

## The life at National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU)

I am a first year student come from Vietnam, in the present, I am studying as a Master degree at Department of Food Science. The time is nearly 5 months since I came NTOU and I have just finished first semester here.

It can be said that, living and studying at NTOU has not only advantages but also difficulties for international students. Therefore, my essay will share with you about these aspects.



At NTOU 56<sup>th</sup>celebration

Firstly, I talk about advantages. As I introduced above, I come from Vietnam, a country also belongs to Asia and not far from Taiwan, so the traditional culture has many the same characteristics, Taiwanese people is friendly and enthusiastic, the food is also very suitable with me that was a great difficulty for many international students. Especially, I always got the interest and help of staff at International Student Affairs of NTOU, themselves were the important bridges to connect between international students and

native people. In addition, local students and host family also helped and supported me very much in both living and studying. Moreover, the communications were good and convenient such as telephone and internet which were very easy for me to connect with my family and friends in Vietnam.



At the party in Keelung

Secondly, besides advantages, what the difficulties at NTOU and how to solve the difficulties. Just like other international students at beginning time, the most difficult problem of mine was language with native people. I could not speak a little Chinese while almost of Taiwanese people spoke Chinese or Taiwanese. Furthermore, it was also difficult for them to speak English except some local student and some other people in the offices such as assistant of teaching, secretaries, or sellers at family marks. In addition, the change of climate also caused for me many difficulties in living and studying, because the weather was very cold in winter in Keelung.

However, after a period of time up to now, almost all of difficulties have been solved relatively by my effort with the support of local students, Chinese teacher, and my friends. For example, now I can go shopping and do experiments in the lab by my self.

In summary, my living and studying at NTOU, Taiwan is very convenient for me that I always feel comfortably to overcome all of difficulties and to obtain success in the future.



At NTOU 56<sup>th</sup> celebration

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