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## **Experience in Taiwan**

Study abroad for higher education is dream of every good student who want to excel himself in every field. Who is ready to accept the challenges with lots of sweet and bitter experiences. But sometimes financial condition doesn't allow to make their dream come true. But in 2015, the Ministry of Education in Taiwan launched a new program titled "Taiwan Experience Education Program (TEEP)" to welcome students to join different universities and colleges in Taiwan for short term professional internship. And I was fortunate enough to pursue my master program in Green technology of sustainability from Nanhua University, Taiwan under TEEP scholarship.

It was very first time for us to go abroad so it was not easy to convince our parents to allow us to study outside of our own country. We were not having any idea about booking flight ticket, passport, visa and lots of other question but Professor Hong- Yao Ming and staff of International affair from Nanhua University help us every time throughout the process. We, were six students from India, arrived Taiwan in September 2019. Everything seems to be different from our country. The culture, food, language, living style was totally different from India. It was so much challenging for us to adopt in such environment especially food. And now scenario is totally different. Life seems to be very easy and good here.

### **Batch Mates:**

In my batch, there are six students in total. We all are Indian and we all have completed bachelor degree in civil engineering. All of my classmates are so nice. We are always ready to help each other. Sometimes we make fun of each other, tease someone and this way we have enjoyed each and every moment when we were together. We also went for trip together and have party and lots of fun. I have lots of memorable moments with our friend which can never be forgotten.



## **Course in First Semester**

I had five subjects in the first semester. Namely, Soil and Water conservation, G.I.S, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Agriculture Management and Special Topic. In Soil and Water Conservation, I studied about basic properties of soil and made report on sieve analysis, compaction test, permeability test, single ring and double ring experiment on different types of permeable pavement and proctor test for different types of soil type. In G.I.S, I learned about QGIS software, learned about Digital Elevation Model, I also made road networks in University Map. Sustainable Agriculture had different topics related to the future of agriculture, I learned about different methods to make the agriculture practices more environment friendly and efficient. In Sustainable Agriculture Management, I learned about different practices related to organic agriculture for our better future. I also learned to raise honey bee. I learned how to collect pollen, honey and how to take care of the bees. In the final report every student was allotted one goals from seventeen sustainable development goals and we have to make report on that. It was my honor that I presented SDG 7 clean energy goal. In Special Topic, we chose two topics related to Green Technology and gave presentations on the respective topics.







## **Conference:**

In the first semester, I got the opportunity to participate in 3rd International Conference on Sustainable Development and Green Technology on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. It was the first international conference for me and I learned many new things about conference and gain the new knowledge from versatile topic of conference papers in the field of Sustainable Development and Green Technology.



## **Tour in Taiwan:**

I went for tour to different places in Taiwan. First one was the visit to Fo Guang Shan from our department. Second tour was to Hsinchu, there I saw and felt the natural beauty of Taiwan. Third I went to Taipei on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to see the fireworks of 101 tower. The experience was awesome.



## **Conclusion:**

These six months from September to February was wonderful day. I learned various cultures and language. I got to make new friends from the other countries. I learned about Taiwanese culture. Along with fun I also studied about sustainable development goals and also learned about research paper and conference. I would like to express my special thanks of gratitude to my Professor Hong-Yao Ming for his constant support and making all these things possible. I am also thankful to Ministry of Education, Taiwan to launch such a wonderful program titled "Taiwan Experience Education Program (TEEP)" to welcome students to join different universities and colleges in Taiwan for short term professional internship. Which help many students like us to make their dream come true. At last I would like to suggest to make such program more and more so that more and more student can get benefit of this.

































