

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

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### Sharing from a “Different” Student

Hello everyone, I'm Lim Zi Yi from Malaysia, currently a freshman studying Veterinary Medicine at National Chung Hsing University in Taiwan. Initially, I chose to come to Taiwan because it offers a Veterinary Medicine program recognized by the Malaysian government. However, upon arriving in this land, I deeply fell in love with Taiwan's warm hospitality and stunning scenery. The convenient transportation system in Taiwan also allows me to explore and travel around after classes.

Before and after coming to Taiwan, many helpful seniors who had previously studied here assisted me with various matters related to studying abroad, including visa applications and purchasing plane tickets. Upon arrival in Taiwan, Malaysian seniors at Chung Hsing University took care of us, guiding us in course selection, applying for residence permits, and applying for health insurance. Therefore, prospective overseas students interested in studying in Taiwan need not worry, as seniors will be happy to provide assistance and care.

Our university's Veterinary Medicine department has been established for over fifty years and includes a College of Veterinary Medicine and teaching hospital, offering professional courses and internship opportunities. In Taiwan, the Veterinary Medicine program is a five-year course, with heavier coursework compared to other disciplines. Currently, as a first-year student, I am mainly studying Veterinary Anatomy and participating in internships, learning about the physiological structure of dogs. The Taiwan Veterinary Medicine Association (TVMSA) and Taiwan International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA), comprised of students from five veterinary schools, has organized workshops and professional courses online and in various countries such as Egypt, Hong Kong, and Thailand. They invite local and international veterinarians to give lectures and share experiences, as well as facilitate exchange programs between countries to promote international communication among veterinary students and accumulate diverse experiences and knowledge.

Furthermore, our university boasts over a hundred student clubs, including academic associations, arts and culture clubs, service clubs, social clubs, sports clubs, recreational clubs, and student government organizations. In the first semester of my freshman year, I chose to join the Equestrian Club, hoping to gain a deeper understanding of animals and interact with less common animals like horses. By joining the club, I have the opportunity to work at the equestrian facility, performing tasks such as cleaning horse manure, feeding the horses, and maintaining the stable. In return, I have the chance to participate in equestrian courses.

Additionally, I actively participate in activities organized by the Overseas Chinese of Friendship Association (OCFA) and the Malaysia Student Association (MSA). These activities, held irregularly, include holiday celebrations, welcome events, game camps, outings, and sports events, bringing together overseas Chinese students from various countries to support each other, interact, and build strong friendships in a foreign land.

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Moreover, I have also participated in selling Malaysian cuisine at events organized by the Malaysia Student Association, promoting and sharing Malaysian delicacies with Taiwanese friends. This semester, there will be an Overseas Student Week event where we will introduce the Chinese culture of Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, and other regions. Everyone is welcome to participate, so stay tuned for more information!

大家好，我是林子壹，來自馬來西亞，目前就讀於台灣國立中興大學的獸醫系一年級。最初我選擇來到台灣是因為這裡提供馬來西亞政府認可的獸醫系課程，然而來到這片土地後，我深深地愛上了台灣熱情的風土人情和美景。台灣的交通便利，讓我在課堂之餘，還能到處游玩，四處走走看看。

在我來台灣之前和抵達台灣之後，有許多熱心的曾經留台的學長姐幫助我處理各種留學相關事宜，包括簽證申請、機票購買等。抵達台灣後，還有在中興大學的馬來西亞學長姐照顧我們，指導我們選課、申請居留證、申請健保等。因此，若有興趣來台灣留學的僑生不必擔心，學長姐都會樂意提供幫助和關懷。

本校獸醫系已成立五十余年，並設有獸醫學院和獸醫教學醫院，可提供專業課程和實習機會。在台灣，獸醫系為五年課程，課業也較其他科系更為繁重，目前大一的我主要研習獸醫解剖學及實習，學習狗的生理結構。由五校獸醫系學生組成的台灣獸醫學生會(TVMSA)及其國際事務部(IVSA)曾舉辦線上和到埃及、香港、泰國等地的工作坊和專業課程，邀請異國和本地獸醫師演講和分享，還有各國交換計劃，促進國際間獸醫學生的交流，積累不同的經驗和知識。

此外，我校有多達百餘種學生社團，包括系學會、學藝性社團、服務性社團、聯誼性社團、體育性社團、康樂性社團及學生會組織。在大一上學期，我選擇加入了馬術社，希望透過這個機會更深入地了解動物，接觸更平時少見的動物——馬。加入社團後，我能在與社團合作的馬場打工，從事清理馬糞、喂草、打掃馬場等工作，作為回報，我有機會參與馬術課程。

不僅如此，我也積極參加了僑生聯誼會(OCFA)及馬來西亞同學會(MSA)的活動。這些不定期舉辦的活動包括節日慶祝、迎新活動、遊戲營會、郊游和運動會等，聚集各國僑生參與，讓我們在異國他鄉彼此扶持、相互交流，建立了深厚的友誼。

同時，我也曾參與了馬來西亞同學會的擺攤販賣活動，向台灣朋友推廣和分享馬來西亞美食。這學期還將有僑生周活動，屆時我們將向大家介紹馬來西亞、印尼、越南、緬甸等地區的華人文化。歡迎大家踴躍參與，敬請期待！

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Photos	Brief Introduction (maximum of 100 words per photo)
	<p>The Equestrian Club organizes a special event called "Bring Horse to Campus" every year, inviting horses onto the campus grounds. On this special day, students and faculty members of our university can enjoy horseback riding for free upon presentation of their credentials.</p> <p>馬術社每年都會舉辦一場名為“牽馬到校”的特別活動，邀請馬匹進入校園。在這個特別的日子裡，本校的學生和教職員憑證都可以免費享受騎馬的樂趣。</p>
	<p>Every year, the Overseas Chinese of Friendship Association holds an annual event to welcome and honor the mentors who take care of overseas students. We dress in traditional attire representing the three major ethnic groups of Malaysia, holding our national flags, and present captivating performances of Malaysian songs to our mentors.</p> <p>僑生聯誼會每年都會舉辦接待照顧僑生的師長的活動。我們身穿馬來西亞三大民族的傳統服裝，手持國旗，為師長們獻上精彩的馬來西亞歌曲表演。</p>
	<p>During the cherry blossom season, the spring outing organized by the Malaysian Student Association took us to the Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village in Nantou, where we could fully enjoy the leisurely time amidst the beautiful scenery.</p> <p>在櫻花盛開的季節，馬來西亞同學會舉辦的春游將我們帶到南投的九族文化村，讓我們盡情享受這片美麗景色之下的遊玩時光。</p>

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The Taiwan Veterinary Medicine Student Association (TVMSA) organized a workshop to visit a chicken farm dedicated to implementing animal welfare practices, aiming to gain insights into the owner's commitment to the welfare of egg-laying hens and their entrepreneurial journey in providing care for them.

台灣獸醫學生會舉辦了一場參觀養雞場的工作坊，讓我們共同了解養雞場主人堅持追求蛋雞福利和提供蛋雞護理的創業故事。