

My wonderful time at National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan



Someone said that going abroad is not easy task, but it is really helpful and exciting experience. Staying at National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU) nearly 5 months I do believe and understand the meaning of that sentence. Some first days coming to Taiwan, I felt so happy due to everything is new and different from my home country, Vietnam. I went to Night Market to discover and enjoy what Taiwanese culture is. Until now I am really interesting and impressive because of the atmosphere in there, a crowded place, colorful street, so much delicious food, etc. Possibly I called that time is honey moon.



Several problems came to me in the following time, and the most one is language barrier. Like other international students, I am not familiar to any Chinese words thank to the program, I, a master student at aquaculture department, will study in English. As a result, most time going to shop I used gesture language instead of speaking to shop owner. I remember once I went to restaurant and spent nearly a half hour to order meal, but when the food coming I had to order other meals because a small bowl of soup could not fulfill my empty stomach. After that time, in order to buying foods outside university I ask for help instead of going by myself alone.



In NTOU, I have been receiving so much helpful supports that play an important role for foreign students, to

overcome any difficult in new place. Division of International Student Affairs, which guides and introduce international students how to adapt NTOU's environment as well as solving any problems such as health test, enrolment course and so on is a typical example. Besides that the friendly, kindness and enthusiastic of lab mate have been making me feel comfortable and easy to learn new things in Taiwan, they was not only introduce new lab techniques carefully, but they sometime show some beautiful place to travel in Taiwan. Thank to such help and my own experiences I have been covering any problems as soon as possible.



Five months are not so long to conclude anything but I suppose that I feel so comfortable and warm at NTOU. Importantly, I still have time to stay and enjoy in Taiwan, a beautiful and peaceful country.

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