## 國立東華大學 National Dong Hwa University 姐妹校國際交換交流學生心得報告 International Inbound Exchange Student Report

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There're a lot of chance in the air, it's up to you to taking it. Sometimes we need to go out the comfort zone for learning something. That why we growth. While I was studying at fourth year in Prince of Songkla University, I have learned fundamental Japanese language and that make me discovered myself, I love to learn new things new languages. I also have a chance to backpack to Malaysia with my friend and to speaking English to Malaysian while traveling is challenging. I also never have a trip to anywhere without my family until that backpack trip and I always stay at home with family since I was born until I studied in university. My parents don't allow me to study in university where isn't in my hometown. I never wash my cloth by myself. At that time, I can't imagine how can I survive without my family but finally I decided to grab this occasion. Someday, my advisor called me and told me this scholarship in my birthday night before I slept that it is very good occasion, he doesn't want to pass this scholarship to others. I ran to my mom and told her that I want to go there, please let me go. Then she says "it's ok, now you need you learn to survive by yourself. Take it.". At that time, I don't know everything about Taiwan and immediately said accept to my advisor. So, this chance is my best birthday gift I ever got in my life. I have prepared everything for coming here for 3 months. It was very excited. I set the objective for coming to Taiwan that are practice my English skill and study in my interest subject that never have chance to study in my hometown university.

When time was come, I need to leave from my parents and take the very long trip I ever take. When I arrive at Taiwan, I must learn and adapt to survive in the big city, Taipei, it's a lot better that Bangkok so much. There's crown of people that is one thing I don't like. After I travel around Taipei and already adapted, it's time to go to Dong Hwa University. First time I take a train in Taiwan by Puyuma that make me feel very excited in landscape both side of train and impressive because it's so good and fast. At that time Hualien TRA station is the old one. It's looks so country-side city from Taipei. I met the volunteer there with a nice welcoming. When I arrive at dorm, I was shocked a little bit because it's bigger that I expect. I have a nice Taiwanese roommate. I met my volunteer, Amoy and Leo, they help me buying important stuff for living here at Zhixue road and the very kind store's owner drives his car and take my stuff and send me to the dorm. Taiwanese is very kind people. When the registration day come, I met one more of my volunteer, Alvin, he helps me a lot for saying Chinese and advise me for staying in university. I decided to enroll the Engineering subjects however in I studied in Computer Science department but never studied everything about Engineering. So, to thinking and solve the problem it's difference to engineer. But nothing can block me from learning force. If I pass those subjects, I'm very proud myself. Thank for Ellen Lee for helps us about the accommodation fee problem with my hometown university. For the first month here, I have a culture shock that is I always saw people hug, kiss together because in Thailand we never do like this in the public. I really hate the mosquitoes here. It makes my legs, my arms itching all day.

One month passed, everything gone better. I adapted to Taiwanese but still missing home. I met another Thai student and have foreign friends from Chinese class. I very enjoy Chinese class with Teacher Fu. He makes me love Chinese language and want to study more.

I started to explore Hualien city. This is a one of my best part because I love to explore new place, new things. I have gone to night market and walk in the city with my volunteers. I went to Qixingtan beach and discover the Thai restaurant "A-one" where is my favorite place, it makes me feel like I am in Thailand. The owner is very kind and we are friend after that. I often go there when I am missing home. I have gone to see fireworks in Tenth Tenth day at Nanbin park, it was very beautiful. There're cyclones will come to Taipei but what a luck, it turns to Japan and China.

November come, I can feel that it was going to have cooler temperature. This is one thing which is very difference to Thailand temperature that is very hot all year. I mostly like this moment, I can run, cycling without sweat. I don't care sunlight anymore. It's very fantastic. I went to Taroko and explored upper part of Hualien city (around Hualien TRA station). I and other Thai friends often cook Thai food and eat together every week, it can help me from homesick a lot. At that time, I can read and speak Chinese a little bit because I studied and learn from my Taiwanese friend. At least I can respond to Taiwanese when they speak some thing to me not only smile to them. I also went to Taipei in vacation because I'm so missing crown people and find another local Thai food. After the cyclone didn't come, earthquake was come. First time for me that strongest in my life happen while I'm staying at fourth floor dorm. It's so scary.

Three months passed, That's so fast. This month, I have tried local food, stinky tofu and Pig blood with sticky rice and I usually eat Hot Pot at Zhixue road because they served a big portion and I want the hot things, outside is so cold. I'm going crazy with feeling cold when I need to go outside for dinner and when I stay at dorm. I went to Cingjing farm by taxi from university with Thai friends then take a bus to Taichung and Taipei and back to Hualien. That was a crazy three days trip before midterm examination. But this trip makes me love Taiwan, there're a lot of beautiful landscape and a lot of nice and kind people. I met very friendly taxi driver and talking to him can practice my Chinese skill a lot. My midterm exam's score come out so satisfy. I'm so happy this month. There're many earthquakes in this month. I feel worth that being here because Thailand is rarely to found earthquake.

The last month come I feel missing Taiwan however I still be here. I try to eat Taiwanese food that I like before I get back. I really hate the leaving moment. I take my Thai friend and Taiwanese volunteers to have party at my favorite Thai restaurant in Hualien city and say goodbye to owner's restaurant. The last week is for final examination which is more difficult than midterm examination. I need to read more book and practice more. I will miss the environment like this university for sure as soon as I leave university. I will stay at Taipei before I will leave this lovely country for four days. Last thing I want to write it is I think that to learning here is very good choice because every professor teaches so good but when we have the examination. We are very serious while doing exam. We can't take to each other, can't copy friend, can't bring the telephone in for protect cheating. I met it and I don't like it. You should have more serious examination. I'm a little bit sad because I hope to study subjects in computer science major that included laboratory experiment but for the laboratory, it's in the next semester. So, it would be better to be here for a year (two semesters). I think you should provide more public zone for doing homework, reading book, sitting or eating like a group of table and chairs under the building.

Four and half months in Hualien, there're many things change, Town is developing. The new TRA train station, new movie theater, new shops, new restaurants. Everything changes a lot. One thing that never change is my mind.

Finally, come to the end of Taiwan trip, I really appreciate to National Dong Hwa University for giving us an occasion for new experience and staying aboard and so on. It's helps us learned a lot. You make us know Taiwan more than past. If I can choose my favorite country, Taiwan will be my first-choice country for me for study, travel and living. If I have more occasion for stay aboard, I will come back here again for study more Chinese. Thank for help us beyond the dream.