

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

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## A Journey of Growth and Discovery

One day during my senior year of high school, I sat in front of my computer silently reciting the name "National Chung Hsing University." I eagerly searched for information about this school, and the campus introductions and images filled me with excitement and joy. In that moment, I silently made a decision in my heart - I had found the university that spoke to my soul.

### Reasons for Choosing National Chung Hsing University

National Chung Hsing University has achieved remarkable accomplishments in research, teaching, and fulfilling its social responsibilities. The university emphasizes industry-academia collaboration and, with support from the Ministry of Science and Technology, actively promotes exchanges and cooperation between industry and academia, constantly breaking new ground. In various academic fields, especially in agricultural science, animal and plant science, and ten other areas, the university's research performance ranks among the top globally in the ESI index, firmly standing at the forefront of the international academic stage.

Additionally, the school boasts an excellent academic team, including seven Academicians and scholars who have repeatedly won the Outstanding Research Award from the Ministry of Science and Technology. National Chung Hsing University has formed alliances with other top universities to promote cross-school cooperation, benefiting students even more. The university has also taken the lead in signing cooperation agreements with several universities in the United States, such as dual-degree programs in veterinary medicine and doctoral studies, providing students with more opportunities for international exchange.

Finally, the school's scholarship system has also been recognized, providing students with a good learning environment and financial support.

Overall, National Chung Hsing University has become a well-known higher education institution in Taiwan due to its outstanding academic achievements, leading international position, and support for students.

### Wonderful Experiences at National Chung Hsing University

Upon arriving in Taiwan, the first week was a challenge, enduring the scorching heat of summer and walking to classes under the blazing sun. As the summer quietly turned into autumn, I embarked on my university journey... This journey was busy, exciting, filled with laughter, and accompanied by the sweat of hard work. And of course, I was never alone, because from beginning to end, the charm of National Chung Hsing University was always with me.

National Chung Hsing University exudes immense charm, allowing students to enjoy vibrant youthfulness here. This is why I chose to study at this university. Firstly, the beauty of the campus inspired my longing for university life. Upon entering the campus, the magnificent white gate and the fresh greenery greeted me. The refreshing scent of the black forest made me feel exceptionally rejuvenated. Walking on campus felt light, and you could see students walking or cycling on the roads, chatting happily as they went. The most impressive sight was the campus geese, the school's mascot, swimming leisurely on the calm surface of the Chung Hsing Lake, surrounded by lush

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greenery, radiating vitality. The campus map is extensive, with buildings from various departments standing in different areas, each corner exuding an atmosphere of knowledge.

Furthermore, both inside and outside the campus, there are plenty of food options for students. During break times, students flock to the campus cafeteria to find food. The first floor offers a variety of cuisines, including Chinese, Western, and Japanese, from well-known brands such as SUBWAY, LOUISA COFFEE, MWD, and 85°C Cafe. Among them, the best-selling item is the healthy Poke Bowl, which is rich in vegetables and meat, paired with sauce to provide different textures, and topped with fragrant pine nuts, presenting a delicious and healthy meal. The Poke Bowl is especially popular with customers who are conscious of managing their weight, as it offers a nutritious meal with a full range of flavors. There are also several cafes on campus, providing a quiet and leisurely dining space. The aroma of coffee has a refreshing effect, and many customers bring electronic devices to study or work. On the second floor, there is an affordable and diverse buffet, offering purple rice or white rice as options, with a wide range of meat and vegetable dishes, and the aroma of hot food always stimulates the appetite. The restaurant also provides free hot soup and refreshing cold drinks, ensuring students are fully satisfied with their meal. Outside the campus, there are countless dining options, such as those on Nanmen Road (Girls' Dormitory Street), which is conveniently located next to the female dormitories, and Zhongxiao Road near the school, where you can find tofu pudding, Taiwanese-style wraps, braised snacks, hot pot, stir-fry, and more. Each shop has its own specialties, and the variety is so extensive that it's difficult to choose. The delicious food at National Chung Hsing University always satisfies my taste buds!

### Extracurricular Activities

One of the highlights is that international students at this university can participate in various activities organized by the Office of International Affairs. As a newcomer to the school, I entered the campus in confusion, but thanks to the reminders and guidance from the OIA, I was able to smoothly complete the enrollment procedures. In the days that followed, I enjoyed participating in their interesting activities, such as trips to Tainan, special events for the school anniversary, as well as welcome parties, Halloween parties, and Christmas parties organized by the IPC club. These activities allowed me to feel the warmth and friendliness of Taiwan. Not only could I experience various cultures, but I also immersed myself in the joy of making friends, experiencing an extraordinary campus life. In addition, the OIA is committed to promoting international exchanges at the university, often promoting exchange student programs, dual-degree programs, short-term overseas activities, and overseas international volunteer opportunities. I believe that in the future, I will have the opportunity to participate in cross-border learning, allowing myself to follow the trend of globalization in society and enrich my university life.

### About the Veterinary Department

I am currently a freshman in the Veterinary Department. I applied to this university based on the recommendations of many Malaysian seniors. The key reason is that the goal of the Veterinary Department at this university is to cultivate modern young people who are sincere, diligent, caring about life, and fulfilling social responsibilities. Training international epidemic prevention talents is also an important vision. I have learned a lot of professional knowledge here and embarked on a

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higher level of learning. The anatomy I am studying allows me to deeply understand the structure and function of animal bodies for the first time, revealing the mysteries of life. By observing the structure of tissues, organs, and systems, I can better understand how organisms work, thereby gaining a deeper appreciation for the wonders of life. The Veterinary Department emphasizes training students' medical abilities for companion animals and economic animals, while also focusing on research in areas such as zoonotic diseases, molecular biology, and laboratory animals. I am now working hard to lay a solid foundation and to thoroughly learn medical knowledge for five years. I have boundless expectations for the future because the systematic education system of this department allows us to grow in a good learning environment, and the professional and friendly teachers are always the strongest support for our learning. This enables us to confidently face various challenges after graduation and make positive contributions to society.

In conclusion, National Chung Hsing University, with its facilities, environment, cuisine, extracurricular activities, professional knowledge, and overall atmosphere, has made me sincerely fall in love with university life. I am looking forward to my performance in the university in the future!

「國立中興大學……」高三那年的某天，我坐在電腦前默默的念出這幾個字，我瘋狂查詢這所學校的各樣資訊，所映入眼簾的校園介紹和圖片讓我感到無比興奮和喜悅。那一刻，我心中默默下了一個決定，我已找到我心之所向的大學。

### 選擇中興大學的原因

中興大學從研究到教學，再到大學社會責任的履行，都展現出了令人矚目的成就。學校著重產學合作，通過科技部的支持，積極推動產業與學術界的交流與合作，不斷開創新局面。在各學科領域，尤其是農業科學、動植物科學等 10 個領域，中興大學的研究表現在全球 ESI 指標中名列前茅，堅實地站在國際學術舞台的前沿。

此外，學校擁有優秀的學術團隊，其中有 7 位中央研究院院士，以及多次獲得科技部傑出研究獎的學者。中興大學與其他頂尖大學組成聯盟，推動跨校合作，使學生獲益更多。學校更率先與美國多所大學簽訂了獸醫、博士雙聯學位等合作協議，為學生提供了更多的國際交流機會。

最後，學校的獎助學金制度也受到了肯定，為學生提供了良好的學習環境和經濟支援。

总体而言，中興大學以其卓越的學術成就、領先的國際地位和對學生的扶持而成為全台知名的高等教育機構。

### 在中興大學的美好經歷

初到台灣，這是個難以適應的一個禮拜，除了要忍受炙熱的夏天，還要在大太陽底下步行去上課。在那炎夏悄悄步入秋天的時候，我正展開我的大學旅程……這段旅途是忙碌地、精彩的、有歡笑聲、有拼搏的汗水，當然，我並不孤單，因為至始至終，中興大學的魅力一直陪伴著我。

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國立中興大學散發了龐大的魅力，讓大學生在這裏享受充滿朝氣的青春，是我選擇就讀這所大學的原因。首先，校園的美麗激發我內心嚮往大學生活，初入校園，純白色宏偉的校門映入眼簾，清新的黑森林釋放著芬多精，深吸一口氣就會感到格外清爽。踏入校內的步伐格外輕盈，你可以在路上看見步行、騎自行車的大學生，結伴而行的學生們開心地聊起天來。最令人印象深刻的是校園的白鵝，他們就是學校的吉祥物，看他們在中興湖平靜的湖面上愜意的游泳，在四周蓬勃生長的綠植的輝映下，你就能輕易地感受何為生機盎然。本校的地圖十分廣大，各個科系的建築物都分門別類地矗立在校園當中，韻律分明，每一個角落都散發著知識的氣息。

此外，在學校內外，同學們有很多食物選擇。每逢下課時段，同學們都一窩蜂地走進校內食堂——園廳覓食。一樓售賣的食物有中餐、西餐、日本餐，例如 SUBWAY、LOUISA COFFEE、麥味登、85 度等知名商家。其中最暢銷的便是健康的波奇飯，這碗飯有豐富的蔬菜和肉類，再搭配上醬汁，可以感受到不同口感的嚼勁，配上點綴的香松，香噴噴的健康餐就送到你眼前了。波奇飯特別能滿足有管理身材需求的食客，在控制體重的同時也不能錯失色香味俱全的日常美食。校園內也有幾處咖啡廳，提供一個安靜休閒的飲食空間，陣陣咖啡香有提神的作用，不少顧客帶上電子用品學習或辦公。園廳二樓售賣的是平價又多樣化的自助餐，提供紫米或白飯作為選擇，從肉類到蔬菜類都樣樣齊全，熱騰騰的食物芬芳總是能激起食欲。餐廳內提供免費的熱湯和清涼爽口的冷飲，讓你營養充分地飽足一餐。學校外的餐飲店更是枚不勝舉，例如南門路（女宿街）的餐飲，南門路位於女生宿舍的旁邊，對住宿學生來說非常方便。學校附近的忠孝路售賣豆花、刈包、魯味、火鍋、快炒等等，每個店家各有特色，種類總是多到難以選擇。中興大學的美食總能滿足我的味蕾！

## 課外活動

最值得一提的是，外籍生在這所大學能參與由國際事務處舉辦的各項活動。剛入學身為菜鳥的我，迷茫地進入校園，所幸有國際事務處的提醒與輔導，才讓我順利完成入學手續。在往後的日子，我熱愛參與他們舉辦的有趣活動、例如臺南之旅、校慶特別活動，也有 IPC 社團的新生歡迎會、萬聖節派對和聖誕會。這些活動讓我感受到台灣的熱情與親切感，我不僅能接觸到各種國家的文化，還可以沉浸在交友的喜悅，感受非凡的校園生活。除此，國際事務處致力於推動本校大學的國際交流，時常推廣交換學生計畫、雙聯學位計畫、海外短期活動、海外國際志工。我相信我未來能夠有機會參與跨國學習，讓自己追隨社會的潮流走向國際化，並填滿我的大學生涯。

## 關於獸醫系

我目前就讀獸醫系大一。我在很多馬來西亞學長學姐的推薦下報名這所大學，其中的關鍵原因是，本校獸醫系的目標是培養具有誠樸精勤、關懷生命及實踐大學社會責任之現代青年。培訓國際防疫人才也是重要的願景之一。我不負重望地在這裏學到很多專業知識，展開更高層次的學習歷程。我所學習的解剖學，讓我第一次能深入了解動物身體結構和器官功能，揭示生命奧秘。透過觀察組織、器官和系統的結構，我可以更好地理解生物體內的運作

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方式，從而對生命的神奇之處有更深入的體會。獸醫系重視學生對伴侶動物和經濟動物的醫療能力訓練，同時致力於人畜共通疾病、分子生物和實驗動物領域的研究。我如今在努力耕耘，打下重要的基礎，以踏踏實實地學完 5 年的醫學知識。我對為未來抱有無窮的期待，因為系統性地教育體系讓我們在良好的學習環境下茁壯成長，專業又友善的老師總是我們學習上的最強輔助。這使得我們在畢業後能夠自信地應對各種挑戰，為社會做出積極的貢獻。

總的來說，中興大學從設施、環境、美食、課外活動、專業知識到整體氛圍，都讓我由衷的愛上大學生活。我十分期待我在大學接下來的表現！

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>學校大門，雄偉壯觀。 The school gate is beautiful and magnificent.</p>
	<p>OIA 活動上認識的各國朋友 Friends from various countries I met at the OIA event.</p>

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The building for the Veterinary Medicine Department.