

## **NCHU Ambassador- 2024 Winter Vacation- International Students' Life Experience**

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### **Chasing dreams**

Studying Veterinary Medicine at National Chung Hsing University is one of my big dreams. Since secondary school, I already know that I want to study and work in this field because I like working with animals and I really want to help them. I applied to many universities for Veterinary Medicine and got accepted. In the end, I chose NCHU because it is quite famous for Veterinary Medicine, and I was offered a few scholarships by the university and Taiwan's Ministry of Education plus the living costs in Taichung are relatively affordable. In addition, the graduation certificate of the degree that I am studying is recognized by my home country, Malaysia so I can always work back in Malaysia. Furthermore, the location of NCHU and ease of travelling around using public transportation is also why I chose NCHU.

I am from the department of Veterinary Medicine as mentioned previously. Upon registration, I realized that this is a popular department among high schoolers and the public, it also has a rather large faculty compared to other departments and there are so many students. However, the location of my department is rather far from my hostel, so I really need my bicycle to travel back and forth. Established in 1970, the Department of Veterinary Medicine offers undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees plus we have our very own Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. There are also a lot of different laboratories, equipment, and facilities for practical lab work too. Besides that, there are tons of opportunities for internship and student exchange with partnering universities from countries like the United States of America, Germany, Australia, Japan, Austria, Korea, Denmark, and other countries. The lecturers and teaching assistants here are very skillful and knowledgeable. Luckily, they are kind and friendly enough to help me out and encourage me when I consult them regarding my obstacles in my studies. Overall, the people from my department are always glad to help and teach me whenever I reach out for help.

During my first semester at NCHU, I gained tons of experiences and knowledge. As a first year Veterinary Medicine student, it is mandatory that we must learn about Veterinary Anatomy in which we learn about the anatomy of animals and have hands-on experience to dissect a dog. On the other hand, I learned about animal science and welfare. To let us have a greater understanding of the welfare of chickens, our Animal Welfare lecturer planned a trip for us to visit different types of chicken farms. The fruitful site visit definitely made me learn more about the types of chicken coops, empathize as well as think and care more about the welfare of animals. Moreover, I proactively attended lots of different workshops, talks and seminars to make great use of the free and easily accessible resources offered by NCHU and my department for self-improvement. I joined the library resources, 3D printing, soap making and aviation workshop. By joining these workshops, I gained knowledge outside of my field of study and even got to take home the projects I made in class like my 3D printed customized container, soap, lotion, and hand cream. If it were not for my full timetable, I would like to join more interesting workshops to gain new hard and soft skills. I recommend studying at NCHU because you will be able to learn from many different fields. If you are proactively signing up, there's always something for you to learn.

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Personally, I think having something to do other than studying is great for my mental and physical health, so I try to join extracurricular activities and activities organized by NCHU whenever I have some time to spare. By doing so, I can also make new friends and connections with similar hobbies. I tend to juggle my busy studying schedule with activities that I enjoy, so I joined the Equestrian Club where I get to exchange horse riding classes by doing some work at the shed. I also get to see and touch horses up close, which is one of the reasons I joined the club. Additionally, I joined the Malaysian Society where they always plan activities for Malaysians in NCHU during festive, holiday and exam season. I think it is a great place and the people are nice to hang out with whenever I miss my country and my friends back there. Subsequently, I took part in the international students' parade and relay race during sport's day. It is an interesting experience to know other international students from different countries. Occasionally, I would work part-time due to my busy schedule. During the semester break, I work part-time at the Animal Research Center to learn and save up some money while I did some self-learning to make sure I make great use of my semester break.

就讀於國立中興大學獸醫學系是我其中一個大夢想。自從中學時期，我就已經很清楚地知道我想要在這個領域學習和工作，因為我喜歡與動物相處並且很想幫助它們。我申請了許多間大學的獸醫系並且被錄取，但是最後我還是選擇了中興大學。這是因為它在獸醫學方面相當有名，而且我獲得了一些該大學和台灣教育部的獎學金，加上台中的生活費相對較便宜。此外，我所攻讀的學位畢業證書也被我的家鄉——馬來西亞所承認，所以我未來也可以回馬來西亞工作。此外，中興大學的地理位置和使用公共交通工具出行的便利也是我選擇中興大學的原因之一。

我來自獸醫學系。在註冊時，我意識到這是一個很受台灣中學生和公眾歡迎的系所。與其他系所相比，它擁有相當多的教職員工和學生。然而，我的系所位置距離我的宿舍相當遠，所以我真的很需要我的自行車來回穿梭。成立於1970年的獸醫學系提供學士、碩士和博士學位，而且我們擁有自己的獸醫醫學教學醫院！也有很多不同的實驗室、設備和設施供實驗室工作使用。除此之外，我們有許多實習機會和與美國、德國、澳大利亞、日本、奧地利、韓國、丹麥等其他國家的合作大學進行學生交流的機會。這裡的講師和助教都非常專業。幸運的是，當我向他們諮詢我在學習遇到的難題時，他們都很善良和友好地幫助我並鼓勵我。總的來說，我系所的人們都很樂意在我尋求幫助時教導我。


我在中興大學的第一個學期中獲得了大量的經驗和知識。作為一名大一獸醫學生，我們必須學習獸醫解剖學。我們要學習動物的解剖學，並實際解剖狗。另一方面，我學習了動物科學和福利。為了讓我們對雞隻的福利有更深入的理解，我們的動物福利老師安排我們參觀不同類型的雞場。這次的參訪給我帶來了更多關於雞舍類型的知識，讓我更能體察動物的感受，並更關心動物的福利。此外，我積極參加了許多不同的工作坊、講座和研討會，並充分利用中興大學和我系所提供的免費且易於獲得的資源來提升自己。我參加了圖書館資源、3D打印、手工皂製作和航空工作坊。通過參加這些工作坊，我不僅獲得了領域之外的知識，還可以把在課堂上製作的作品帶回家，比如我自己設計的3D打印容器、手工皂、乳液和護手

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霜。如果不是因為我的滿滿的課表，我會很樂意參加更多有趣的工作坊，以獲得新的硬性和軟性技能。我推薦在中興大學學習，因為你能夠從許多不同的領域學習。只要你積極主動參加，總是會有一些你可以學習的東西。

個人而言，我認為除了學習之外還有其他事情做會對我的心理和身體健康好，所以我會盡量在有空閒時間時參加課外活動和由中興大學組織的活動。通過這樣做，我還可以結交新朋友，與擁有相似愛好的人建立聯繫。我傾向於將繁忙的學習日程與我喜歡的活動進行協調，所以我加入了馬術社，通過在馬廄工作來交換騎馬課程。我還可以近距離觀察和接觸馬匹，這也是我加入社的原因之一。此外，我加入了馬來西亞學生會，他們總是在節慶、假期和考試季節為在中興大學的馬來西亞學生籌劃活動。我認為這是一個很棒的地方，那裡的人們都很友好，當我想念我的國家和那裡的朋友時，我可以和他們一起共度時光。接著，我參加了運動會期間的國際學生遊行和接力賽。認識來自不同國家的其他國際學生是一個有趣的經歷。偶爾，由於我的時間表比較忙碌，我會兼職工作。在學期休息期間，我在動物研究中心兼職工作，學習並存一些錢。同時我也有自主學習，確保我充分利用了我的假期。

Photos	Brief Introduction (maximum of 100 words per photo)
	<p>The illustration depicts my English teacher's polite and thorough instruction on various aspects of English conversation, grammar, and IELTS exam preparation. This opportunity is invaluable for enhancing English proficiency at no cost. Engaging in English conversation practice facilitates cultural exchange and idea-sharing, while targeted preparation for exams like IELTS, TOEFL, and TOEIC ensures</p>
	<p>Introductory trip at Blue Sky Equine by the Equestrian Club lead by the committee. We get to look around the horse shed and know our job scope. This is a group photo of the participants and horse. 馬術社的執委們帶我們新生到藍天馬術場參觀。他們介紹工作環境、規則和內容。這是我們和馬的合照。</p>

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Class Chicken farm trip hosted by our Animal Welfare lecturer. We went to Changhua by bus. 動物福利老師安排我們下彰化參觀鷄場學習蛋雞的動物福祉。



Taiwan Scholarship & Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Recipients Orientation and Welcome Party trip to Taipei lead by OIA of NCHU.

中興大學國際處安排遊覽車在我們到台北參加台灣獎學金迎新派對。



8th Veterinary Medicine Workshop hosted by TVMSA. This is the group photo of the committee (right 1 is me). It was a 3 days 2 nights event at the Department of Veterinary Medicine.

TVMSA 主辦的第 8 屆獸醫職涯工作坊。這是工作人的合照（我在最右邊）

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Representing Malaysia in the Sport's Day  
international parade.

我在運動會國際生遊行代表馬來西亞。