

My life in National Taiwan Ocean University

My name is Nguyen Hoang Hiep. I come from Vietnam and I'm attending an exchange student program at National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU).

Studying abroad is never be an easy task, especially for someone who go outside of his country for the first time like me. But it's a great opportunity for me to learn something new, to gain experiences. 5 months since I came to NTOU, I've learnt so many things, visited plenty of beautiful places in Taiwan and made friends with a lot of nice and friendly people.



Another experience of mine is the Taiwanese's food. Although it's somehow familiar with my country but it has a lot of oil and I couldn't get used to it in the very first day. And the stinky tofu, honestly, I couldn't take it but it was a very interesting experience:



Like any other foreigner, the language barrier is the biggest problem I have to face with. At first, when I had to order some breakfast or dinner, I used gesture for the owner to understand what I want. Indeed, it was very frustrating in the beginning for both owner and me but for now, it's much easier, thanks to my Chinese teacher.

I had a chance to work with the latest equipment in my department Shipping and Transportation Management, also in Library. It's very convenient to me and helps me a lot in my research.

In NTOU, I had an opportunity to participate in many activities, such as the Dragon Boat event recently. Although our team didn't win the competition, I'm proud to be a member of the team and everyone was trying their best to accomplish it.



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