

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

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Exploring New Horizons: A Malaysian's Study Abroad Adventure

As someone who graduated from an English-medium school, everyone was shocked to hear that I would be furthering my studies in Taiwan, let alone in a medical field like veterinary medicine. Well, my answer is simple: studying in Taiwan checks all the boxes on my list. I get to pursue my dream course abroad without burdening my parents financially, and National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) was the perfect choice for me.

I am currently in the first year of my five-year Bachelor's course in Veterinary Medicine. NCHU offers one of the top veterinary medicine programs in Taiwan. The Department of Veterinary Medicine was established in 1970, followed by the creation of the Graduate Institute of Veterinary Microbiology in 1994 and the Graduate Institute of Veterinary Pathology in 1998. We have our own teaching hospital where students undergo clinical rotations in their fourth and fifth years. NCHU provides a comprehensive education that extends beyond the traditional classroom setting. In 2021, our university became the first in Taiwan to import a bovine birthing simulator from Canada, and they established a unique animal research center based on NCHU's expertise in animal medical research.

To me, NCHU was a hidden gem for many reasons. Not only is their veterinary medicine course accredited in Malaysia, but majority of the course materials used, such as slides and books, are in English. Students are taught scientific terminology in both English and Chinese, giving them a valuable advantage. Furthermore, NCHU accepts a variety of graduation qualifications besides UEC (Malaysian Chinese private school exam). I applied using A-Levels, but SPM and STPM (Malaysian national exams) are accepted as well. Another reason why I chose NCHU is because they offer many scholarships and financial aid options for international students. I am currently under the school's full scholarship, which also includes a monthly stipend.

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) is in charge of assisting international students during their time at NCHU. OIA frequently organizes fun activities for international students to bond and make new friends, such as Halloween parties, Christmas parties, and Fun Games Day. During these events, we get to enjoy delicious food, play fun games, and win attractive prizes. I remember winning first place during the 104th Fun Games and having so much fun with friends from all over the world. OIA also organizes field trips to different parts of Taiwan. I joined the day trip to Tainan, where we visited Anping Old Street and the Ten-Drum Cultural Village. Most importantly, all these events are entirely free!

Although I have only begun my academic journey here at NCHU, I've had an amazing time here, balancing academics and exploration. As I navigate my remaining time here, I am reminded that just like the perfect blend of ingredients in a refreshing cup of bubble tea, my journey here will be a harmonious fusion of knowledge, culture and personal growth.

身為一名畢業於英語授課學校的人，所有人聽到我將到台灣深造時都感到震驚，更何況是獸醫這樣的醫學領域。我的答案很簡單：到台灣留學滿足了我所有的要求。不但有機會在國外攻讀我夢寐以求的課程，還不會給父母帶來經濟負擔，而中興大學（NCHU）正是我理想的選擇。

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我目前就讀五年制的獸醫學士課程，剛上大一，這是台灣頂尖的獸醫學項目之一。獸醫學系成立於1970年，隨後在1994年成立了獸醫微生物學研究所和1998年成立的獸醫病理學研究所。我們有自己的教學醫院，學生在第四和第五年進行臨床輪轉。中興大學提供了超越傳統課堂設置的全面教育。在2021年，我們大學成為台灣第一個從加拿大引進牛產模擬器的學校，並且他們根據中興大學在動物醫學研究方面的專業知識建立了一個獨特的動物研究中心。

對我來說，中興大學是一個藏匿的寶藏，原因有很多。不僅他們的獸醫學課程在馬來西亞得到了認證，而且大多數課程材料，如幻燈片和書籍，都是用英語編寫的。學生們用英語和中文學習科學術語，這使他們具有寶貴的優勢。此外，除了UEC（馬來西亞華文私立學校考試）外，中興大學還接受各種畢業資格。我使用A-Levels申請，但SPM和STPM（馬來西亞國家考試）也被接受。我選擇NCHU的另一個原因是他們為國際學生提供許多獎學金和財政援助選擇。我目前是學校的全額獎學金獲得者，其中還包括每月的生活津貼。

國際事務處（OIA）是負責協助外際生在中興大學度過美好的時光。OIA經常組織有趣的活動，讓外際學生們增進友誼和交新朋友，如萬聖節派對，聖誕派對和趣味運動日。在這些活動中，我們可以享受美食，玩有趣的遊戲，還有機會贏得誘人的獎品。讓我印象深刻的是在第104屆趣味運動中獲得第一名，與來自世界各地的朋友們玩得很開心。OIA還有組團帶外籍生前往台灣不同地區出遊。我參加過台南的一日遊，參觀了安平老街和十鼓文化村。最重要的是，這些活動都是免費的！

儘管我在中興大學只是開始我的學術之旅，但我在這裡度過了令人驚奇的時光，學習的當兒到處探索、游玩。在我度過剩下的時間時，我想起了，就像一杯珍珠奶茶中味道完美的融合，我在台灣的留學之旅將是知識，文化和個人成長的和諧融合。

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Photos	Brief Introduction (maximum of 100 words per photo)
	<p>OIA orientation day 迎新日</p> <p>We got a free pastry box and fan. The OIA volunteers took us on a tour around the school and introduced the famous spots on campus, such as the library, Chung Hsing lake, Chung Hsing Milk Tea and Hui-Sun auditorium.</p> <p>我们大家收到免费的面包餐盒和扇子。OIA 的志工们带我们走遍校园，给我们介绍校园内著名的地点，如图书馆、中兴湖、中兴奶茶和惠荪堂。</p>
	<p>IPC Annual Christmas Party 年度圣诞节派对</p> <p>Winners of the general knowledge quiz, I won first place!</p> <p>常识比赛的赢家，我得了第一名！</p>
	<p>One of the restaurants at the school cafeteria, 王子神谷 selling delicious souffles. This was during Christmas time, so the interior was decorated prettily.</p> <p>校内园厅的其中一件店叫‘王子神谷’，买非常好吃的舒芙蕾。这是圣诞节期间拍的照片，所以店内布置得很漂亮。</p>
	<p>Beautiful evening view outside the veterinary medicine department building</p> <p>傍晚时分在兽医系馆外的美丽风景</p>

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IPC Halloween Party 万圣节派对

I met so many new friends from different countries and had lots of fun. I didn't dressed up as anything because I forgot to buy a costume. My friends dressed up as a pumpkin, clown and vampire.

我遇到好多来自不同国家的新朋友，真的好好玩。我因为忘记买服装所以没有扮演角色。我的朋友打扮成南瓜，小丑和吸血鬼。