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International Inbound Exchange Student Report

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My first experience on study abroad at Taiwan is able to say and confirm that is perfect, as possible as I feel. Throughout during time that I stayed here made me happier and everything happened and taught me or stimulated me to find the new things which I never know/where I have never been. I got various new topics which encouraged me to accept the real world and real situation that renders to me feeling I was growth after I spent time long time for living here (exactly is 4 months haft look light too less but I think it is enough to learn the new ones), not only the body was growing up (Especially my weight, it is hard to control the food when you have never tasted it or see it before) but also my thinking was developed increasingly, particularly my skills, aptitudes, and behavior were improved extremely to the positive way of fixing, adaption or living in strange places (not your home country).

I got the opportunity to study exchange in Taiwan from my university funding of Prince of Songkla University in Thailand to live in the university in Hualien named International Dong Hwa University (NDHU) where places at Shoufeng Township. They had the scholarship for the student who wants to try for the living and learn the course in Taiwan is the period one semester. Therefore, I had a period time is 4 half months as similar above and I took in the fall semester. There are two departments which the student can choose to apply, my department is Environmental Studies in major Natural Resources Environmental Studies and another department in this scholarship is the department of Engineering. The exchange scholarship supports the student in many heading expenses. For my optional budget is free for the tuition fee of one semester and need to pay the accommodation fee per semester, but the first of all, my registration before coming to Taiwan I got the option of free both the accommodation fee and the tuition fee, and besides, I received the confirm credible form the official document report. However, the university in Thailand had solved the problems that I had encountered already complete in the first week (the problem about the information of free fee didn't match with the previous confirmed report) and the officer who worked in the Official International Affair (OIA) was helped me to solve the problem and contact with staff in Thailand as well.

In living in Taiwan at NDHU, the first period was quite difficult and got some problem since the first day coming in the university e.g. my room of dormitory (inside NDHU boundary) could not find the key because of the older student forgot to return the key and my friend who came here together did

not have the room because the room number that shew in the website of student had the others owned. After reading this may you concerned about the management of the university, but it is not too terrible. Now after I think about this happening and other things that were going past to me is funny once thing in my hold life, their looks like the new challenging for me to find the way to modify, fix and through it as well. And besides, I tried to live as well in the university and I realized about the university there is the special that made me surprised. That is large of NDHU areas, it has many acres for building the infrastructure of studying and habitat include still remain more areas for forest and huge green grasses. In the center of the university has the big lake which I saw the activity on the lake is canoeing and inside the lake water has many fish include other species living in there. In another side, NDHU is placed surrounding with the natural environment, for example, the huge mountains (It is too much of beautiful, I really love to look at the top of each mountain that has the height collides with clouds in the sky. It is overmuch height more than the mountain in my hometown and I look at it every time while I stayed outside the dormitory), the natural environment around the university that renders more animals can be seen while I study here e.g. many species of bird that always fly in a flock above the department building every afternoon. I prefer the surrounding of this university, there is various natural made me relax in the study and received extra power to living in abroad that's why I agree which the other people confirm NDHU is the best university of gorgeous of the environment. I was proud that I decided the right decision to exchanged study in here. In addition, around the university also have the attractive places that the student can go by the easy way. Either going by own bicycle, public transport (shuttle bus) or trains, all were easier and comfortable for foreigner student who wants to go in the first time (or go alone). The public transportation everywhere in Taiwan I felt very impressed because of these is my first overseas visit and I cannot speak to other people in Chinese before, even the easy Chinese words I did not know yet (actually, before I came to study here, I knew only one sentence in how to say is I love you). In Taiwan public vehicle, there are many signs that showed the English language. It is essential in the tourist country and Taiwan did it well include punctuality of all transportation is excellent. I can use the smart application in my mobile phone that using for checking the timetable of each vehicle and also train, it was developed to be enabled for the survey in real time traced in each machine i.g. shows how many minutes will the shuttle bus come to pick me up. These are my impression of the government's attention to their people include tourist in Taiwan.

However, the hard challenge for me is the food of Taiwan. My favorite food while I study here in pork hotpot in the Zhixue Street. After I counted the number of time I went to each restaurant behind the NDHU, I found I prefer to eat hotpot where places in the narrow alley more than the other restaurant. And besides, I realized the volume of meals per one meal is tantamount to double of meal volume of Thailand per meal (That's why my weight is increasing after I studied through 4 months ago). In Thailand, we usually have free water in each restaurant is clear water but I was surprised in Taiwan, I found almost of the restaurant giving free water is tea or black tea. I am still gleeful for finding the original food in Taiwan and teste it and share my opinion to the other who was interested.

In study side in the NDHU, the learning in NRES majors of Environmental studies department is efficiency both courses and staff of the department. There are many courses comprehensive the study in terms of environmental protection and management and others. And inside, There is variously advanced laboratory equipment, is enabled to detect the environmental situation in every branch.

Moreover, the other department building such as the department of chemistry also consists of high laboratory measurement which the student can use while doing the research here. I found lots of laboratory in NDHU and there is an expert technique include the performance professor supervise their student throughout the study.

In addition to academic interested, the administrator of the university always encourages students both Taiwanese and foreigner students in activities. There are many travel activities built for the student, since September until January I went outside the University for sightseeing many times within the activities that establish from the OIA and include events from the professor in the NRES department. For example; I went to Taroko national park where is the most famous natural places in Hualien with OIA, they nicely took care of us through all the trip and the cute and polite officer suggested new students about how to live in the university with happier and told us about the other places for travel while live in Taiwan, the place where are beautiful and popular in Hualien which if I have time, I should go (and I already go to lots places, I like the Qixingtan beach where always have the strong wind and I can see the Pacific ocean include covered with many rocks on surface area. However, this beach I went by myself, did not go with the trip of the university but similar as I told above, the transportation in Taiwan is convenient for sightseeing. And other activities include hotspot eating meat with OIL in the night before Christmas festival. I prefer every moment when the administrator cares about the happiness of student who studies in their university. It is made me feel valuable and interested to continue studies in this University.

All of all, I appreciate the university both Prince of Songkla University in Thailand and International Dong Hwa University in Taiwan that give me to have the opportunity in this exchange study in one semester at Hualien. This time is the best memory for me and Taiwan is a good country, I prefer.