

Acknowledgements and Reflections on the Summer Course at National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

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Equally valuable was the experience of living abroad for approximately one month. During my stay in Taiwan, I learned how to adapt to a new environment, travel independently using public transportation, communicate in English with international classmates and instructors, and work with people from different cultural and academic backgrounds. Although adapting to a new environment was initially challenging, each day provided an opportunity for me to become more independent and confident, particularly in communicating in English and managing daily life on my own. I also had the opportunity to experience Taiwanese culture, local food, daily life, and various places in Taiwan, all of which contributed to many memorable and meaningful experiences.

Therefore, participating in this Summer Course provided me with much more than academic knowledge. It enabled me to develop important skills in various areas, including English communication, teamwork, problem-solving, responsibility, adaptability, and independent living. Most importantly, this experience encouraged me to step beyond my familiar environment, become more open to new experiences, and broaden my perspective through interaction and collaboration with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

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