

## Studying Abroad – Taiwan 我在台灣的交換學生之旅

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Lukas 來自捷克姊妹校 University of Bohemia，是該校商學系碩士生。他原有三個選擇：墨西哥、韓國、台灣，經過近四個月的台灣生活，他很慶幸當初選了台灣。Lukas 在建國交換就讀期間，充分把握機會品嚐了台灣的各種小吃飲料，本來就熱愛亞洲文化的他，樣樣都喜歡，其中百吃不膩的是水餃、木瓜牛奶和珍珠奶茶。Lukas 在建國期間也充分利用校內各種運動設施，並結交許多朋友，六月底結束在建國的課程後將前往印尼進行實習計畫，他希望能和這些在台灣認識的朋友們保持聯繫，繼續分享人生故事。

In 2012 I started to think about studying abroad. I found Europe a little bit boring, because I had already fallen in love with Asia during my stay in Indonesia. Actually, I had 3 choices where to study – Mexico, Korea and Taiwan. I chose Taiwan and I have never regretted my decision.

From the very beginning I loved local food a lot. I think it was even the first dinner here when I tried steamed dumplings and it was astonishing. From that evening I like dumplings until now. Also other types of Taiwanese cuisine are very delicious: chicken rice, pork rice, rice-balls, meatballs, different types of noodles, tofu, black egg etc. As to drinks, I cannot forget to mention: papaya milk, milk tea and bubble tea. It is very interesting about bubble tea. In the first month I did not like it so much, but after some time I fell in love with this extraordinary drink and now I can drink it even every day.

I find myself to be a very curious and adventurous person so I have tried to travel around Taiwan as much as possible. With my friends we visited Lukang, Taichung, Yilan, Sun Moon Lake, Jiji, Kenting, Liuqiu Island etc. But most of all, I like Taipei. This city is full of things I can enjoy a lot: Taipei 101 – the most amazing skyscraper I have ever seen, city bikes, unique sightseeing, huge night markets, beautiful parks, easy public transportation and very nice hilly surrounding. I have been to Taipei 3 times and every time I enjoyed it differently.

### Studying at Chienkuo Technology University

CTU is the university in countryside, but it can still provide a good background for studying. The campus located on the top of the hill is the nicest university complex I have ever seen. During the day, students can watch the entire city and when the weather is good enough, you can even see the sea. The school has a huge stadium, and thanks to its equipment, students are allowed to do many kinds of sports. I started to play tennis as a member of the tennis club, and I am attending badminton class, work out in a gym and going to the swimming pool very often. There is no doubt that the food restaurants in the campus (in the dining hall) are very good ones with delicious food. I do not even feel the need to eat

outside the campus. In addition, CTU's library can also make a great impression, but it is a pity that English books are in most cases very limited.

During my studies here in CTU, I am continuously preparing for my future working internship in Indonesia. I am going to finish my university this year and take part in an internship program in an Indonesian NGO. So this time I am trying to gain knowledge which I will need later for work. I have been learning how to use Excel for statistical purposes. Further more, I gained more information about international trade and marketing, deepened my English skills and started to learn Chinese language. I find Chinese language very useful for my future carrier, but at the same time it is an extremely hard language to learn; however, I am willing to continue with studying in Indonesia.

### Friends

Basically, I am a quite easygoing person but I depend very much on my friends. I like to experience adventures and travel with friends so I tried from the real beginning to hang out with foreign people. In the first month, it was a little bit complicated because I could not speak any word in Chinese and the others were shy or afraid to speak with me in English. But once I found my first friends here, the situation has become better and better. After some time I hung out with many people from another countries and could talk about their countries, culture, habits, learn a little bit about their languages etc. I have even made some really good friends here so I hope we will stay in touch and share our "life stories" from now on.

*Taiwan is just a small island in Asia, but for me it has been a place of happiness, fun, amazing nature, delicious food, life memories, experiences and where I met awesome people and created lifelong friendships.*



