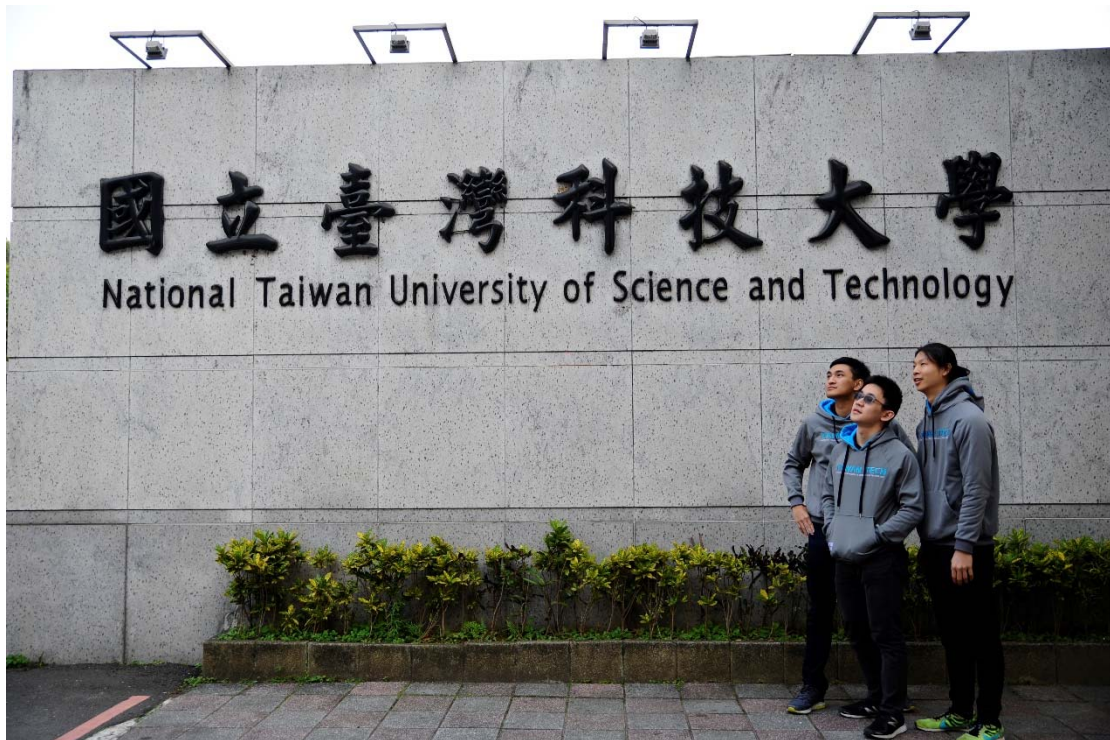


Wong Tit-shing Student Exchange Scholarship
Exchange Learning Report



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(i) Learning experience on this trip

In the host university, the classmates were willing to ask questions during lectures, which is uncommon in Hong Kong. They inspired me to engage more in lectures.

However, to be honest, most of my classmates were not of high caliber, even the ones doing master degree. That encouraged me that higher education level is not solely for the top students; if I have the passion, I can still do it.



Image 1. Play archery with friends.

I made friends with exchange students from the mainland, Singapore and Indonesia. I also met some Taiwanese friends at school and church. We still contact each other after I returned to Hong Kong. I think this trip is successful as I expanded my social network beyond Hong Kong, and we maintain a close relationship. It was also a breakthrough for me.

(ii) Career aspiration

I met an exchange student who was enthusiastic about any subject he had taken. He was so passionate that he treated his assignment as his research project. Even the professors



Image 2. Visit Yangmingshan with friends.

were amazed by his work and nearly assisted him publishing a paper. Before the exchange, I had never thought of doing a master degree, nor a doctoral degree. But this classmate inspired me to consider pursuing higher level of education. From him, I

noticed that success is the combination of hard-work and passion, rather than talent. So I could also be capable of that if I find my zeal.

Besides, I realized that my career path is not confined to being an electrical engineer. It is more diversified as I thought. Even if I eventually become an electrical engineer, my profession is also not limited to generators and motors. I can focus on robots or even software. I had never imagined the opportunities available.



Image 3. Waterfall in Wulai.

(iii) Views on other culture

It is very interesting to visit a country which has a similar cultural background as Hong Kong. By comparing them, I understand more about Hong Kong culture.



Image 4. Keelung Night Market.

I discovered that Taiwan has a very different culture from Hong Kong. Their pace of life is slower than Hong Kong. For example, we can observe that simply through the speed of escalators at the MRT. They are very slow even at the busiest stations. Because of this, Taiwanese are less stressed and generally more friendly.

Apart from that, Taiwan and Hong Kong share many similarities since our cultures originated from China. In my opinion, Hong Kong culture preserves better than Taiwan. For instance, the Chinese food in Hong Kong seems more authentic than Taiwan. I think Taiwan is developing its own culture instead of trying to preserve Chinese culture.

(iv) Detailed study schedule in the exchange-out institution

I took 6 courses, baring 18 credits in total, which had the workload similar to Hong Kong. The 6 courses are Electromagnetic Wave, Introduction to Microcomputer, Introduction to VLSI Designs, Control Systems, Smart Grids and Robotics. From Monday to Friday, I had to go to school for lectures. It was a bit too demanding for an exchange student. Usually, exchange students take 3 to 4 courses so that they have time to explore the place and have more cultural exchange with the locals. In spite of this, I managed to balance work and play in the sense that I obtained good grades while explored fairly enough places in Taipei.

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1	08:10-09:00					Microcomputer		
2	09:10-10:00				EM	Robotics		
3	10:20-11:10			EM				
4	11:20-12:10	VLSI						
5	12:20-13:10							
6	13:20-14:10	Microcomputer	Control Systems	VLSI	Smart Grids	Control Systems		
7	14:20-15:10							
8	15:30-16:20							
9	16:30-17:20							
10	17:30-18:20							
A	18:25-19:15							
B	19:20-20:10							
C	20:15-21:05							
D	21:10-22:00							

Image 5. My study timetable.