

## A Big Life Change.

Making a big life change is scary, but know what's even scarier? Regret. – Zig Ziglar



When I read many quotes from one site, this quote got a lot of my attention. It seemed reflecting my whole life. Making a decision? A difficult thing that I should do in my entire life. Overthinking? I would say yes, I am the overthinking person. Sometimes, making a decision for me needs lots of time and billions of my energy was sucked for thinking that it is a good idea or not.

One of the hardest decisions was studying abroad. I have asked for advice and permission from my parents and my family. I thought it was a big family conversation. A big difference point of view I have seen from my family. Instead of my mother who was afraid to give me permission to go abroad, my father was okay to let me study abroad. More than a year, I got that permission, and my family motivated me for studying abroad.

Even I have got permission and my parents motivated me, I am still afraid of going abroad. Many things I have done to overcome my fear. I asked my friend who went to study abroad before, people who I met in education expos, and watched many videos about study abroad from many people in YouTube. I always thought what I am looking for, what I need, why I really want to go abroad. And I understood what it means to me until now.

Where should I continue my study? Which country is it? Why I choose that country? Can I live in there? Can I follow what they learnt before? So many questions in my mind at that moment. US, UK, and Aussie, place where I want to put all my dreams. but there is some moment when my teacher offered to take the shorter-place before reaching my dreams. She offered me to find some place in Asia with better education system and quality. And here we go, I put my shorter dream to Taiwan, one country with high quality in education and technologies.

**Taiwan**, a small country in size but big country in technology and other systems. Some people say this place is the heart of Asia. and let me tell you, Taiwan captivated me. My first time in here mean something to me. It was quite surprising when I arrived in Taiwan, where the Asian country which is smaller than my country, Indonesia, but the facilities in this country are very advanced than some other Asian countries. U-Bus, U-Bike, integrated systems, high education system, gorgeous sceneries and many more that make me captivated.

It was hard to decide the country that I want to go, but there was something which is challenging to decide, The University. I believe every universities in this world have same quality. They exist for a good thing, but for choosing the place for studying, I need to find the place where I can study and live my life as comfortable as my home in Indonesia. So, I asked many opinions and looked

for many information about study in Taiwan. And I dropped the choice to the 3 best universities in Taiwan in my opinion.

**National Chung Hsing University (國立中興大學)**, one of best university in Taiwan which is not familiar in my country. I have no idea about why this university is not familiar for me, although I know many Indonesian students studying in Taiwan. But there are few people who recommended this campus. I searched the information about the campus, the place, the road, the access, transportation, the living fee and even the attractive place in there. And it is stunning. It is easy to reach, low living fee, many attractive places to go and located near the downtown. And I believe I can study and live my life in here.



**KJ Lab.** Here is my place to have new experiences. I remember the first time when I met my advisor, Dr Lin. He is kind and humble person. He gave me a chance to learn many things by his guidance. That opportunity I thought it will never happen twice. I met all the member of laboratory. I can learn new things and have new experiences. I am grateful for that. For every moment which is valuable for me in this year, I am really thankful to Dr. Lin and all of the lab members. My hope that we always keep in touch

It is been over a year in here. And I realized the best thing in here is getting a chance to learn something new. This Campus always brings a great opportunity for international students to get to know cultures and traditions in Taiwan through many travel activities such as TCUS and many Cultural Trips. This is a huge advantage when you are in Taiwan, which is not only learning your major and your research but also learning about traditions and cultures in Taiwan. Moreover, we already know that Taiwanese people are quite friendly. And it really feels like home.



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