

National Dong Hwa University
International Inbound Exchange Student Report

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REPORT:

After spending more than four months in Dong Hwa National University I think the most valuable outcome I got was the great friends and the memories I made. I had the opportunity to meet people from very different countries , like Indonesia, Japan or Malawi , thanks to whom I learnt a lot about their cultures. I believe this is something I will never forget. Getting to know them, and their cultures, which are so different from my home country's was the greatest highlight I can think of. Moreover I also got to make some taiwanese friends, and even though sometimes it was complicated to communicate with them (my chinese has yet to improve a lot) , I know that I now have a place to come back whenever I want.

Studying in a different university also showed me that there are many methods of teaching a subjects, and I really enjoyed the group works we had to do. I learnt a lot about cross cultural working with them as I had to make the effort to understand everyone's point of view in a broader sense that I would have had to in my home country , where I am always surrounded by spaniards. I think this will be very important for my future career , as nowadays your work team members can be from anywhere across the globe and now I have learnt powerful tools to deal with cross-cultural teams.

The university provides the students with many commodities , to make their stay the best possible. I really enjoyed the court to go running and the swimming pool. Also there are many cantines to choose from and many restaurants just by the outside of the university.

On the other hand one of my passions is to travel and thanks to my stay in Hualien I got to visit almost the whole island, I made weekend trips to Taitung and Taipei , enjoyed the Taroko National Park , the seaside in Hualien , Kaohsiung, etc. An opportunity to visit a country that otherwise I wouldn't have the possibility of visiting.

The downside of the exchange for me was the weather. I have never seen that much rain as in Hualien! The landscape surrounding the university is definitely stunning , I loved waking up to the mountains every day , the nature and the pure air that you can not find in a big city .But obviously for that landscape to be possible it has to rain a lot , and it definitely does. It was a bit uncomfortable for me because I love to do things outside and sometimes it was impossible.