

## **My School Life at TCUS**

### **Life: An Unending Struggle**

A story I had heard in my early childhood was about ‘unity is strength’ that the sons of a farmer were given a task to break sticks one by one that they easily did. When they are given a bundle of sticks, they failed to break it; showing the strength of unity that’s what NCHU and some other universities of central and southern part of Taiwan do. NCHU along with National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU), National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), National Chung Cheng University (CCU) have made a remarkable collaboration that functions as a unit. This union is called *Taiwan Comprehensive University System (TCUS)*. The primary aim of this partnership was to develop a good research atmosphere, deal equally all the international students of these universities and enhance research facilities and support both faculty and students.

Life is the name of continuous struggle that never ends. This struggle only ends with the life. The amount of struggle might vary from person to person, but the concept remains the same. After every success we must get ready to cope with another challenge. Similar is the case with studies. From the junior high school to masters, I have experienced many academic levels during my student life. After completing my graduation from a national university in Pakistan the next stage of struggle of getting admission for master’s in a renowned university started. My focus was on three countries where thousands of students from Pakistan go every year for higher studies. My proposed study destinations were china, South Korea and Taiwan. I did search about the system of education in all these counties and collected information from friends studying these countries. Ultimately, I made my decision and selected Taiwan in priority for my higher studies and applied in NCHU. The main reason of focusing this university was the recommendations I got from colleagues in Taiwan. This indicates that this university is already famous internationally and that it is good educational destination for foreign students. All my struggles for getting admission gave a fruitful ending in the form of admission letter of NCHU. For that I am also very thankful to NCHU OIA as they receive applications of students from around the world each year. Now my challenge and focus in this stage of study is to learn how to transform the acquired knowledge in practice and under the kind supervision of my professors and departmental faculty I hope I will achieve this task as well.

When the environment is supportive, success becomes achievable. The NCHU has opted the same doctrine by providing a supportive environment to its students. to prove good research facilities and services and to make the university environment more feasible for foreign students NCHU has made a collaboration with four other national universities in central and south Taiwan. This alliance is called TCUS that not only facilitates the integration of teaching and research resources between these universities, but also maximizes the benefits to students and faculty. Students who enrolled in any university of TCUS can take courses, participate in activities and lectures, borrow books, and enjoy all the advantages

from 4 universities. Collectively they provided abundant resources for international students. In addition, the universities organized regular cultural trips where students from member universities of TCUS participate which one hand help students to know about the indigenous culture and art of local Taiwanese and also provide a high interactive social platform for students to engage with each other and exchange knowledge and ideas with the scholars of various countries. Universities under TCUS, also arrange individual cultural trips to famous tourist spots in Taiwan. The OIA of NCHU in this regard regularly organized trips and fun activities for international students. Some of the best activities are; the international food festival, New Year's celebration, Christmas celebration, parade and NCHU birthday celebration and NCHU has recently completed its century and celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



NCHU 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration November 2019: A group photo of international students with OIA (TCUS) officials

All the universities under TCUS provide similar kinds of activities for international students as international students in all the TCUS members are controlled one administrative body named as Global College. These activities help to express their abilities in various areas and develop a sense of teamwork. Students in TCUS get an excellent social environment where they can evolve from local to international social circle. As far as studies is concern, TCUS provides marvellous research environment with field experts and supportive mentors with the finest ideas and effective methods.



Chitou Culture Visit. July 28, 2020



Cultural Trip to Miaoli. Nov 30, 2019

In fact, TCUS ensures the international standards of education for students. the recruitment process is fair and every year thousands of students from across the world come to study here and thousands get their degrees. This is a magnificent academy where knowledge seekers can satisfy their hunger for knowledge and can transfer their acquired knowledge and experience to their home countries. TCUS is definitely the best choice for those who want to explore their intrinsic abilities and get advanced studies.



Students Activity: International Food Festival

The scholarship opportunities of TCUS are also admirable and a range of various kinds of scholarships are available for both national and international scholars. Hence, studying in TCUS has many advantages as compared to the other universities of Taiwan. That is probably the reason why the ratio of international students in TCUS is higher. Due to its high quality education system. Taiwan is getting more attention as a favourable study destination. If this process continues soon Taiwan becomes a hub for creating well trained scholars for the world. After experiencing all the above-mentioned features of TCUS and the advantages I have here I can say that my selection of TUCS for higher studies was a best decision and Taiwan is one of the most safest and suitable place in the globe for studies.