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International Inbound Exchange Student Report

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Actually, I am a fifth-year student who studies in Science Education and going to graduate in 2019. When I have decided to apply for the National Dong Hwa University exchange program, I was teaching at the secondary school in Bangkok as an internship. At first, I had no confidence should I apply for this program or not. However, I had an opportunity to discuss with a Thai student who studies the Doctoral program at the College of Education, and I would like to achieve oversea experiences that few people can encounter. Therefore I applied for this program in the spring semester 2019.

Four days before I went to Taiwan, I traveled to Singapore and spent time with my friends there. 14th February 2019, I arrived at Taoyuan International Airport, Taiwan. When I arrived in Taiwan, It's extremely impressive that Taiwanese people help me with my travel, as well as transportation of Taiwan is efficient and comfortable for everyone. I traveled to Hualien Station through Taiwan Railways Administration or TRA, and then to National Dong Hwa University by a bus.

On the first day in school, I checked-in at the V-Dormitory. After that, I and my Thai friends went to buy the necessary instruments, foods, and snacks. I think my first day is pretty busy and makes me tired, but it's so funny. On the following day, I met Taiwanese volunteers; Candy, Hazel, and Amy. I feel old because all of them are younger than me. Yes, they are a freshman. Each of them has a different lifestyle, but they are too kind to me and other exchange students. They lead us to have lunch and dinner, buy snacks and some milk at the store. I'm not a talkative person, though; they always make any topics to talk with me. Besides, they usually give me suggestions and assistance while I study and live in Taiwan. I really appreciate everything they have done.

At National Dong Hwa University, I have registered 5 courses; Classroom Discourse, Basic Chinese, Western Mythology, British Language and Culture, and German. There are reasons why I select those courses. I would like to obtain knowledge related to each course

because some of them are unavailable in my country. Moreover, I would like to observe and compare different teaching methods of oversea professors; Taiwanese, British and German. I found that each course has an identity as well as a difficulty in itself. In order to understand about course that I have studied, I summarize course objectives below.

- *Classroom Discourse:* This course gives classroom teachers at all levels and subject areas the analytic tools to answer these and more questions about classroom communication. Each lesson introduces fundamental concepts and techniques of classroom discourse analysis, developing an analytic toolkit and promoting critical reflection on pedagogical practices. Class activities include discussion, oral presentations individual and in small groups in addition to the instructor's lecture.
- *Basic Chinese:* This course is designed for students who learned primary Chinese and have the elementary language skills (listening, reading, speaking, and writing) and expect in-depth learning Chinese pronunciation system and basic rules of grammar structure and improving Chinese listening and speaking skills.
- *Western Mythology:* This course introduces students to the most important myths and legends of different civilization. In particular, we examine the mythology of the ancient Greeks, Norse mythology and the Arthurian legends of the British Isles. The instructor guides us to understand the influence and impact of these archetypal stories on later western literature, art and culture and modern culture.
- *British Language and Culture:* This course provides an introduction to British culture different thematic content each week, ranging from the past to the present and the possible futures of Britain. The aspects of British life are covered to give students an understanding of the country and the people, alongside with the objectives of improving our English language proficiency and sustaining our intercultural awareness.
- *German:* This course focuses on basic linguistic and communicative structures of the German language. Students will be introduced to various aspects of German culture and learn to communicate in simple everyday situations and personal interaction. The instructor adopt an integrated approach to language learning and will emphasize equally all four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as the acquisition of grammar structures and vocabulary. The instructor also attempt to help students optimize our learning by teaching us vital strategies for language learning and language use.

My favorite course in Taiwan is Western Mythology because Mythology has played an integral part in every civilization throughout the world. Pre-historic cave paintings, etchings in stone, tombs, and monuments all suggest that, long before human beings set down their myths in words. I think Mythology is really interesting. It tries to answer the most difficult and the most basic questions of human existence that now can explain by science: Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? To the ancients, the meaning of the story was most important, not the literal truth of the details of a certain version of a tale.

Living in Taiwan, Hualien is one of Taiwan's provinces where has great weather. It also has tourist attraction like Taroko national park, one of the nine national parks in Taiwan. There are so many attractions that make me confused where to visit in a day or two, For example; The Bell Tower above Eternal Spring Shrine, Swallow Grotto, Water Curtain Cave, Chingshui Cliff, Chingxi Suspension Bridge, Wenshan Hot Spring, Cimu Bridge and Zhuilu Old Trail. Besides, every weekend I usually go to Hualien city for hanging out with my friends, walking around together, shopping, and enjoy eating. Sometimes, I go to the night market for relaxing and shopping. I like to buy clothes, accessories and street foods. It not only makes me feel like I am in my country but also makes me feel comfortable every time I go there.

Excluding Hualien, I have ever been to nearly provinces such as Taichung, Taitung, Pingtung, as well as Taipei. In Taichung, Taitung and Pingtung I traveled around in nature attraction like a beach, a park, and traditional villages, and also visit to Buddhist temple and Tao temple. However, my favorite place in Taiwan is Taipei because I come from Bangkok, a big and central city. I have ever been to tourist attraction in Taipei and I very like all of it. E.g. Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Elephant Mountain, Bopiliao Old Street, Grand Hotel, Martyr's Shrine, Shilin Night Market, National Palace Museum, Danshui Old Street, Longshan Temple, Yangmingshan National Park, Taipei Fish Market and Taipei 101. The most impressive place for me is Longshan Temple (龍山寺), the most well-known temple in Taiwan. I went to Longshan Temple for worshipping Guanshiyin Buddha as well as other divine spirits and also pray for my work, study and love in the future. I like Longshan Temple the most because it is a wonderful mix of the Taoist, Buddhist, and Confucian faiths in this temple. Taiwan has always been a country that is inclusive in its attitude towards religion, and Longshan Temple the embodiment of that inclusive spirit while most temples throughout the world are often dedicated to one deity or one religion.

Talking about Food and Drink in Taiwan, I found that there are many kinds of good-looking and delicious food. However, Thai people like extreme flavors especially spicy food. I think most of the Taiwanese foods, as well as drinks, are too mild-flavor for me. My favorite Taiwanese food is spicy fried noodles with Lamb meat. Definitely, bubble milk tea with black sugar is my favorite Taiwanese drink, although I use to feel indifferent to bubble milk tea before. To try drinking bubble milk tea in Taiwan has changed my feeling about it because it's a considerably great taste. I have no doubt why people said that if you want to drink bubble milk tea, you need to travel to Taiwan and unavoidably try it.

For my experience in an exchange program at National Dong Hwa University, I believe that it's unforgettable and valuable experiences for me. I will adapt knowledge and practices from each course to my higher education in a master degree as well as my future career as a teacher. Finally, I really appreciate everyone who supports me in my exchange program in Taiwan especially my parents. Thanks to National Dong Hwa University and Kasetsart University that establish an excellent program for students.

