

2023 Ambassadors international students' life experience

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Navigating Dreams: My Feelings through Higher Studies in a Foreign Land

The decision to pursue higher studies abroad was not one I took lightly. It was a culmination of dreams, aspirations, and a burning desire to broaden my horizons. After careful consideration, I chose Taiwan as my destination and National Chung Hsing University as my academic home.

The world is a vast tapestry of cultures, languages, and experiences, and I was determined to weave myself into its intricate threads. After thorough research, Taiwan stood out as the perfect blend of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and natural beauty. Its reputation for top-notch education, combined with a welcoming attitude towards international students, made it an attractive choice.

Selecting the right university was pivotal in shaping my higher education journey. National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), renowned for its academic prowess and commitment to research, emerged as my top choice. The university's reputation extended beyond borders, and its emphasis on fostering critical thinking and independent research resonated with my academic goals. What captivated me about NCHU was its diverse and all-embracing campus milieu. The very notion of engaging with students hailing from the farthest reaches of the globe filled me with anticipation, foreseeing the wealth of insights I could glean from diverse cultures and perspectives. The university's expansive alumni network, with its global reach, also promised opportunities for networking and collaboration that would extend far beyond my time of study. Equally significant was the alignment of NCHU with my research aspirations. Having delved into a specific research area prior to my arrival in Taiwan, I was resolute in continuing my academic journey in the same realm. The unique academic environment in Taiwan, particularly at NCHU, proved to be the ideal crucible for this pursuit. In particular, Professor Wei-Tian Li's eminence in this field marked him as the optimal mentor for my studies. This confluence of factors, centered on the research domain and the guidance of Professor Wei-Tian Li, cemented my decision to choose Taiwan and NCHU as my academic haven.

I am a part of the Applied Mathematics department, which stands as one of the premier departments within the School of Science. Established in 1961, the Department of Applied Mathematics at NCHU proudly holds the distinction of being Taiwan's inaugural Applied Mathematics department. With over four decades of dedicated development, the department boasts a robust collection of mathematics courses, extensive library resources, and cutting-edge computer software availability.

Our graduates consistently garner commendation for the exceptional quality of education they receive during their time in the program. To continually align with the demands of the technological and industrial landscapes, our curriculum and research endeavors remain adaptable and forward-looking. As such, our department places a primary emphasis on delivering comprehensive education in applied analysis, applied statistics, applied mechanics, the development and application of mathematical statistical models, and essential computer skills. A defining hallmark of our department is our proficiency in seamlessly integrating computer technology with the principles of applied mathematics.



This photo was taken during the food festival organized to celebrate NCHU's 100th birthday. Although we had arrived in Taiwan on September 1st, the birthday festivities took place on November 1st. It was a truly novel and captivating experience during my time in Taiwan, adding a unique chapter to my life there. Amidst the many snapshots we captured throughout our stay in Taiwan, this specific photograph holds a special place as one of the most treasured. In the image, you can spot me standing alongside my esteemed professor, commemorating this memorable event.

A significant milestone was achieved in 1981 when we introduced a master's program, further solidifying our commitment to higher education. Building upon this success, we established a doctorate program in 1988, marking a significant stride in advancing scholarly pursuits. Our postgraduate programs have consistently experienced annual growth, consistently setting national benchmarks for mathematics and applied mathematics graduate program enrollment.

Our overarching mission centers around nurturing adept individuals in applied mathematics, statistical analysis, data science, and computing. Concurrently, we endeavor to elevate the standards of academic research and applied technology. Our comprehensive framework encompasses undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs, fostering a holistic educational journey. Augmenting fundamental mathematical and informational courses, our department is organized into three key pillars of instruction: data and computing science, statistics, and analysis.

In each category, there are numerous highly skilled professors whose teaching and research capabilities are exceptional.



We were fortunate to be selected by the OIA, along with representatives from two other nations, for a unique opportunity to teach Taiwanese locals how to prepare Sri Lankan cuisine. In this engaging program, we demonstrated the art of making traditional dishes such as "Milk Rice," "Chicken Curry," and "Coconut Rotty." The experience was not only enjoyable but also eye-opening, as it allowed us to share our culture through food and connect with the Taiwanese community in a meaningful way.

Initially, I pursued a Master's degree upon my arrival here. Subsequently, in 2021, I embarked on the journey towards a PhD degree, following the successful completion of my Master's program. I am enjoying my life in NCHU. I would like to recommend NCHU because of many reasons. Our university is a remarkable institution known for its unwavering commitment to academic excellence and a diverse, inclusive community. With world-class faculty members and rigorous academic programs, students receive a top-tier education that equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in their chosen fields.

The campus itself is a testament to our dedication to providing the best possible learning environment. It boasts state-of-the-art facilities, picturesque surroundings, and a wide range of resources that contribute to a holistic educational experience. From cutting-edge research opportunities to comprehensive support services, our university prioritizes the well-being and success of its students.

Moreover, our institution places a strong emphasis on career development and networking. Students have access to internships, co-op programs, and career fairs, ensuring a smooth transition into the workforce upon graduation. The university's alumni network, comprised of successful and influential individuals, further enhances post-graduation prospects.

At our university, personal growth and development are integral to the educational journey. Through community engagement, global opportunities, and diverse experiences, students not only receive an education but also undergo transformation and emerge as well-rounded, confident individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.

In summary, our university offers a comprehensive and enriching college experience that combines academic excellence, personal growth, and a supportive community, making it a highly recommended choice for anyone seeking a world-class education and a pathway to a successful future.



As Sri Lankans, the Sinhala and Hindu New Year Festival holds great significance as one of our most important traditional celebrations. At NCHU, we enthusiastically celebrate this occasion with a vibrant Sinhala Awrudu Festival. The attached photo captures the festive spirit at the culmination of this event, which saw active participation from both foreign students and visitors



Recently, we had the opportunity to participate in the English Kitchen event for the second time. This photo was taken during the event, where we introduced "Vegetable roti, Pancakes, and Sri Lankan black tea" to our fellow NCHU staff members. Their feedback on the food was overwhelmingly positive.