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A Year ofContinual Excellence

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To the 42nd Anniversary of NUU

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It is my honor to offer congratulations on the 42nd anniversary of National United University, R.O.C. Moreover, the academic exchange and cooperation between NUU and Chu Hai College of Higher Education have been established since the signing of the MOU on 2006. The symposium on engineering education (2006) and the workshop on the environment and welfare (2010) were held in Kisarazu. Our student exchange program has been continued since then.

Sustainable Hakka Cultural and Creative Industries Workshop

By the economic growth and globalization trend, it makes more people have the will to travel and to experience all of the different culture and lifestyle in the world. It also makes the tourism industry continue to grow. According to the “Tourism Towards 2030” report of World Travel and Tourism Council, international tourist arrivals were surpassing the 1 billion mark by 2012, and the number is anticipated to reach 2 billion by 2030. However, travel and tourism’s total contribution to the global economy rose to 5.6% of GDP (US$ 7 trillion) in 2013. World Travel and Tourism Council indicate that nearly 266 million jobs were supported by Travel & Tourism in 2013 - 1 in 11 of all jobs in the world. These trends show that Asia and the Pacific will gain most of the new arrivals, and North-East Asia will be the most visited subregion.

There are over 8 million tourists to visit Taiwan and it contributed more than NT $ 350 billion in tourism foreign exchange according to the annual report of Tourism Bureau, MOTC. Tourism can be said that the fastest-growing and highest economic output industry in Taiwan. By the way, the teachers Hsiang-Yung Feng and I-Hsin Fan made arrangements this workshop about cultural & creative industries and cultural tourism.
Visiting Polytech Group, France

It was a great honor for me to take two outstanding NUU students, Chia-Hsuan Lin (Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering) and Chen-Wei Tan (Department of Safety Health and Environment Engineering) to visit Polytech Group in France this summer. Polytech Group is a union of engineering schools of top 13 universities in France, which is also the largest union of engineers in France. These 13 Polytech schools include Polytech Annecy-Chambéry, Polytech Clermont-Ferrand, Polytech Grenoble, Polytech Lille, Polytech Lyon, Polytech Marseille, Polytech Montpellier, Polytech Nice-Sophia, Polytech Orleans, Polytech Nantes, Polytech Paris-Sud, Polytech Paris-UPMC, Polytech Tours (Fig 1). Their specialties cover a wide range of domains, such as Biotechnology, biomedical engineering, civil engineering, environmental sciences, mechanical and energy engineering, materials science, computer science, electrical and electronic engineering (For more detail information: http://www.polytech-excellence.eu/page4930.html). This summer in July, we were delighted to visit 4 Polytech schools: Polytech Marseille, Polytech Montpellier, Polytech Nice-Sophia, Polytech Annecy-Chambéry. During this trip, we moved a lot from Paris to southern France (Marseille, Montpellier, Cannes, Nice and Nice-Sophia), then to eastern France (Lyon, Besançon and Switzerland (Lausanne and Geneva)) with an average of 1-2 overnights in one city, and finally went back to Paris and went to younger to Paris. Although the trip was quite hectic, we came with full of expectations of future research cooperation and student exchange programs between NUU and Polytech schools.

In 2013 May, NUU and other 14 Taiwanese technology universities signed the Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with France Polytech Group. The education system in France is quite different from the one in Taiwan. French students can apply for a Master degree (MSc) or Engineer Diploma after 2-3 years of college. Students with Engineer Diploma are considered as engineers. With such great reputation, students from Polytech schools are highly demanded in industry. Therefore, the main goal of the MOU is to promote “Polytech Excellence”, which is a 4+1+2 (year) program. Generally, a student has to complete 4 years of college in France, including 2 years of courses (preparation in general university) and 3 years of Engineer Program, plus 8 weeks of internship. For the “Polytech Excellence” program, after completing the 4-year bachelor program in Taiwan, one student can study one year (also called “ bridging year”) of preparation courses either in Taiwan or in France before attending the 2nd year of the Polytech Engineer Program (also called the 4th and 5th years of Engineer Program, or Polytech Excellence program). In the end, he/she will receive an Engineer Diploma that is certified by the French government. The required course hours will expand students’ worldview by involving in French life and culture. One-semester student exchange program will benefit students from NUU and Polytech schools by taking professional engineering courses taught in French or Chinese locally. Summer over internship will be led by professors or local companies, so the students can learn how to apply theory into practical work. Moreover, summer opportunities will need further detailed discussion, and we believe it will come up with some very unique extracurricular programs for NUU and Polytech Group students in near future. This is my 5th time to France, but my first time to southern France. The weather in July was super nice in July and people we met were very kind to us. We stayed there for 5 days. Although the trip was quite hectic, we did not waste any time to sun myself and my tanned skin was the best souvenir of this trip. We happily enjoyed the sunshine, the beach, the mountains, the breeze, and the food. People living in France seem to know well how to live a good life and enjoy it. So, give it a try and study in France!
Globalization: In the Context of Youth

Youth, the backbone of our society and the leader of tomorrow, must have a profound perspective in globalization to meet the challenges of economic growth in a more competitive, globally integrated markets.

In order to achieve globalization, youth are urged to be multicultural and have democratic-legal knowledge.

SPEAKING ABOUT GLOBALIZATION: YOUTH AS THE LEADER OF TOMORROW

Youth must refrain from blind allegiance to foreign ideology brought in by globalization. Youth are encouraged to appreciate and embrace different cultures instead of rejecting it and retain an open status to globalization to prevent loss of competitiveness.

Law and Order

Law is fundamental to the attainment of democracy. The development of nation is based on a regulated system, not by populist. Public issues must be discussed from a legal and un-biased point of view. Substantive understanding of laws and regulations is required before taking sides in controversial issues.

The cross-strait relationship between Taiwan and China greatly influences the development of our nation. In remembrance of our past, we must understand our history and face the challenge that lies before us. We are a citizen of the world where every step we take has a prominent effect in the future. Youth should be concerned about current international news and strengthen its foreign language capability. Youth that understand history, respect diverse values, and think rationally would neither bias nor affected by political views. We hope that youth can care more about their society, cross-strait relation, and global trend. We look forward to having you, a leader with international perspective, to lead our future.
I went to many place but a place I especially enjoyed is 勝興車站 because the atmosphere was very good. I was surprised because there are many volleyball court and basketball court in the campus. The students play there. I envy them.

When I went to restaurant called "Nihongccwara". During having a meal, we introduced ourselves to the teacher. We played game and make different design. I want to enter NUU. To learn more Chinese.

I had never studied Chinese, so I glad to learned it and remember little pronunciation and read Taiwanese characters. Writing Taiwanese characters is easy for me because Japanese people use them, too. But Japanese characters and Taiwanese one is little difficult each other.

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I think that it is very hard. But I fellhard first only. And I had many many good time.

Thanks to Jay, another Jay and global volunteer members assistance, I could live in Taiwan. S.K.Y and E-Rui too. I'm glad to see when we are together I'm very happy!

When I go to Taiwan I think Taiwanese is very kind and warm. Taiwanese boy is friendly.
The dinner was delicious too. We play presentation on Thursday. It was tense very much. Because it was the first time that I did English presentation. And the dance and sing a song was ashamed of the last...

But the uneasiness disappeared on the first day in the twinkling of an eye. All people of Taiwan were kind and interesting, and also there were some persons who can speak not only English but Japanese, and it was stimulated very much for me. Remaining especially in recollections is the sightseeing of Saturdays and Sundays.

Although sightseeing was also natural, especially when it stayed at a teacher's house, he was very much surprised at the luxury and beauty of a meal. I think this alone and the culture unique to Taiwan were able to be known to the card game. In research, although it was a theme which is called a dynamo and which separated a few from the special field of study, you of the laboratory explained carefully, gave advice about PowerPoint, and were very helpful. Since the last learning outcome exhibition also did its best of its, thanks to the, it was good. It thinks that there are many opportunities to announce from now on in Japan, this experience is certainly employed efficiently.

Although it was short time of two weeks, it was really pleasant and was able to carry out experience which is not made in Japan. Next, when coming to Taiwan, I wish to study Chinese and English much more. It is waiting for you of Taiwan to come for play to place of Taiwan. I like the atmosphere of Taiwan.

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When the internship started I had difficulty communicating with my class mates due to the fact that while learning Japanese in Taiwan we do not have much practical use, we tend to only learn the basics which is enough for just travelling therefore it makes it difficult to communicate with people and professors. The school in Japan arranged classes for exchange students to improve their Japanese, which helped me a lot because I learnt many English and Japanese terminologies which are commonly used in my field of study.

When I started doing fluid mechanical analysis in the thermal lab, I realized that the methods used in Japan were different to the methods which I learnt in Taiwan. I also learnt that some of the software used, and the way lesson are taught are different.

In Japan, manners are highly practised amongst one another; they greet each other politely when ever they meet someone, especially when they encounter an elder. It is very different compared to Taiwan.

There are a variety of foods, such as Okonomiyaki, Sushi and Ramen. Most of the foods I will most definitely taste are light in flavor which is different from Taiwan and I like it so much. If I get the opportunity to visit Japan again, I will most definitely taste all the different foods.

Many Japanese houses are built with sloping roofs, which I guess is due to snow fall. The sizes of most houses are smaller due to space but in contrast, larger houses are usually found in Taiwan. As for transportation, buses and/or trains (public transport) are commonly used; when in France, we have many ways we can travel far in Japan, the Japanese use their public transport as their main mode of transport. An experience that I had in Japan is to taste new things which I feel is something that is worth learning.

Although I was busy schedule during the internships, I learnt a lot of things. I am honored to have been given this opportunity to join the activity and very grateful to the organizer of this project. I made many new friends during my time abroad. Besides the knowledge and experience I have gained, this experience has helped me grow as a person and my perspectives have changed, most importantly is my international outlook, I know the world differently now that I used to. This opportunity has been an adventure, a life changing experience which I will always cherish.

The first time abroad was as an exchange student in Kisarazu, Japan where I was on a 26-day internship program. I was nervous but excited for what this experience had in store for me. I was afraid that I wouldn’t be able to interact with the Japanese and break the culture, and at first I was. But in the end this experience proved my worries wrong because I was able to learn so much about Japan, and in turn, I was able to understand and experience a whole new world outside the one I am already so familiar with, the knowledge and experience which I gained from this trip is definitely profound and practical.

The first thing that troubled me was language, because the primary languages used in Japan are Japanese and English.

ane, you must keep moving forward.” As the saying goes, “if you don’t work hard, you’ll be swallowed by a series of exams and homework, I still urge myself to complete all my work. Thankfully, those days became memories of the past when I stepped foot into university as a freshman two years ago. Rather than being chased by countless exams, I have indulged myself in so many activities in University; such as visiting the culture and traditional heritage sites or joining the international travel fair. The experiences which I found most impressive are the visit to Shanghai and joining to the Hakka culture summer camp of Jaiyong College in Guangdong.

Shanghai is a city which symbolizes fierce competition. Just like the famous Oriental Pearl Tower, People there pursue their best with their own desire when it comes to study or work. This attitude is also reflected in their museums, cultural and creative parks, and the list goes on. Following the travel guide, we learnt a lot of relevant knowledge. In order to create a perfect and an effective system of protecting heritage and legacies, stakeholders have solidified their collective strength and successfully made the whole system work. In Shanghai, we found and linked all the pieces of history together and although it we felt very exhausted but learning all of this makes it worthwhile.

Travel is a catalyst for growth. One has to personally experience traveling in order to understand what it means. When I walked down the street, a great sense of joy welled up from the bottom of my heart, I think this must be the magic of travel. Although there may be some obstacles during the whole process, or a few complicated situations facing us to deal with, I believe we will eventually surmount them with care, but after resolving the situations one finds that we are no longer as fearful as before. If it had not been for the School, I would not have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people and see so much interesting places in my life. I hope that the school can offer more international activities for us to gather more knowledge and see more of the world, and also look forward to meeting anyone who is reading this article and invite you to join us in the near future.
During the course of our study we calculated the school gear involutes and created an animation figure of a helical gear using SciLab to solve the mathematical equations, LaTex to compile the final paper and finally presenting our project in English which I feel I learnt a lot from. As a result completing this task felt very good.

All in all, this international exchange is a very resourceful and enriching experience, I hope that both schools can continue to cooperate and hope that every term of this project is more successful.

This year’s international exchange is a very successful year. I am sure everyone is happy about the many improvements and the fact that we are now building friendship. I hope everyone will come back next year.

I would like to thank the National United University for providing such a great opportunity for us to practice our English and also for providing a very good opportunity for us to understand the Japanese way of living. I hope we can continue to have this kind of experience in the future.

Finally, I want to thank Mr. Hayashida, Mrs. Thanh and the international students for organizing my exchange experience and for being very friendly and helpful.

I hope that we can all continue to work together and make the future exchange a success.

Future Plans

I plan to look for a job in Japan in the future. I hope that I will have working experience in Japan at least for about one year. I will try to gain more experience in Japan. After that I will utilize the experience to work for an international company in Taiwan.

Appreciation

First of all, I want to thank National United University, which offers a great opportunity. Here, I learned different cultures and made a lot of friends. Everything is unforgettable memory.

Then, I want to thank Mr. Hayashida, Mrs. Thanh and the international students for organizing my stay here in Anan National College of Technology. Finally, I want to thank Ms. Shiromoto for teaching me Japanese.
日本別府大學實習團心得報告

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在這次去日本實習之前，我們一直很著急不安的心情，大家都第一次自己安排辦公室的行程，交通住宿，實習地的語言環境和學生們是否能說日語。我們大部分人並非常擔心，但最後我們還是決定去，因為我們認為這些經驗是很重要的，對於未來的生涯發展是有幫助的。

在去到日本之前，我們有幾次的實習預備會，大家都很熱烈地討論，決定讓我們的實習團活動更有趣。我們在去到日本實習之前，我們已經學了很多的語言知識，包括日語和英語。

在去到日本實習之後，我們發現其實實習的過程還蠻順利的，大家的心態也都平和了很多。我們在實習期間，我們學習了很多的日語知識，包括基本的日語會話、日語發音等等。我們在實習期間，我們也學了很多的東西，包括日語的發音、日語的會話等等。

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It was my first time going to New Zealand. I was very exciting and a little nervous because I am not fluent in English. However, my wonderful experience in New Zealand has made me fall in love with this beautiful country.

I went to Owaiaoai Primary School where I learnt so much from the school.

The following are a few reasons why I like this school and the people here.

1. All the students here are friendly and confident. When I first met some of the students in the school, they always greet us with a beautiful smile and in Chinese. Our observations in class showed us that students always raise their hands even if they don’t know the answer. I feel that the kind and active learning attitudes of the students is a form motivation for teachers to want to teach more and more to the students because the teacher gains Satisfaction from students' performance. Furthermore, the teachers here are also very friendly. They welcome us to observe their class and help us manage the students when we are teaching Mandarin.

2. I looked forward to tea time every day because of the delicious dessert and drinks. However, the most important reason is the atmosphere here, it seems like all the staff members are family. They have such close relationships that everyone can share everything with one another. I really love the atmosphere in the school.

3. I was impressed when Diane told us “Think outside the box”. The phrase has not only changed the way I think but has also encouraged me to become brave. I was afraid of speaking English with other people. But after Diane told us dare to try every thing: I think speaking English isn’t difficult at all. When I chat to other people in English, I feel that I can do it very well and all the people can understand me. Now I can tell everybody that although my English is not good, I want to learn English and I am willing to speak to you in English because I want to become a person who isn’t afraid of learning new things.

I learned not only the different teaching methods between Taiwan and New Zealand but the life style in New Zealand. I have become more confident and brave. I am used to talk to people in foreign languages and I believe that this attitude will help me build up good relationship with other people.

When I was in New Zealand, I lived with my home stay family Mr. Parker (“dad”) cooked delicious food for us every day and has brought me lots of good memories.

I really love everything in New Zealand, the delicious food, breathtaking sites and the kind people. There are so many things that make me want to stay in New Zealand forever. If I ever get the chance, I would love to go to New Zealand again.

May 15/10/2014
Language Exchange in NUU

Gute Morgen (Good morning) — a daily lexical encounter

Language exchange goes by many names: in-house language partners, language exchange partnerships, peer tutoring, or whatever if you're more creative. Still, you get the idea:

交流會因不同文化或語言習慣的不同，而存在著許多文化交流與座談。

Here we form an exchange program in NUU, a salary of exchange opportunities, we have an opportunity to choose our own partners in NUU. They are from Germany, France, America and Spain, and till we get together, we just need to make sure they are foreign to us.

The five high school exchange students have Chinese learning experience, starting to teach their own language profession-4ally when they are ready. Though they are young, we saw a heart with maturity and hard working.

Each student has their own way of teaching, also show their own personality.

After 100 days, we know each other. We have shared our mind during the class. What word they give us simply tell a true story of them. "German" "Guten Tag" and "Going Spanish" "Hola". In the very two hours, even talk with broken English, we have a teacher through Germany and Spain, with deep exotic atmosphere.

The experience will be memorable, and their mind during the class. What word they give us simply tell a true story of them.

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If you have any questions or want to participate in the language exchange, we are looking forward to your participation!
Many people have asked me why I would choose Philippines, rather than the other country. I thought about this issue and my only answer is that I just love this country, and I think the language barrier is not so important for me.

I participated in the school club which is the community service club and also participated in a few camps. I saw Wake’s page on the Internet and decided to join it immediately. Through the interview, I signed up for the registration of the team.

In order to international students from stress, the school kindly provides tutors to meet our needs. During the conversation with the tutors, we received a lot of helpful information making this trip a unique experience.

Our next destination was Cannes where we stayed for a day. While on our way to the beach, we took a quick stop at a local market where they sold spices, meats, and clothes. We also went to a small castle to see the whole view of Cannes where I couldn’t help but notice the panoramic view. The beach, the crystal clear blue sea water and the sand glittering like pieces of gems in the sea water. We got to see the red carpet in the Palas des Festival and we took some pictures with the head prints of the celebrities.

Our meeting with Polytech Nice-Sophia was really resourceful. The professors there told us some important events held in their university. The schools are surrounded with many companies. Therefore, students have more internship opportunities. After graduating from school, they are most likely hired by the company nearby. The meeting was extremely successful. A professor drove us back to the hotel. That was the first time I got to drive a convertible car. The beach and the sea in Nice are rocky but very clean. We sat down on the beach and enjoyed the leisure time. There was a tower where we could overlook Nice on the top of it.

The sun and sea there attracted my attention; the scenery was indeed breathtaking. For dinner, we made our own homemade pasta which was an exciting experience.

We arrived in Annecy at about 11pm and the weather was cold. On the visiting day, the professor picked us up at our hotel to visit Polytech Annecy-Chambery via electric car. We had a productive discussion on the exchanging programs. They showed us the laboratories and performed some experiments.

Annecy is a beautiful city, a city just the way we imagined in fairy tales. We also visited the famous Lake Annecy and Palais de l’Isle. We saw Mt. Alp’s which was next to Lake Annecy. That was really beautiful. It was pity that the weather wasn’t good that day.

As we headed for Switzerland, we stopped at Genève for a while. Where we walked along Lake Géneve, where met a friendly man with a roller skate gear, He enthusiastically told us something about the place while accompany us to the train station. The United Nation Headquarter was another place we visited. After a quick tour of Genève, we took the train to Lausanne. We went to Lake Leman, a landmark in Lausanne. And we also took some photos in the Olympic Museum not that we had a wonderful time shopping in the central area and also visited the Lausanne Cathedral. It was famous for its South rose window.

Paris is one of the most romantic cities in the world, was our last stop before returning home. We went to Arc De Triomphe and, where we found macaroons in Champs Elysées. When the lights were on at night and they looked very beautiful. During our four days stay in Paris, we have visited Eiffel Tower 3 times. We took many photos of it from different angles. It happened to be the National Day of France that day. There was a parade in the Champ Elysées and a firework display in the Eiffel Tower. Jets flew through the sky in the beginning of the parade. At night, the firework was extremely amazing. I was lucky to be there on National Day. Of course we visited some museums, like Musee d’Orsay, Louvre and Versailles. In Louvre, people crowded around the Mona Lisa painting. While walking along River Seine, I found the scenery was so beautiful. I could feel how luxurious the royal lived in the past in Versailles and we also spent some time in Versailles Garden. I really enjoyed my time in Paris.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who made this trip possible. I would like to thank Miss Chiang for taking good care of me throughout the trip. I’m so glad to have been part of this journey. I hope that our university and Polytech will continue to build a strong relationship and have more exchange programs in the future. France is a wonderful country that is worth visiting again. It will be great to study in France.
Had picnic in the local park.

It has been an honor to have been given the opportunity to visit some Polytechnic schools in France during this summer vacation. I personally had a good time with all the people that we met abroad and would like to thank each and every person that made this opportunity possible and to those who provided me with all the necessary assistance.

July 3rd

On the 3rd we were scheduled to visit Polytech Marseille which was easily accessible because you can go there either by subway or by bus. The surroundings of Polytech Marseille is rather nice and clean. In fact, many buildings there are still under construction. Therefore, in my perspective the Polytech Marseille will have plenty of new buildings, advanced equipment and facilities in the future.

It was my first time in France so everything here is new and exciting to me. Not only were we visiting Polytech Marseille, but also visited some of the popular sites in France. For example, we went to “Vieux-Port” which in Marseille, and bought some of their well known soaps. Additionally, we went to Cannes and settled ourselves onto this beautiful beach where we enjoyed the sun and beautiful scenery.

July 4th

Our next stop... Montpelier. In Montpelier we made use of the tramway of Montpellier which made transportation much more convenient compared to Marseille. The buildings in Montpellier are much older than the ones in Marseille however I can’t judge the quality of the school by just looking at the building so I told myself that I should look onto the bright side because I feel that the teachers here should be full of experiences and they will be able to answer all of our questions. (Miss/ Mrs.) Jane Govus a teacher at the polytech of Montpelier gave us a lot of useful information, she introduced the Mondus-program to us, it’s a well-known program and I think it would be an excellent program which is fit for NUU students.

July 5th

We were greeted by Professor Philippe at the front desk of our hotel at 9am. Professor Philippe had come to greet us with good news, he offered to take us to visit another PolyTech School, Polytech Annecy where we enjoyed visiting the two campuses. The One campus is known as the Campus of Chambéry and the other one, the campus of Annecy. The benign climate and Tidy Street had stolen my heart; I couldn’t help but fall in love with this town. We saw plenty of equipment and facilities in both campuses, and we also watched many demonstrations there. This was truly a great experience where I gained so much more insight and knowledge.

Not to forget the most romantic city in the world – Paris, is truly a beautiful city of lights, parks, world famous buildings and monuments, fashion, cuisine, a beautiful language, and Haussmann Architecture lining wide avenues.

My trip to France has been a life changing adventure that I will always treasure.

Chen Wei Tan

Working and Travel

Working and travelling is very popular and is an easy way to travel a country without having to spend too much money; this way one can earn some money while you are in a town which you want to travel, work during working hours and travel the town which you have stopped in after work. Similarly, one can make friends and learn to be more independent. This program offers great significance by allowing you to experience a lot of things first hand and find how wonderful the world is.

The country which I worked in and travelled is America and this is my second time here. This program is organized by a non-profit, non-governmental organization and this program has been running for over six decades. This program has helped thousands of people gain the necessary knowledge and skills to live and work in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world by offering the most comprehensive, relevant, and valuable exchange programs one can find.

If you want to travel abroad, don’t think that it is dangerous (but still be careful when you are travelling abroad). Family members may be worried about many sorts of dangers but the times have changed and nowadays people feel the desire to travel. I think that travelling will increase one knowledge of the world.

Absolutely, I always have a desire to travel the world. When I was a child I have always thought to myself that I need enough money so that I can travel abroad and that this will only happen when I’m in my thirties or forties but things change because my dream came true last summer and this summer vacation...

During my 2013 summer vacation I worked in Utah for the first time. I was on a job of about two and half months. The first thing that came to mind upon arrival was that the United States was a vast territory, the streets in the city and downtown was so broad. The sky, star, sun, cloud and everything is very different to Taiwan. When I lifted my head, I felt amazed and my eyes were filled with stars. Every place ever to touch to me. The church has many activity that everybody is welcome join. The theaters in America have remarkable abilities which I felt was a good way to improve my English. The Fourth of July is the biggest holiday in the US. We went to the local park to see the firework and had a picnic. Also, our company also held lots of activities for employees, such as picnics and Christmas celebrations.

In the USA there are eight areas here, I visited all the areas by hitchhiking. Hitchhiking is dangerous in USA except in national parks. I met a lot of nice people and they were willing to pick us up and give us a ride to where we wanted to be. This could be our picture and another national park- Grand Teton. “There’s a famous place called Mormon Row which is like a farm and was built in 1987. Well, it is so beautiful that it looks like a real painting.

Our Company also held lots of activities for employees, such as picnics and Christmas celebrations. I was shopping during your work or day off. I haven’t finished the program of this year yet, but I can guarantee that this will be a wonderful experience filled with many unforgettable memories. This is a great opportunity to travel and work. We confirm our jobs before arrive which is different to other countries where you only find a job after you arrive. However, the purpose of this program is to not earn money. It is an opportunity to learn to be independent and open-minded, experience local conditions and customs, and make friends from all over the world. This trip is like a good novel which broadens your horizons. This experience has really changed my point of view of the world after these two trips. Hopefully, I will be brave enough to take upon new journeys of your own because I believe you can do it.
By IAN, CHEN

As an exchange student, I studied Finance in Frostburg State University in Maryland (USA) from August 2013 to May 2014. During my stay, I was enriched with new experiences for Excellent Students to Study Abroad, sponsored by Ministry of Education in Taiwan. I had made some breakthrough far surpassed my expectations during the ten-month period; not until I came to the States did I realize my fuller potential. Of course, my life in the States was a broadened-new experience, which I will never trade it for any things in the world. Hence, I would like to share my experience to inspire everyone to cultivate world-wide perspective, open-minded view, and self-promotion consciousness.

At first sight I looked on the FSU campus as a castle, and was amazed by how well it was kept. The abundant university resources enriched my academic learning and extracurricular activities, like, gymnasium, swimming pool, game room, etc. are not only high-quality but free. Particularly held in Lane University Center once a month with fancy programs; I was really a lucky one. I went to the Food and Wine Nano in raffle draw. What an exciting experience! I got the job offer from a tutor agency, and became one of the “Dean’s List” for academic accomplishment for consecutive semesters, thanks to the efficient and effective time management. I realized I might not be able to work harder, but I can instead work smarter.

I have taken my interests and extensive learning into account when choosing jobs. I was a Note Taker in Learning Center; Mandarin Tutor for a professor; and because of the prominent performance in Managerial Accounting course in the first semester and several tutoring experiences in the past, I got the job offer from University Tutoring Center, tutoring three Chinese and three Americans for Fundamental, Intermediate, and Managerial Accounting. Since I am not a native speaker, I had endeavored to do the best and consistently proved what I had learnt into practice, made me busily occupied. Meanwhile, I had three part-time jobs, on which I spent over twenty hours each week for economic reasons. Under the circumstances, I did once face a dilemma and become jaded, but finally I achieved school-work-life balance, and was even invited to the “Dean’s List” for academic accomplishment for consecutive semesters, thanks to the efficient and effective time management.

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