

A Glimpse into My Incredible Study Life in NSYSU

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Studying abroad may be a dream for many people, not least for me, who since childhood has often imagined being able to experience it. Television shows about overseas, reading books that introduce foreign cultures, and even stories from neighbors, friends, or relatives who have studied abroad have become my daily diet. This condition gradually became an explosion of enthusiasm for me to participate in experiencing the opportunities of it. Having international friends, learning new languages and cultures, and visiting tourist attractions or culinary specialties lacking in my country are my special motivations to continue studying abroad.

"Efforts and Prayers never betray the results." These sayings turned out to be a reality for me. With all His power and greatness, God allowed me to be able to feel the joys and sorrows of having an education overseas. Finally, I had the opportunity to continue my education at the National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU). It is one of the most beautiful campuses in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. It is said to be beautiful because the NSYSU campus is surrounded by natural views of the mountains as well as the beach, and NSYSU can also manage its campus environment for learning and as a recreation area at the same time.

Several corners of campus have become my favorite places to spend time on the sidelines of the lecture schedule and a place to relax. All of these places can give a sense of calm and comfort for just reading or recreation. Some of these places include:

1. Sizihwan Beach Area on NSYSU Campus

It is still located in the campus area; Sizihwan beach is the perfect place for me to relax and enjoy the beautiful sunset. To reach the beach area inside this campus, it only took around five minutes to walk from my faculty building, and the fun thing is that this beach can be accessed for free by all NSYSU students. On weekdays sometimes not many visitors come to the beach, so I can walk along the beach freely to enjoy the cool breeze and the soothing sound of the waves.



enjoying the beach vibes

Not far from the beach area, I and some international friends often spend time together just for an afternoon walk and having fun. These are the times we gather, which we use to tell each other, exchange information about lectures, or just hear some concerns.



hanging out with friends

2. NSYSU Campus Fish Pond and Garden

This corner is the most accessible place for me to go because it is located right behind my faculty building. There are many things that I can do in this place, I can calmly read a book accompanied by the sound of a water fountain and birds chirping. If I am bored, I often give bread to the animals around the park, from fish, squirrels, pigeons, ducks, turtles, and even wild sparrows, who are enthusiastic about coming to me.

Another interesting side of this park is the availability of stone paths created to massage the feet as we walk. This is one corner that always makes me excited to go to it. How can I not feel my fatigue can be lost by just stepping on the soles of my feet on these paths for 5-10 minutes. I feel that blood circulation is smoother, and my body feels lighter and fresher.



the pond situation and feeding the birds



foot reflexology pathway

3. NSYSU Badminton Court

Sport has become a necessity for me. Apart from keeping my body in shape, I believe that stress and the pressure of college can be overcome by exercising. Badminton has been my sport of choice since I was a child, and I am even more grateful because my NSYSU campus also provides accessible badminton court facilities for all students.



having fun on the badminton court

Even more interesting is that the NSYSU campus badminton court facilities are luxurious for me. The court floor is made of wood, with eight badminton court lines. Then it is also equipped with a warm shower bathroom, a drinking water machine that can be used unlimited, and a large audience stands. I spend at least three times a week playing badminton. During this exercise, I can socialize with local friends from Taiwan while simultaneously practicing and deepening my Chinese skills.

Besides spending time in some special corners of the campus, I think there is a moment that will also never be forgotten for me, namely when I participated in the 2020 International Cultural Festival. I joined international students worldwide at this event to celebrate and show their culture.



NSYSU 2020 International Cultural Festival

At that time, I encouraged myself to perform a mask dance from my country, and I did not expect the audience's enthusiasm, which also consisted of many local Taiwanese people, to be extraordinary. They were busy wanting to take photos with me and asked many questions about the dance I performed.



the crowd at the NSYSU 2020 International Cultural Festival

All of the pleasant experiences I had while studying at NSYSU will be an encouragement for me to complete my studies. It is not easy, but for me enjoying campus life by exploring new things that can be fun for us will give an injection of motivation. One of the touching things that I will never forget is when my profile was displayed in an exhibition held at the campus library that showcased my hobbies, interests, and daily life.



photography exhibition

Studying abroad is indeed tricky, but we must have a way to overcome it. Challenges and obstacles are not barriers if we can interpret and relish all difficulties. Finding happiness and comfort is the main thing to savoring every difficulty. Furthermore, that is only possible if we have a strong will and desire. The point is to keep the spirit, be grateful and enjoy every page of life.