

My life in Taiwan and NTOU

My name is Vo Thi Thu Trang (武氏秋莊) – one of six exchange student coming from Vietnam Maritime University. I came to Taiwan for a semester from the 22th of Feb 2013 to the 28th of June.

In NTOU, I studied at Shipping and Transportation Management Department. Although I'm a freshman but I took course in Master Degree (which was taught in English) because of my limitation in Chinese. But everything was not a big problem as I thought. Everybody from the head of my department to the assistants, they always tried to help me and my friends' best. Furthermore, in class Professors also gave us English document to read and study and our classmate help us to do something needed.

But for the following time, I got some troubles and the most disadvantage thing was my Chinese. I was afraid that I could not adapt to the new environment and live in Taiwan because I had no living overseas experience from then. I couldn't go out to buy something or do some simple tasks as: making photocopies ... without my Taiwanese friend's help. At the weekend, I just stay boringly in the dormitory. Once time, my Taiwanese friends invited me to go to Keelung night market, an old street – Jiufen, or Taipei. I feel surprised at the different things from my country such as: the food, the convenient transportation, or many modern buildings (Taipei 101). These places prompt me to travel around Taiwan.

Besides studying I also had chance to take part in some outdoor activities which was hold by the Office of International Affairs (OIA) with international students such as: multicultural activities, Dragon boat festival, making Zhongzi and Sachet or a trip to Yilan. These activities let me know more about Taiwanese culture, food, people and also improved my Chinese when had been talking to Taiwanese people.

After all, I had a very impressive and valuable experience about this 4 month exchange student program and at the same time could learn more through our course and have more friends. In my mind, Taiwan becomes the 2nd darling house.

Finally, I want to say thank to my department and especially the OIA who always give the best support to us. I'm looking for a chance to come back Taiwan – a beautiful country with friendly people.



Multicultural activities



Dragon boat Festival



Making Sachet



Trip to Yilan