

The Pandemic that Changed Our School Life

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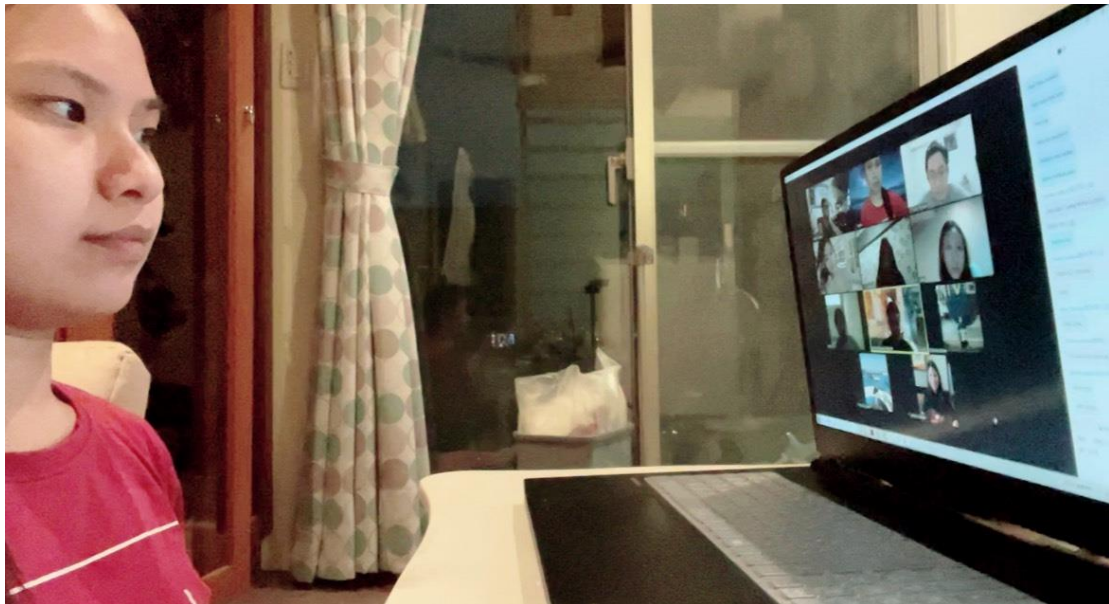
Time goes by so fast, in unexpected ways. It's been almost 2 years, we are fighting this pandemic together. Who would have thought that this pandemic would last so long? It has been recorded in various media that at least 200 million people in the world have been infected with this virus and 4 million of them have died as of August 2021. We cannot blame certain parties for this disaster that we cannot avoid, but this is our responsibility and duty to fight and overcome it together.

Various countries around the world are having difficulty dealing with this situation, some of which are forced to lock down their countries to protect their people. In these times, various countries are also facing economic difficulties, not a few industries have to go bankrupt because they are unable to resist the harsh effects of this pandemic.

We, as a student also not spared from feeling the impact of this pandemic. Those who can't wait to embark on their new journey after graduated from high school must succumb to circumstances. Previously, many international students who intended to study abroad had to be postponed because the immigration borders of several countries had not been opened. As a result, those who have been accepted by the destination university must be tolerant of taking their courses online at home.

It's not only those who are hindered by the immigration border restriction policy. Domestic social restrictions in Taiwan with the level 2 decision made us also finally experience online school. It is undeniable, online school is not as easy as imagined. Time constraints, network problems, and others make me personally unable to concentrate as when I was studying in class.

School life finally changed after level 2 was launched. Online classes, online exams, online presentations, online meetings, are still the best way out to reduce mobility and avoid face-to-face social interaction to reduce the risk of being exposed to the virus, not for yourself but also others.



Luckily, we live in an era of increasingly advanced technology, many devices linked us to continue to carry out our duties and responsibility. This makes not a few of us also become aware of the importance of communication and information technology. Learn new things and become more technology literate.

We also have to learn to sort out the information properly so that there are no misunderstandings in receiving information. There is a lot of fake news that spreads and makes many people nervous, it is very important to find reliable sources of news and information. I believe many universities in Taiwan help us, international students, by constantly updating the latest news and policies.

In this era, many new habits and habits must be changed. For example, wearing masks, whenever, wherever, to protect yourself and others, checking body temperature and washing hands regularly, limiting social interaction, maintaining cleanliness and hygiene. We, as students in Taiwan, are well aware of the efforts of the local government to protect its people and put our safety first.

The school life in this pandemic situation are one of the experiences and will be history for all of us. As well as being an important lesson about the importance of solidarity, hygiene, and even integrity. A pandemic is not an easy thing to control if not without the cooperation of all the inhabitants of the earth. We must be more aware to take care of each other, and not be selfish for our own sake. We believe that we can get through this pandemic together, while still following the health protocols.