

2023 Ambassadors international students' life experience

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National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) in Taiwan is a renowned institution with a strong emphasis on agriculture and life sciences. It has made significant contributions to agriculture through cutting-edge research, innovative farming techniques, and the development of new crop varieties. NCHU plays a pivotal role in advancing sustainable agriculture practices, fostering agricultural expertise, and addressing agricultural challenges, contributing to the growth and prosperity of Taiwan's agricultural sector.

NCHU holds a special place in my heart. As an international student pursuing a doctoral degree in Horticulture, my academic journey here has been fantastic and happy. Over the past four years, I have not only enriched my theoretical knowledge but also cultivated a deep affection for this university and the vibrant culture of Taiwan. My love for NCHU is intertwined with my academic pursuits and the incredible experiences shaping my time here.

When I first embarked on this academic journey at NCHU, I was drawn to the university's renowned reputation in Agriculture. NCHU's commitment to excellence in agricultural research and education was evident from the moment I stepped onto campus. The state-of-the-art laboratories, dedicated faculty members, and a curriculum designed to nurture innovation and critical thinking were all instrumental in shaping my academic growth.

One of the most remarkable aspects of my time at NCHU has been the opportunity to work closely with my wonderful professor, Dr. Chen-Fa Wu, with his profound knowledge and strong reputation in his research field. His guidance and mentorship have not only deepened my understanding of Landscape planning but have also inspired me to push the boundaries of knowledge. The open-door policy of the NCHU professors and their willingness to engage in meaningful discussions with students like me have been instrumental in my academic success.

Moreover, NCHU's commitment to fostering a global learning environment has allowed me to thrive as an international student. The warm and welcoming nature of the Taiwanese people, combined with NCHU's diverse student body, created a supportive and inclusive community that made me feel at home. The cultural exchange opportunities, language programs, and extracurricular activities provided by the university have allowed me to immerse myself in Taiwanese culture and gain a holistic educational experience.

During my time at NCHU, I have had the privilege of publishing six scientific papers in reputable journals, a testament to the university's emphasis on research excellence. The university's cutting-edge facilities and resources have been invaluable in conducting experiments and collecting data for my research projects. The collaborative research environment at NCHU has allowed me to work alongside fellow students and my professor on projects that address pressing agricultural challenges, further fueling my passion for my field of study.



College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (my college)



Hui-Sun Memorial Hall

Beyond academics and research, NCHU has provided me with countless opportunities for personal growth and development. The rich cultural tapestry of Taiwan has allowed me to broaden my horizons and develop a global perspective. I have had the chance to explore the picturesque landscapes of Taiwan, savor its delicious cuisine, and immerse myself in its traditions and festivals. These experiences have not only enriched my life but have also deepened my love for this beautiful place.

One of the defining features of NCHU is its strong sense of community and camaraderie. The friendships I have forged with fellow students from all corners of the globe have been a source of support and inspiration throughout my journey. Whether working together on group projects, celebrating cultural festivals, or simply sharing life experiences, these friendships have added immense value to my time at NCHU.

Reflecting on my four years at NCHU, I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences this university has provided me. NCHU has not only equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the field of Agriculture but has also instilled in me a sense of purpose and a commitment to making a positive impact in the world.



From right to left: my professor (Dr. Chen-Fa Wu), my girlfriend (Susan), and I (Thong) are taking photos together on the Master's Commencement. This is the horticultural therapy and education garden of the Department of Horticulture, which serves as a serene and therapeutic oasis, nurturing both plants and souls.

My love for NCHU and Taiwan extends beyond the academic and cultural aspects. It is a profound appreciation for the values of innovation, inclusivity, and excellence that the university upholds. NCHU's dedication to research and education, coupled with its unwavering support for international students, has created an environment where dreams can thrive and aspirations can become a reality.

I wholeheartedly recommend NCHU to aspiring students from around the world. The unique blend of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and personal growth opportunities makes NCHU a truly exceptional place to pursue higher education. Whether you are passionate about agriculture, environmental conservation, or any other field, NCHU provides the nurturing environment and resources to help you excel.

In conclusion, National Chung Hsing University in Taiwan has been the backdrop of a transformative chapter in my life. As an international student pursuing Agriculture, I have not only grown academically but have also developed a deep and abiding affection for this institution and the welcoming embrace of Taiwan. NCHU's commitment to excellence, its supportive community, and the opportunities it has provided me to contribute to the field of Agriculture through my research have made my journey here immensely fulfilling. My love for NCHU and Taiwan is not just a testament to my educational journey but to the enduring bonds, experiences, and growth I have cherished while at this remarkable university.



Administration Building (Winter 2022)



My girlfriend (Susan) and I (Thong) all obtained Master's degrees from NCHU. We are studying in the International Doctoral Program in Agriculture and the Department of Horticulture at NCHU, respectively.