

# NATIONAL TAIPEI UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## NEWS & UPDATES



## Farewell to the Past, Ready for a New Beginning:

A Closer Look at NTUE's International  
Engagement During the Spring and  
Summer of 2025



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# International Exchange 1



## 韓國首爾教育大學師生團來訪

國立臺北教育大學於春節假期後的2月6日首次接待外賓，訪問團係來自於本校頻繁合作的姊妹校之一—韓國首爾教育大學。該訪團由學務長Dr.Jeongyeon Lee、組長Ms.Heekyung Lee及專員Ms.Yoonseo Kim帶領下，共計12位學生代表，包含學生會會長、副會長及各系代表蒞本校參訪。本次交流也特別邀請去年赴該校進行交換的兩位國北教大同學一同參與，為雙邊互動更顯友好。

本校國際組同仁首先為此次來訪的師生進行校園導覽，並簡要介紹本校歷史與相關特色。首爾教大的學生對國北教大一應俱全的設施表示驚豔，學務長李博士亦指出，兩校所處的地理環境十分相似，均為位在首都重要學區的重點師培學校。

校園導覽結束後，學生們開始自由交流時間。本校教育經營與管理學系的張芳榆與林念榕同學分別以流利的韓文向來訪的首爾教大師生簡述學習經歷與赴韓國交換的心得，訪賓們對此深感稱許且留下深刻印象。

本次簡短的會晤不僅鞏固兩校間的合作關係，也讓雙方師長與學生有機會相互接觸與交流，實屬難能可貴。

# International Exchange 1



## Connecting with Our International Counterpart: Seoul National University of Education, Korea

National Taipei University of Education (NTUE) welcomed its first international delegation of the year following the Lunar New Year break, hosting a visit from its longstanding partner, Seoul National University of Education (SNUE) from Korea.

The delegation was led by Dr. Jeongyeon Lee, Dean of Student Affairs, accompanied by Manager Ms. Heekyung Lee, Officer Ms. Yoonseo Kim, and 12 student representatives—including the student union president and vice president, as well as students from various departments. Two NTUE students who had previously exchanged at SNUE were also invited to join the gathering.

The visit began with a campus tour organized by NTUE's Office of International Affairs, offering guests a concise introduction to the university's history, campus highlights, and key facilities. The SNUE students were deeply impressed by NTUE's well-equipped learning environment. Dr. Lee also noted the similarity in location between the two universities, both of which are situated in prominent districts of their respective capital cities.

Following the tour, students from both universities took part in an open discussion session. NTUE students Chang Fangyu and Lin Nianrong, both from the Department of Educational Management, shared their experiences of studying in Korea, delivering their presentations in fluent Korean. The SNUE delegation praised their friendly demeanor, language skills, and willingness to serve as interpreters during the session.

This meaningful exchange not only deepened the collaborative relationship between NTUE and SNUE but also provided a valuable opportunity for students and faculty on both sides to share insights, build cross-cultural understanding, and strengthen academic ties.





### 日本茨城大學學者來訪

在開學週，國立台北教育大學榮幸迎來第一批蒞校參訪的賓客，來自日本茨城大學教育學院的三位學者，分別是Dr. Masashi Watanabe、Dr. Tomoharu Kawaji以及Dr. Kanakubo Kyoko。

去年11月，茨城大學校長Dr. Ohta Hiroyuki率領代表團訪問我校，正式締結姊妹校協議，這一里程碑標誌著兩校在學術合作上邁入了一個嶄新的階段。本次來訪的主要目的是觀摩國北實小的課堂教學。

在這次訪問中，國北實小的校長祝勤捷與研究處的張曉嵐老師熱情接待了來訪學者，並陪同他們進入三年級的英文課進行觀摩。該班的教學由潘佳玟老師負責，潘老師運用多種教學技巧積極引導學生，激發他們的學習興趣，並促進學生實際操練文法和單字。

課後座談會上，本校日籍大學生河津仁子協助進行口譯，並邀請潘老師和學者們針對教學演示內容深入討論。學者們對該堂課表達了正向的回饋，不僅讚譽授課教師的英文能力出色，還對班上學生的主動回答和英文互動表示驚喜。

會議的後半部分集中於日本與臺灣國小教育體制的差異，雙方皆表示從中獲得了許多借鏡與啟發。中午，國際組組長林盈妤老師也參與了與學者們的午餐，共同探索未來兩校在交換學生計畫、師生訪問團及專業學術交流等方面的合作方向。

在與茨城大學進行的四次會談中，均有新的火花與收穫。期待來年將茨城大學納入交換生甄選範章時，正式開啟交換學生雙向選送，共同創造國際交流的新高度。

# International Exchange 2

## Strengthening New Friendship: Ibaraki University, Japan



During the opening week of this semester, National Taipei University of Education proudly welcomed its first visiting guests, three scholars from the Faculty of Education at Ibaraki University in Japan: Dr. Masashi Watanabe, Dr. Tomoharu Kawaji, and Dr. Kanakubo Kyoko.

In November of last year, Dr. Ohta Hiroyuki, the president of Ibaraki University, led a delegation to our university and formally established a partnership agreement. This milestone marks a new phase in academic collaboration between the two universities. The main purpose of this visit was to observe classroom teaching at the National Taipei University of Education Experimental Elementary School.

During the visit, Principal Ju Ching-Chieh of NTUEEES and Ms. Chang Hsiao-Lan from the Research Office warmly welcomed the visiting scholars and accompanied them to observe a third-grade English class. The class was taught by Ms. Vivien Pan, who actively engaged the students using a variety of teaching techniques to spark their interest and promote practical exercises in grammar and vocabulary.

At the post-class seminar, our university's Japanese undergraduate student, Ms. Kawazu Niko, assisted with interpretation and facilitated a discussion between Ms. Pan and the scholars regarding the content of the teaching demonstration. The scholars provided positive feedback on the class, praising the teacher's excellent English skills and expressing surprise at the students' proactive participation and interaction in the English language.





## 千葉大學師生蒞校來訪

本校於114年3月10日及12日，迎來了來自日本千葉大學的師生團。這是繼今年二月接待千葉大學語言與文化交流團之後，本校再度接待千葉大學的師生交流。師生團由 Prof. Katsuhisa Honda 以及帝京大學的 Prof. Kazuo Kimura 帶領8位教育系學生參訪。

此次交流的重點之一，是讓來自千葉大學的學生進入課堂與台灣學生一同上課，進行意見交流，並且體驗不同文化背景下的學習方式。首先，於3月10日（周一）下午，千葉大學的師生參與陳劍涵老師的「學習科技與教學」課程。陳老師在課堂上利用AI工具進行破冰遊戲，並引導學生互相探討「數位公民素養」的概念。課堂中，台灣學生與千葉大學的學生們積極交流，分享彼此的觀點與經驗。

3月12日（周三）中午，和林盈妤老師的「英語語音學」學生以及國際輔導學伴交流也成為另一個亮點。安排學生們一起用餐，進行輕鬆的對話與文化交流。在這樣輕鬆自然的環境中，學生們不僅加深了彼此的了解，也分享了各自的學習心得與文化特色。學生之間的互動是國際交流中最具價值的一部分。雖然他們來自不同的文化背景，卻身處於相同的世代。正因如此，這樣的交流讓他們在思想上發生碰撞，彼此啟發，並體現了國際交流最真實的意義。

## International Exchange 3

### Getting Together with an Old Friend: Chiba University Faculty and Students' Visit to NTUE

On March 10 and 12, 2025, our university hosted a delegation of faculty and students from Chiba University in Japan. This visit represents the second exchange between the two institutions, following the Chiba University Mandarin Language and Culture Program in February. The group was led by Prof. Katsuhisa Honda and Prof. Kazuo Kimura from Teikyo University, with a total of 8 students from the Department of Education.

One of the main focuses of this exchange was Chiba University students taking classes with Taiwanese students. On the afternoon of March 10 (Monday), they attended Dr. Chien-Han Chen's course on "Learning Technology and Instruction." During the class, Dr. Chen used AI Palette to facilitate ice-breaking games and guided students in exploring the concept of "digital citizenship." Taiwanese and Chiba University students actively exchanged ideas, sharing their perspectives and experiences.

Another highlight of the tour was an interaction with NTUE international pals and Dr. Tiffany Lin's students from the "Introduction to English Phonetics" class on Wednesday, March 12th. During a lunch meeting, students from both colleges had the opportunity to engage in casual discussions and exchange cultural perspectives. In this informal occasion, students shared their cultural characteristics and learning experiences while also getting to know one another better.

The interaction between students is one of the most valuable aspects of international exchange. Although they come from different cultural backgrounds, they belong to the same generation. As a result, such exchanges allow them to challenge each other's ideas, inspire one another, and reflect the true meaning of international exchange.



## International Exchange 4



### 美國姊妹校加州大學柏克萊分校再訪 持續未來交流與合作

去(2024)年3月，自美國姊妹校加州大學柏克萊分校的老師來訪，同時介紹柏克萊國際學習計畫(Berkeley International Study Program, BISP)。今(2025)年再次歡迎Louise Hon, Assistant Director蒞臨本校。

此次會談中，Louise提到UC Berkeley開始朝向師資培育方向發展，開設更多相關課程，與本校師生所研究之方向性質相符合。參與BISP的學生是與UC Berkeley的學生一同修課，是一個深入了解當地，體驗不同教育環境的好機會！

Louise同時也分享在BISP計畫下的CPM (Cultural Peer Mentors)，所有BISP的學生皆能參與，與UC Berkeley的學生交流互動，更加了解當地生活與文化。BISP有著有許多團隊，協助學生在課業、日常生活中會遇到的問題，也會提前與申請的學生面談，讓學生提早了解並且熟悉全英語的環境。

期許未來提供更多資源與名額給本校學生參考，也將邀請UC Berkeley學生來訪交流或學習，達到互惠交流的目的！



## Strengthening Collaboration: UC Berkeley's Second Visit

Last March (2024), the Director and Advisor from our partner university, the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley), visited us and introduced the Berkeley International Study Program (BISP). This year (2025), we welcome Louise Hon, Assistant Director to our university again.

During the meeting, Louise mentioned that UC Berkeley has begun to develop teacher training and has more relevant courses, which are consistent with the research direction of our university. Students who participate in BISP take courses with UC Berkeley Degree students. This is a great opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding and experience a different educational environment!

Louise also shared the CPM (Cultural Peer Mentors) program under the BISP. All BISP students can participate in and interact with UC Berkeley Degree students, gaining an understanding of their local life and culture. BISP has various teams to support students with academic and personal issues. They will also interview each applicant in advance so that students can understand and become familiar with the all-English environment before they arrive in the US.

We hope to provide more resources and places for our students in the future, and we will also invite UC Berkeley students to visit for exchange or study. To achieve the purpose of mutually beneficial exchange!





### 日籍校長根井久吾的孫子來訪 本校熱情接待

上週日籍校長根井久吾的孫子，根井夫婦一同來訪本校。根井久吾是曾在1927年擔任本校校長的著名人物，對於本校的歷史發展有著深遠的影響。根井夫妻皆已年逾九十，但兩位老人仍精神矍鑠，為我們帶來了不少的驚喜與啟發。

此次訪問，由正裕化學工業張董事長及台灣師範大學管理學院蔡院長陪同。本校也由陳慶和校長、進修推廣住董澤平處長、台文所何義麟教授、校友中心李佳玲主任及國際組林盈妤組長等一同接待。

來訪行程首先在會議室進行了簡單座談，雙方進行了親切交流。隨後，來賓一行人參觀了本校的校史館，回顧了學校的歷史發展及輝煌成就。本次來訪是根井家族與本校的深厚情誼的延續，讓本校更加了解與珍惜學校的歷史根源。



## A Grand Reception for President Nei Kyugo's Grandson

Last week, Mr. Nei and his wife visited our school. Mr. Nei's Grandfather was a prominent figure who served as the principal of our school in 1927 and has had a profound impact on our institution's historical development. Although both guests are over ninety years old, they remain spirited and brought us many surprises and inspirations.

The visit was accompanied by Chairman Chang of Zenith Color Corporation and Dean Tsai of the College of Management at National Taiwan Normal University. The President represented our school, Dr. Ching-Ho Chen; Dean of the Continuing and Extension Education Office, Dr. Tze-Ping Dong; Professor I-Lin Ho from the Graduate School of Taiwanese Culture; Section Head and Acting Director of the Alumni Center, Ms. Jia-Ling Lee, and the Director of the International Affairs Office, Dr. Tiffany Lin.

The visit began with a brief discussion in the conference room, where both parties engaged in friendly exchanges. Following that, the guests toured the Gallery of NTUE History, reflecting on the university's historical development and glorious achievements. This visit marks the deep-rooted friendship between the Nei family and our school, enabling us to further understand and appreciate our historical origins.

## Cultural Excursion



### 2025日本千葉大學春季語言與文化交流團 圓滿完成！

印象最深刻的是中文課，一開始完全聽不懂，後來能跟用簡單的句子溝通，我覺得很開心！」

「國北的學伴都非常友善，讓我感到很安心！」

「一定會再來台灣！」

2月17日至27日，來自日本千葉大學的學生來到國北，展開為期十天，非常充實的華語與文化交流之旅。

他們從零開始學習中文，最後能流利自我介紹、分享興趣，甚至用中文點餐！文化體驗的部分，千葉學生們學習書法與春聯製作、認識台灣古厝文化、動手製作布袋戲布偶，並親自體驗珍珠奶茶製作。另外，他們也參與國北的教育、藝術與體育特色課程，與國北學生交流教學方法、創作藝術作品，並挑戰扯鈴運動。

課程之外，千葉學生們走訪九份山城及探索台北各地，這趟旅程不只是語言學習，更是融入台灣生活，更重要的事，他們結交了國北的好朋友，讓文化交流繼續延續下去！

## Cultural Excursion



### A Memorable Journey: Chiba University Students' Cultural Exchange at NTUE!

“The Mandarin class was the most unforgettable! At first, I didn’t understand a word, but by the end of the class, I could communicate in simple sentences. It made me so happy!”

“The study buddies at NTUE were super friendly and made me feel at home!”

“I will surely return to Taiwan!”

From February 17th to 27th, students from Chiba University joined NTUE for an amazing 10-day Mandarin language and culture program.

Starting from zero, they learned to introduce themselves, discuss their interests, and even order food in Mandarin! They also experienced calligraphy, made traditional spring couplets, learned about historic Taiwanese houses, crafted hand puppets, and even made their own bubble milk tea!

Outside the classroom, they explored Jiufen and Taipei, immersing themselves completely in Taiwanese culture. Most importantly, they made great friends at NTUE, which continues the cultural interchange!



## Career Counselling Session1



### Navigating Your Future Success: Crafting a Standout Résumé and Avoiding Scams for a Thriving Career in Taiwan

On March 11th, the International Office was delighted to welcome Ms. Lee I-Chin, a senior researcher from the Institute for Information Industry, who spoke to NTUE's international students on finding a job and establishing a professional career in Taiwan after graduation. This was the first counselling session of the semester's career development program, and many international students were excited to join.

The first part of the session was focused on how to write a professional and attractive CV. To help students better understand the importance of creating their own CVs, Ms. Lee used real-life examples to remind students that a good CV should be clear and concise, as this is the first step in attracting the recruiter's attention. Later on, Miss Lee also shared some practical experiences of attending job interviews in Taiwan, emphasizing the cultural differences and the expectations that employers may have for their potential candidates. In the final part of the session, Ms. Lee, who holds a law degree, addressed the serious situation of job scams in Taiwan and how to avoid being an easy victim, which turned out to be the highlight of the session.

Overall, this session was both informative and inspiring, marking a successful start to the semester's career development program. With more sessions planned in the coming months, NTUE's International Office continues to support its international students in building a successful and secure future in Taiwan.

## Career Counselling Session 2



### AI, You, and Your Closet

The second session of the career development program focused on the intersection of AI, sustainability, and the fashion industry. On April 24th, the International Office was delighted to welcome Ms. Debby Wu, founder of MYMIKA, who shared her experiences and insights on using AI technology to create a career that resonates with people's daily lives.

Ms. Wu began the presentation by sharing her childhood memory as a girl growing up in a family with a strong connection to the textile business and clothing industry. This was a humble beginning of her future career. Ms. Wu started working for several reputable companies after relocating to the US and earning a degree in business and finance. With her experience and skills, Ms. Wu was finally ready to launch her own business in 2023, when AI technology was about to take off and change the world.

According to Ms. Wu, MYMIKA was founded on a simple idea: transform your closet into a digitalized AI platform that helps you pick what to wear every day. MYMIKA can assist you not only in choosing what to wear, but also in deciding what to buy. By combining AI with fashion, MYMIKA aims to reduce unnecessary purchases and promote more sustainable consumption habits. Instead of buying impulsively or forgetting what is already in the closet, users can rely on the platform to maximize the use of existing clothing. This not only saves money but also reduces waste and the environmental footprint of the fashion industry.

Ms. Wu also highlighted how MYMIKA integrates personal style, weather data, and even event calendars to provide tailored suggestions. Through this, AI becomes a personal stylist, making fashion both practical and enjoyable. More importantly, it demonstrates how technology can align with the values of sustainability and conscious living.

## Career Counselling Session 2



In closing, Ms. Wu encouraged students to think about the role of AI beyond traditional tech sectors. “AI is not just about coding or machines—it’s about how we apply it to everyday problems and make life better,” she emphasized. Her journey reflected the importance of creativity, resilience, and the willingness to embrace new opportunities in shaping a meaningful career.



## Career Counselling Session 3



### AI and Human Creativity: Rethinking the Future

The third session of this semester's career development program explored the power and influence of AI technology by featuring Dr. Jiang Haowen from IBM. As a senior researcher and innovation strategist, Dr. Jiang shared his insights on how artificial intelligence is transforming industries, reshaping career paths, and redefining what it means to be creative in the digital age.

Dr. Jiang began by highlighting the rapid advancements in AI over the past decade, from natural language processing to generative models capable of producing art, music, and even scientific research. He emphasized that while AI can replicate certain aspects of human creativity, it lacks the emotional depth, cultural context, and ethical reasoning that humans bring to the table.

"AI is not here to replace creativity," Dr. Jiang explained. "Instead, it's a tool that can enhance it—expanding what's possible and accelerating the creative process."

The session included live demonstrations of AI-generated art and design, sparking lively discussion among students about originality, authorship, and the future of creative work. One key takeaway was the idea of "co-creation"—a collaborative process where humans and AI work together to innovate, blending technical capabilities with human intuition and experience.

Dr. Jiang also addressed concerns about automation and job displacement. He encouraged students to focus on developing uniquely human skills such as critical thinking, empathy, and interdisciplinary collaboration. "The future belongs to those who can adapt, learn continuously, and work alongside intelligent systems," he said.

In closing, students were invited to reflect on how they might leverage AI in their own fields—whether in design, business, engineering, or the arts. The session not only demystified AI but also inspired students to see it as a catalyst for personal and professional growth.

## Graduation Farewell Party



### 國際學生小畢典與國際生留臺校友職涯經驗分享會 精彩回顧

國際組於5月23日舉辦了「國際學生小畢典暨國際生留臺校友職涯經驗分享會」。今年參加的國際學生來自土耳其、巴拉圭、韓國、日本、越南、美國、荷蘭、馬來西亞、捷克、菲律賓等10個國家，和台灣的學伴、朋友們齊聚一堂，一起慶祝在國北教大這段珍貴又精彩的旅程。

活動當天，陳慶和校長、王維元研發長、國際組林盈妤組長、學習學程林柏翰主任及蓋允萍老師到場，為畢業生送上祝福與勉勵。國際組也準備了豐盛的餐點、蛋糕和精美禮物，讓這場聚會充滿歡笑與感動。

特別感謝畢業校友 Dylan 的分享，他與大家聊聊在台灣工作的經驗與心路歷程，為想留在台灣發展的學弟妹們指引方向，也讓在場的同學們對未來充滿期待與勇氣隨著畢業的腳步愈來愈近，這次的相聚格外珍貴！祝福畢業生們無論你們無論身在何處，都能勇敢追夢、自在飛翔、繼續閃閃發亮！

## 2025 Graduation Farewell Party



### Highlights from 2025 Graduation Farewell Party & Work Experience Sharing by NTUE Alumni

On May 23, the International Affairs Office held a Graduation Farewell Party and Work Experience Sharing Event for our international students. Students from 10 countries, including Turkey, Paraguay, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, the U.S., the Netherlands, Malaysia, the Czech Republic, and the Philippines, came together with their Taiwanese study buddies and friends to celebrate their meaningful journey at NTUE.

President Ching-Ho Chen, Dean of Research and Development Wei-Yuan Wang, Director of the International Affairs Office Professor Tiffany Lin, Program Director Po-Han Lin, and Professor Yun-Ping Ge joined the event to send their warm wishes and encouragement to the graduates. The International Office also prepared delicious food, cake, and exquisite graduation gifts for each student, making the day a joyous and touching experience.

A special thanks to alumnus Dylan, who shared his experience working in Taiwan. His journey inspired many students who are also considering building a future here. His story brought hope and courage to everyone in the room.

As graduation approached, this gathering felt especially meaningful. We wish all our graduates the best. Wherever life takes you, keep chasing your dreams, spread your wings, and shine bright.

## International Students Club: Activities Review 1



# ISCES PICNIC DAY

### *Picnic Day: A Day of Fun, Games, and New Friendships!*

*We kicked off the new semester with a super fun Picnic Day to welcome our international students! 🎉*

*The weather wasn't exactly on our side, but that didn't stop us. We just brought the good vibes indoors and turned the space into our own little party zone.*

*Between the games, tasty snacks, and lots of laughter, it was the perfect chance to break the ice and make new friends. 💬⭐ From silly challenges to sweet treats, every moment was full of energy and smiles.*

*Even without the sunshine, the day was a total win! ⭐ We're already excited for the next hangout—hopefully under clear blue skies. Stay tuned, and we can't wait to see you there! 🌈*



# ISCES

## 1 DAY TRIP TO JIOUFEN & PINXI

To give everyone a taste of Taiwan's rich history and traditional charm, we embarked on a one-day adventure to Jioufen and Pingxi!

First we exploring the Gold Museum and trying our hand at gold panning. Secondly, we wander the nostalgic streets of Jioufen, every stop was filled with stories, sights, and delicious snacks. Last but not least, the most memorable moments, which is releasing sky lanterns in Pingxi. We wrote down our dreams and watched them light up the sky. It was a beautiful way to end the day—surrounded by new friends, culture, and shared experiences. We loved seeing everyone connect, laugh, and dive into the heart of Taiwan's heritage together. Thank you to all who joined us, and we can't wait to explore more hidden gems with you soon! Stay tuned for our next adventure!



# International Students Club: Activities Review 3



## CELEBRATING DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

From folding leaves to wrap our handmade rice dumplings, to wandering through the Taipei Expo Market, every step was filled with laughter, discovery, and connection.

We explored new flavors, shared stories from different cultures, and bonded over the joy of trying something new together.

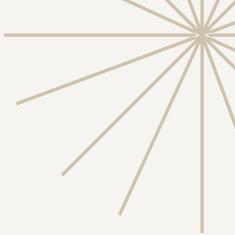
As the evening came to a close, we sat around the table at Panzhi Bistro, surrounded by steaming plates of stir-fried dishes. The sound of clinking glasses and cheerful conversations filled the room. With one final toast, we raised our drinks and said:

“Cheers!”

Thank you for bringing such amazing energy to this day — and we can't wait to see you all again next semester!



# Sharing Insights: Study in Taiwan



## Why did I choose to study at the National Taipei University of Education?

I have always wanted to work towards my master's degree. After completing my bachelor's in Fine Arts, I decided to gain some experience in my field of study and find a master's program later on. After many years of working in the museum industry, I wanted to move into a curatorial role. While living in Taiwan, I found the program at NTUE in the Critical and Curatorial Studies of Contemporary Art to fit me perfectly.

What convinced me to study at NTUE was the diverse curriculum, affordable tuition, and the fact that this program for international studies is taught in English. After committing to apply for this program, there are many steps that need to be accomplished before the application deadline and the enrollment dates. I strongly advise you to read over the requirements and create a checklist to ensure you have everything needed for this endeavor. Once you feel confident that you can manage, I recommend contacting the international office. They are incredibly helpful with any questions you may have about this process. What I found challenging was coordinating with TECRO and my undergraduate university to verify my undergraduate documents. TECRO in the United States has some quirky rules, but they also have some amazing people who are more than helpful.)

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During the application process, my biggest advice is to CALL the person you need information from and then email to confirm what you talked about. You will get more information faster if you just call—emails are easily skipped over, and you can wait days or even weeks for a reply. 加油加油 (Keep going!)

Now that I have almost completed my first semester in the National Taipei University of Education's CCSCA program, I am happy to report that I made the right choice in coming to this school for my master's. What works for me is the small campus with its abundance of resources and the small class sizes, which help create deeper connections with fellow students and professors. The professors in the CCSCA program are really invested in their students and make many efforts to create a dynamic learning environment. I really appreciate the visiting artists and professors who visit the program and give talks about their practice. There are many scheduled events throughout the semester that give students practical experience in the curatorial and contemporary art fields.

Taiwan has so many different museums and art spaces that show the diversity of investment in contemporary art and the humanities. Lastly, I want to talk about moving to Taiwan. If you are looking for adventure and want to live and study abroad, come to NTUE. Taipei is an amazing city, and there is so much to do that you will never be bored.

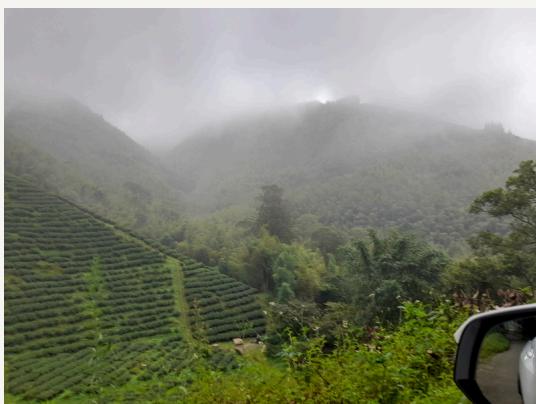


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The transportation in Taiwan is amazing, easy, and cheap. I love the high-speed rail system. If you want to get out of Taipei and go south for the weekend or for the day, just pack a bag and head to the station. Within Taipei, the subway network is incredibly fast and clean. I love exploring new parts of town and checking out different night markets. The food in Taiwan is really good, and I love all the different vegetables you can get year-round. Getting together with friends and going to a hotspot restaurant is one of my favorite activities. I also really like the Japanese izakaya; the food is so good, and when I need a treat, I pop in for a meal. If you like hiking, Taiwan has some of the best mountains and trails I have ever been on.

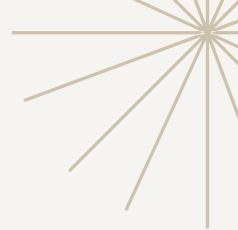
You can join group hikes or find some new trails on your own. The wayfinding in Taiwan is incredibly convenient and trilingual in most places. The city bikes are also very convenient for foreigners and locals. You will see people riding bikes all over the city (your first 30 minutes are free, so for little trips, I always ride a YouBike).

The hardest part of living in Taiwan is the language barrier. You will struggle to express yourself, asking questions about what you need at the store, and many other moments. However, if you keep an open mind and practice speaking with locals and friends, your life will get much, much better.



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I really enjoy trying to speak with strangers, and it goes a long way when you put effort into speaking Mandarin. You will get a lot of practice at school, and NTUE provides a study buddy program that helps you get everything you need to get comfortable and establish a new routine. While there are many great universities in Taiwan, I am happy that I chose to come to the National Taipei University of Education.

... Andrew Sinclair

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“Xin chào các bạn!” Hello everyone. My name is Tracy, and I come from Dak Nong Province, Vietnam. I would like to start this article with a heartfelt “Thank you.”

First, thank you to my mother for always believing in me. Without her unwavering faith and support, I would not have had the wonderful opportunity to live and study in Taiwan. She has always been my greatest supporter and the best mother I could ever ask for.

Secondly, thank you to NTUE for accepting my admission and giving me the chance to pursue my master’s degree. I also want to thank myself for taking the bold step of returning to school. Enrolling at NTUE and joining the IMPLAI program has been one of the best decisions I’ve made. It has been an inspiring journey so far, and I am deeply grateful for the experience.

The IMPLAI program first caught my attention when I saw how much it transformed my bachelor’s classmate, Huy. He was always hardworking, but through this program, I witnessed his incredible growth and self-development. IMPLAI didn’t just nurture his academic abilities; it helped “create” a new and improved version of Huy.

During my first semester at NTUE, I realized that the university doesn’t just focus on academics, it genuinely cares about students’ cultural experiences and how well we integrate into life in Taiwan. NTUE assigned me a “buddy,” who has since become a real friend. She helped me have a smooth start in Taiwan, offered advice whenever I needed a local perspective, and inspired me with her hard work and sincerity.

Even though I had already lived in Taiwan for three years before starting this program, exploring the country alongside my buddy gave me a fresh perspective. Together, we discovered Taiwan in her “local” way. She also provided guidance in my academic journey, and I’m incredibly thankful for her support.

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When I decided to shift my major from Finance to Education, I was torn. It felt like a huge risk. However, after enrolling at NTUE and meeting my professors and classmates, who inspire me every day with their intelligence and passion for education, I knew I had made the right choice.

Through the IMPLAI program, my first semester was filled with enriching activities designed to help us integrate and grow. We attended Chinese classes, went on field trips to learn about Taiwanese culture, and observed experienced teachers in action. These experiences weren't just about learning, they fostered a sense of belonging. I found a second family in Taiwan, a community of people who share the same dreams and passion for education.

IMPLAI also gave us hands-on teaching opportunities, where we received invaluable advice from professors, classmates, and Taiwanese teachers. These experiences deepened my understanding of lesson planning, classroom management, and the art of teaching.

Additionally, NTUE provided step-by-step guidance on approaching our research thesis. My professor often emphasized how NTUE strives to balance practical activities with academic preparation, and I couldn't agree more.

If anyone asked me, I would highly recommend the IMPLAI program without hesitation. It offers a perfect balance of practical and academic experiences, while teaching students to maintain focus on their mission as future educators.

Ofcourse, studying abroad comes with its challenges. For many international students, transportation and food are common concerns. Fortunately, Taiwan has an excellentpublic transportation system, which was a relief for me as someone coming from Vietnam,where public transportation isn't as convenient. NTUE's location near the MRT made commuting easy, and this is something future students might want to consider when choosing a university.

It was pleasantly surprised by how affordable the food in our campus cafeteria is compared to anywhere outside. And don't worry, it tastes really good, too! For vegetarians, there are also two fantastic vegetarian restaurants near the campus. The food there is absolutely delicious. If you're a vegetarian, get ready to discover some of the best vegetarian spots in Taipei rightnear our school!

Accommodation is always a significant concern for international students when moving to another country. If you enroll in the IMPLAI program, Wulong Dormitory will surely become your second home in Taiwan. The dormitory not only provides a conducive environment for studying but also offers excellent facilities. I always feel safe and genuinely enjoy my time living there.

Being part of this program has truly been a pleasure for me. Through IMPLAI, I aim to discover a better version of myself with the support of my beloved professors and classmates. If you are looking for a program that combines practical activities with academic writing preparation, we warmly welcome you to join us!



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