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International Inbound Exchange Student Report

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I came Dong Hwa University as the first student from Saga university. Before I came to here, in fact, I was full of anxiety without any family and friends. I have spent time here almost a year, I figure it now that my choice was right. I had precious experiences here, at Dong Hwa university.

First, I could make friends not only with Taiwanese and foreigners coming from many places. I met many people I had never met before. Even if a student who cannot speak Chinese well comes to here, I assume he/she can make friends.

About classes, Dong Hwa has all-taught in Chinese courses and all- taught in English courses. I took English courses such as Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Investment, Global Change and Sustainable Development and et... Every classes teachers are nice for everyone and teach us carefully when we have some questions. I major in Economy in my home university, basically I took economy classes. For each class, I learned something new from different perspective with Japan. In the classes, I achieved one of my objects learning about Taiwanese companies. Teachers also used Japanese companies as examples, it worked to deepen my understanding about both Taiwanese companies and Japanese companies. What is more, we have many international students from the world, I also could learn about not only Asian situation, but also other countries such as African countries. Plus, the style having discussions and presentations were interested for me. Because in Japan, basically, we do not have those. So those experiences were the almost first time for me to do during university classes. In Japanese universities, we just take lectures and almost never opportunities to discuss with other teachers. I have never asked some questions from professors during classes. During the time at Dong Hwa university, I learned how important to be aggressive. For the first, I was struggled to mention about my opinion, however, I could have been confident through classes. Those are one of my biggest growths during my university life in Taiwan. I really appreciate all my teachers and professors who did best for me.

For not my major fields, I took Chinese learning classes and Global Change and Sustainable Development class. For Chinese classes, I started from fundamental class. We learned how to pronounce pin-yin, easy words and how to communicate in Chinese. The teacher, 傅老師 has passion for the class, sometimes taught us with unique Chinese jokes. I was happy to attend the class everyday with other classmates every

week. He gave us time to pronounce each by each, he corrected our pronunciation and words softly. If I did not have that class, I could not improve my Chinese. I also applied to get my language partner who became my best friend later. I had time for two hours or more for chatting in Chinese with her every week. She could not speak English well, but we enjoyed the time. Japanese have an advantage that we can write down Chinese characters, but pronunciation is always so far from correct Chinese. She always tried to understand what I try to say, corrected my worst pronunciation. I could feel my Chinese has improved every week. For foreign students who have curious for learning Chinese, I recommend apply for language partner. For the last semester, I took Chinese Level 2 under 楊老師. The class was pretty much difficult compared with fundamental Chinese. We have conversations, listening and writing. Teacher used Chinese to teach us Chinese. He used easy words to explain words meaning and grammar, I enjoyed the class too. I totally had not studied Chinese before I came to Dong Hwa, a year is enough time to preparation for start learning Chinese. Plus, there were few Japanese at Dong Hwa and Hualien, that environment also worked well to learn Chinese. I always hang out with Taiwanese and Chinese. There are many Japanese in Taiwan, Dong Hwa the situation was different, I could absorb language with cultures. I love the part! Dong Hwa university has several Japanese classes, I could also make friends who has interesting for Japanese. I appreciate 蔡老師 who kindly accepted me to attend the class. Before I came to Taiwan, my opportunities were not studying Chinese. However, I decided I keep studying Chinese after I back to Japan.

What was biggest, I could learn my curious; Global Change. For the first semester, I noticed Taiwanese has noticed and cared environment more than we do. I got new knowledges that Taiwanese do not give bags for free based on Taiwanese regulation, Taiwanese can purchase iron straws and chopsticks not to emit waste, Taiwanese has much more eco-friend products than us... At my home university, I am studying about sustainable development, I had curious those parts for a long time. Hence, I took Global Change and Sustainable Development class for last semester. It was great class ever what I took environment class. We utilized many terms during the class, I needed to input new words, it was best place for absorb Taiwanese thinking for environment, Taiwanese products, the worldwide perspective. In Japan, we have focused on recycles and how to increase efficiency rate, but Taiwanese have opinion that if we do not have to use it, not to use. It is what is most basic, but I am sure about many of us lack of notice. I bought iron chopsticks and straws for the first time for my life. I will bring back those, use and spread for others.

What I was surprised in Taiwan is Taiwanese are not accurate on time. Start from train, bus, taxi and people.

I had spent time in the U.S. before, I felt something similar with that time. When I say "Let's meet up at 6:00p.m." , they often come around 6:10. It was fine, I feel comfortable somehow without any accurate pressure! However, when I had group presentations, it was quite hard to management. For Japanese, we can start group meeting on time, but it was sometimes hard in Taiwan with international students. I have not had experiences worked with others, I could learn we should set up our deadlines earlier. The experiences must work for my future job! Through these experiments I learned we have to keep our mind that we are required to check out each other when we work together with different cultures' people.

For out of school, I went on trips and collected information about several companies. From Hualien to Taipei, the train ticket was cheap, I went to local places in Taiwan during vacations with my Taiwanese friends. I found many interesting staff and foods. I enjoyed every weekend, even that weekend only going to

cafe doing homework, having dinner with my friends at Hualien city. Everything was new for me, I had curious for all! Taiwanese products are cheap, I bought many products that we cannot get in Japan like electric hotpot(電鍋, Taiwanese seasonings. I love all Taiwanese food except stinky tofu. I bought many goods as above, I often cooked by myself with the recipe book which I bought at Taiwan.

For the companies, I used connections as Japanese, I got opportunities to talk with them. I also went to the event for finding jobs in Taipei. I could collect information from my objective persons. I can imagine the job future situation concretely.

Lastly, it is my personal experience, I was hospitalized due to pneumonia. Only seeing to doctor, it was hard to understand what they say. All the procedures had to conduct by Chinese. I figured I could not do everything by myself. When I felt very sick, my friends stay with me always. My professor gave me her personal phone call number. I am sure about I could not overcome by myself.

For the last year, I experienced various things, I was really glad I could have chance Dong Hwa University. I would like to try to come back to see my friends here someday soon.