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My Experience in Taiwan



Studying in Taiwan as a Filipino student can be a rare opportunity and a life changing experience. You can experience a foreign culture that is relatively close to home. It offers the opportunity not just to gain knowledge and skills but to immerse yourself in a different culture, and make new friends from different countries. Studying abroad like this can be emotionally challenging because you will miss your family and make you feel lonely. On the other hand, it can be exciting because you will learn on how to handle different situation and get out of your comfort zone to gain new experiences that can help you grow as a person to become more independent and more self-reliant.

Taiwan is known for its advancement in technologies and having a high-quality education. They have well known universities that is specialized in science and technology and even in agriculture. That is why when they offer me the opportunity to study here in Taiwan, I didn't hesitate and grab this wonderful opportunity. With the help of the TEEP (Taiwan Experience Education Program) and Professor Hong, I was able to study at one of the prestigious universities in Taiwan the Nanhua University. I was amazed on how big the university is and how good the facilities especially the library and their different buildings. I like also the farm even though it is small but equipment is complete and some are highly mechanized. As a person living in a rural area in the Philippines, I love on how they restore the trees and some animals that makes the

university become greener and more peaceful. The only problem I encounter is first the cuisine because as a Filipino our foods is different however for my 6 months staying here, I adapt what the taste of their food and it becomes more delicious. I encounter language barrier also because their language is mandarin Chinese and I cannot speak and even understand but for me I will try my best to learn mandarin Chinese so I can study and live life to the fullest here in Taiwan.

I. Courses and Semester Experience

We have a total of six subjects and I learned a lot from them. The subjects that we have taken are the organic agriculture 1 and 2 that teach to us by Professor Chen Yi Sung that share to us about different organic way in agriculture such as bio dynamics, cow pat pit, green manuring and how important is organic. Other subjects are about dendrobium and phalaenopsis by Professor Lai which he shares to us his knowledge on how to manage and care for the different species of dendrobium and phalaenopsis. The last two subjects are taught to us by Chen Shih Shung which is the technology for the sustainable agriculture that gives us idea on the different machineries and ai and their purpose. The other subject is about apiculture or beekeeping which is quite interesting for me because I learn a lot from this subject like how to manage honeybee hive, different type of bee in the colony, cleaning the hive, harvesting honey and pollen, and what I like the most is how I can earn money from these honey bees.



MICROGREEN PRODUCTION



DENDROBIUM AND PHALAENOPSIS MANAGEMENT



HONEY PRODUCTION

II. Taiwan Tours

Taiwan for me is a good tourist destination due to its rich history, diverse culture, stunning scenery and delicious cuisine. For my six months staying here i visited a lot of places that is very nice for me.



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PROFESSOR YI SUNG CHEN FARM

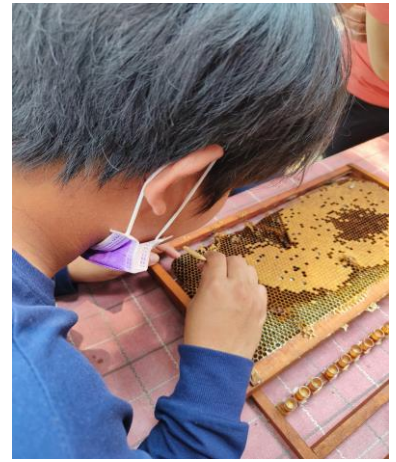


ORCHID EXHIBIT AT CHANGUA



ORCHID EXHIBIT AT TAINAN

Professor Lai brought us to Tainan to present to us the history of orchids. There is an exhibit that showcase the different species of orchids and a competition also.



CITY BEAR TOUR

We went to city bear owned by our professor Chen Shing Shung and he introduced to us his farm. He raised honey bees and his farm is full different crops. The symbiotic relationship of the honey bees and his crops make his farm very abundant. We practiced also of breeding queen bees in his farm.



HOTPOT

I think your trip to Taiwan is not complete if you didn't try hotpot because it is very popular in this country. For me this is the cuisine that I will miss if I go back to Philippines.



FO GUANG SHAN

After the conference that we have attended that is held at Fo Guang Shan we roam around I was amazed with this place. Fo Guang Shan is one of the largest Buddhist monasteries in Taiwan. A trip to this place is a great opportunity for me to immerse in Buddhist culture and learn about the history and teachings of the religion.



TOUR IN TAIDA



TOUR TO ALISHAN

If you are a nature lover Alishan would be the best place for you. This place is the best for me. It is located in mountainous part of Chiayi County. When went there I was stunned of its natural scenery especially the foggy forest. Its forest is consisting of very old tall trees.

III. Internship

With the help of our professors, I had an opportunity to gain knowledge and real-world experience that can help me to enhanced my skills. There are several practices that was taught to us where I can use in the future for the field of my profession.



WINTER CAMP



TISSUE CULTURE AT TAIDA

Professor Lai give us the opportunity to try tissue culture. Its my first time so for me it's very hard. It tests my patience because my hand is shaking and I need also to be careful so that it will not be contaminated by fungus.



PHAELENOPSIS MANAGEMENT AT TAIDA

IV. Conference and Seminars

For my six months staying in Taiwan, I attended several conference and seminars I learned a lot from the different speakers from different countries about their topic on how to attain the sustainable development goals. It gives me also knowledge about what is happening around the world and what are the ways where we can work together to make the world a better place for all.



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Conclusion

TEEP was a very good program for every student because it is an enriching experience that provides numerous benefits to students. From gaining academic knowledge and skills, to developing personal growth, cultural understanding, and global awareness. Studying abroad is an investment that lasts a lifetime. It can be used as investment in a student's professional development that will help you to open up new opportunities that can contribute to a successful life.