack of knowledge of Chinese, so I couldn't enjoy as much as I would like to.

I just want to say thank you to everybody that makes to us, international people, feel comfortable here and our stay to be pleasant and easy, because I know there is a lot of work behind this. I really enjoyed this experience, I really liked this university and everyone who I met during this year, it has been amazing.