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International Inbound Exchange Student Report

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I am exchanged student from Prince of Songkla University, Phuket Campus, Thailand. I am second year of master student of Technology and Environmental Management. I received the opportunity to study in National Dong Hwa University for one semester in Hualien, Taiwan. I think four months and half for one semester studying is not too long and too short. It is suitable and adequate. Study abroad is one of my dream in my life, so I was hurry to be in this campaign. National Dong Hwa University at Zhixue village located in the good place. The transportation from Taipei to Hualien is very convenient by train (TRA or Taiwan Railways Administration) and take time around 2 hours. There is natural attracted scenery that you never feel bored. You can see beautiful mountains with blue sky and some clouds in many side of this university. The air quality and atmosphere is fresh and good. This university is quiet big area and long distance between dormitory and study building, therefore having bicycle is most important for living in this university because you cannot go to anywhere by only walking. Luckily, this university have provided bicycle rented in very cheap cost, even though there was not many choice of bicycle to choose but it was very suitable for exchanged student for only one semester. After having own vehicle, you will feel love and care your lovely own bicycle so much, because it can help you to go to study building and especially, go to the restaurant for finding meal. At back gate, it is Zhixue village, there is many restaurants and convenient stores (it is like a small department store because there is everything in life living). Living life in Hualien, I would say that you will be active and be ware person. Because there is a lot of earthquake and Typhoons. I got an amazing experience from that situation and it will be in my memory. About the accommodation in university, there is many dormitories male and female separately. For the room, due to I am master student, so they arranged me to the room has only one bed. It means that I had stayed only one person in the room. I was feel personal and comfortable for this option. There is laundry and dry blender provided, therefore it is very easy to clean clothes and receive its in short time. Besides, kitchen was provide for cooking own style food. But, the first day when I checked in the dorm, there was problems about identified the room number. However, my volunteers could help me and find the solution. I would say that the Taiwanese volunteers that university arranged to me was very important because they can spoke Chinese with the officials and English with me. I was glad that this university arranged

three volunteers who is Taiwanese students in NDHU for taking care Thai students from my university and guided me in many things since before I have to go to NDHU. We have good time together and we can exchange the culture, experiment, and life story to each other. I feel warm welcome from them and we can be good relationship in the future. Hopefully, I really want to meet them all again. Besides, I met Thai people here who give me a lot of help. It made me feel did not miss home and Thai food too much. Due to, we did cooking Thai food many times and they helped me a lot of things.

For taking classes and studying in this university, I did take two courses involving Chinese including, fundamental Chinese, Chinese calligraphy. And one more course about my department, it was Environmental governance. I feel happy that in the class there was good environment because there was many international students from many countries. It was a good way giving me the opportunities to learn and share about their country, such as, their studying, their living life, and their experiences. The environment of class was very good and modern, there was provide a lot of convenient studied equipments and building. The instruments and measurement equipments of laboratory was very perfect, sufficient, and have a lot. Moreover, teachers was very friendly and helpful. I feel relaxed when I was studying in the class.

I am impressed that this university had a lot of trips which made me learn more thing outside, not only in the university, especially, it was free. I joined in cultural camp with my friends. I did the tie dye of Hakka style (Hakka is a tribe), saw and learnt original home and living life. In addition, the trips which was held by my department (Environmental studies and Natural Resources), I had joined in three trips. The first trip, I went to Fuli township near the university for learning and seeing how to make tofu by traditional process and tasted it. I can say that after I joined this trip I feel more enjoyed eating tofu. Moreover, I can spend more time with the new friends from our department. I was a beautiful moment. The second trip, I was been to Taroko for learning vegetable planting on the mountain with the indigenous people. Moreover, I learnt how to do Taiwanese vegetable dumpling and tasted it that was good and delicious. Besides, Taroko people taught me the archery in their ways by the traditional archers. I was very surprised and excited because I never did it before and I am glad to have this new experience. I had met a few of Sakura flower or Japanese Cherry Blossom flower. I was also impressed because it not has in my home country there is only fake ones. The third trip, It was in Environmental governance class trip, I went to soy milk manufacture. I tasted the delicious soy milk and side walked around the soy milk manufacture. This manufacture have process of compost by a lot of rice shell, muck from animals, and soy bean shell. There was terrible smell and a lot of dust in the warehouse. After that, Teachers took me and my friends to Taitung city, along the road passed the mountain and sea coastal, It was very beautiful and natural. The last point for this trip was the Marine Environmental Education Center of Chenggong Yacht Marina. The officers leaded us to local fish market, it was like a harbor for fishery boat for fishing and catching the big fishes and a lot of fish in one time. I could see a lot of shark, mahi mahi fish, and yellow fin tuna fish. I was very shocked, surprised, and excited to see many strange fish there. Lastly in this trip, I knew that in the past Japanese people who had taught fishing and catching fishes to Taiwanese people in the Pacific ocean. Their fishery process is new way that I never have seen before, it is very unique. Lastly, I was amazed at Hualien, there is a lot of tribes or indigenous people. I had ever joined traditional dancing. It was very fun and tried, it was a new activity that I had never seen before. Moreover, I tried the traditional

snack it was made from rice and banana boiling.

Besides, Office of International Affair (OIA) of NDHU has done in good job. I was spectacular in many activities. The first one, They arranged about SIM card of Taiwan company (It is call Chunghwa Telecom) to organize selling booth in the university. There was many packages for choosing, especially, they provided student packages. The second one, OIA arranged one day trip to go to Taroko National Park, Qingshui Cliff, and Hualien Qixingtang Beach. Taroko National Park, the water of stream is crystal and very clear water, the environment is fresh and beautiful in every side. Qingshui Cliff, it was beautiful and wonderful scenery of landscape and geography because it was the cliff from the fault of the world. And Qixingtang Beach, unluckily, we went there in the day has Typhoon but there was still amazing. Because I could see the blue sea, huge and strong waves including the wind, and the highlight was there is black sand and black rock. The third one, OIA arranged the cultural night for international students from around the world. For this activity, I was very impressed and wondered that I had saw amazing shows from many countries, such as, India, Pacific island, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, and Indonesia etc. It was a good activity for exchange the home culture to another cultures, had good time together for taking photos and met new friends. The forth one, they arranged the hotpot party in the winter season and merry Christmas for international student. This party was warm welcome and had a lot of food, and exactly, I did find new friends again.

Lastly, Taiwan, there is very beautiful natural places to go and travel. Transportation for having the trip was very easy and convenient. Moreover, there is civilization in Taipei. Taipei is the place for shopping, eating, and travelling in many places. And I really love it.