

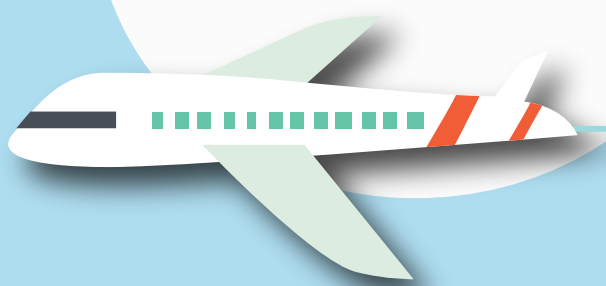
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France Journey

文/林佳萱

A long distance of 9855 kilometers away from Taiwan, France, is a romantic country. Studying in another country alone needs courage, but I still embarked on this journey. First of all, the scariest thing is feeling afraid of uncertain things might happen. However, one may avoid this situation by doing enough research before you depart. Just go with a delight heart.

If you follow the icons in the Paris CDG airport, it's not difficult to get to the high speed railway station. I felt peaceful just staring at the scenery though out the window from the second floor of the TGV train.

I got the chance to stay in Nantes, the best city to live in Europe. People here are friendly and the public security is quite good as well. The traffic is convenient, too. There are 3 tramways and several bus lines in Nantes. It's easy to go to places such as the city center, schools, and attractions. What I like about Nantes is its historic attractions. As one of the city in Bretagne, there are some castles and churches that you can immerse yourself in its historic atmosphere freely.

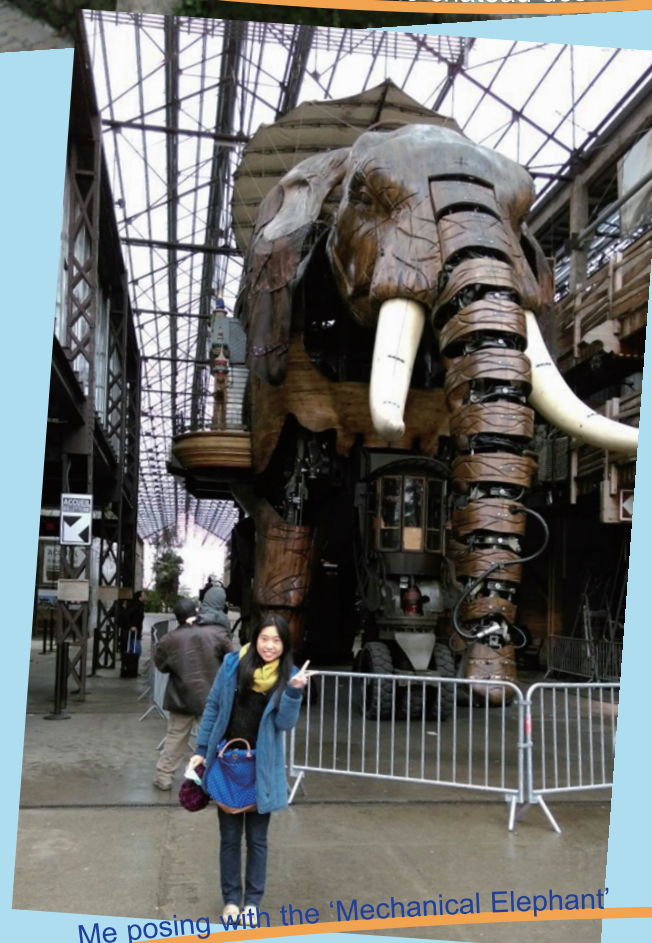
As an exchange student, besides exploring the city, studying is still definitely important. My school life in Polytech Nantes makes me feel the difference between France and Taiwan. The students here attend classes on time and they have lots of interaction with the professor. I believe that studying in an environment like this is a wonderful way to gain knowledge.

French cuisine is on my must-do list. Apart from restaurants, the easiest way to enjoy a French meal is at the student restaurant in the university. It's much cheaper than the ones outside the campus. There are appetizer, main meal, dessert, fruit, and French baguette. It's really different from the student restaurant in Taiwan.

Instead of feeling lonely, I feel fruitful here every day. I am still continuing this journey. And I believe that I will gain more than knowledge after I complete this challenge.



The chateau des ducs de Bretagne



Me posing with the 'Mechanical Elephant'

7 Best Job Interview Tips for Job-Seekers

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Last December, I found an opportunity that Singapore CBM corporate provides an internship program in this year's summer break. This is a great opportunity for me because I always wanted to work overseas to challenge myself. Therefore, I made a personal promise to myself that I'll do whatever it takes to pass the interview. Luckily, I did it! Now, I would like to share my English interview experience and tips. Wish you good luck.

1 English interview isn't horrible.

This is my first time interviewing for a job and also is my first English interview. Many Taiwanese will inevitably feel dishearten when they know there is an English interview due to lack of confidence in English in-prompt-to speaking. I think you should think positive because you have the chance to interview and others doesn't have this opportunity.

2 Conduct Research on the Employer, industry, Job Opportunity.

Do your homework! Do some research about the industry, company, and job context so you have a basic concept and grasp of the job that you are applying. The more research you conduct, the more you'll understand the job, and the better you'll be able to answer interview questions.

For example, I check throughout the CBM's web pages to get some information such as the industry and corporate philosophy. At the same time, I acquire lots of information from my senior Mr. ZHENG, DIAN(鄭典) who previously completed his internship at CBM corporate and knew lots of insight about my interviewer.

3 Review Common Interview Questions and Prepare Responses.

Another key to interview success is preparing responses to expected interview questions. Your goal is composing detailed yet concise responses, focusing on specific examples and accomplishments.

For example, I prepared 5 responses to common questions such as: "Why do you want this position?", "Do you think you are a good fit for this job?" and so on. Also, a good tool for remembering your responses is to put them into story form that you can recap in the interview. No need to memorize responses (in fact, it's best not to), but at least develop talking points.

4 Dress for Success.

Plan out a wardrobe that fits the organization and its culture. Remember that it's always better to be overdressed and to wear clothing that fits and is clean. Keep accessories and jewelry to a minimum. Try not to smoke or eat right before the interview — and if possible, brush your teeth or use mouthwash.

5 Arrive on Time for the Interview.

On time means five to ten minutes early because there is no excuse for ever arriving late for an interview. Arrive about 10 minutes before your scheduled interview to complete additional paperwork and allow yourself time to get settled. Also, arriving a bit early is a chance to observe the dynamics of the workplace.

6 Make Good First Impressions — to Everyone You Encounter.

Be polite and offer warm greetings to everyone you meet — from parking attendant or receptionist to the hiring manager. Employers often are curious how job applicants treat staff members — and your job offer could easily be derailed if you're rude or arrogant to any of the staff. Make a strong first impression you could by dressing well, arriving early, and when greeting your interviewer, stand, smile, make eye contact, and offer a handshake.

7 Ask Insightful Questions.

Studies continually show that employers make a judgment about an applicant's interest in the job by whether or not the interviewee asks questions. Thus, even if the hiring manager was thorough in his or her discussions about the job opening and what is expected, you must ask a few questions. And never ask about salary and benefit issues until those subjects are raised by the employer!



Proper attire for Interview

Succeeding in job interviews takes research, practice, and persistence. The more effort you put into your interview preparation, the more success you'll see in obtaining job offers. Thank you and I wish you luck!

My Experience as a Culture Exchange Student at Shimonoseki City, Japan

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I am very happy that I have the chance to visit Japan, and I learned a lot during that week.

It is my first time to go on a trip abroad, thanks to the Shimonoseki Higashi Lions Club's sponsorship for all expense paid culture exchange program, I am very grateful for this exchange opportunity. I felt excited and cannot wait to visit Shimonoseki the minute I sat foot on Fukuoka City. Shortly after our arrival, several members of The Lion Club hold a small welcome party for all the participants. On that very day, when we were heading back to the hotel, we were thrilled with joy as snowflakes started to shower on us and my new friends and I made our very first snowmen outside the hotel. It was really a magical night.

On the second day, we visited plenty of places nearby Shimonoseki, for example, Akama-jingu Shrine, Fire Department, and Shimonoseki Municipal Science Aquarium. Through Japanese history introduction at Akama-jingu Shrine, I learned that Emperor Antoku was the 81st emperor of Japan who died during the sea battle of Dan-no-ura in April 185. We also exercised how to escape from fire disaster in the Fire Department. Moreover, we watched a variety of sea creatures at close quarters in the aquarium, such as whale, dolphin, and penguin.



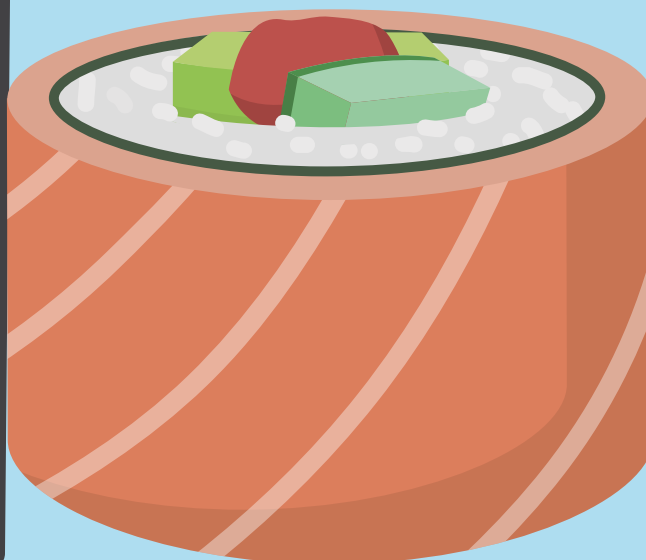
日本師子會小型歡迎會合照

On the third day, we visited Shimonoseki City University, Baiko Gakuin University, and the speaker and the mayor of Shimonoseki. We enjoyed different landscape between Shimonoseki City University and Baiko Gakuin University, and we also made a few friends. We were honored to have the opportunity to introduce our beloved Miaoli County to the Japanese Parliament and the mayor of Shimonoseki during Taiwan-Japan Forum. All in all, I had a meaningful day.



拜訪下関市議長

The fourth day we came to Huis Ten Bosch. Huis Ten Bosch preserved the strong European passion, like a postcard-like landscape. I was most impressed by Bungee Jump of Light in the Kingdom of Light, and this was the first time for me to challenge this extreme sports. It is a pity that we did not experience the Tulip Festival, the largest variety of tulips in Japan, cherry blossoms and Phlox subulata.



SUSHI

The next day we got up early to visit the Huis Ten Bosch again and took a lot of pictures. The scenery of Huis Ten Bosch in the day, filled with sunshine was exceptionally beautiful and breathtaking.

On the sixth day, we visited the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Glover Park. The museum holds vast collection of detailed information and relics of the nuclear explosion. We saw lots of pictures picturing panicked and devastated victims of the time. Through the sophisticated model, we had the chance to 'experience' the moment where the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki using images and deafening sound effects. After my visit to this museum, I was once again shocked by the destructiveness of nuclear weapons.

The last day, we got up early and very excited to see the snow, so we finished the breakfast quickly then took lots of pictures. After that, we took the subway to the airport.

I am really happy to be able to be chosen to participate in this event, not only to get my body and soul full of energy, but also expanded my friend group. We even have made a promise to visit Japan together again this summer.



參觀夢幻的歐洲樂園-豪斯登堡

What I learned through hosting Japanese Culture Experience Day

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I would like to share my experience of this event hold by the International Ambassadors. As one of the International Ambassadors, our mission is to promote our school, National United University. As a relatively new society, our seniors have never have this kind of opportunity, hence we are both excited yet afraid when we were told to host such a great and meaningful event. Fortunately, we had done very well at the end. All of the International Ambassadors not only have had a good time, we also learned the importance of teamwork.

We had spent three months discussing and preparing for this event. The content we discussed ranged from topics, countries, cultures, and the slogan that were captivating. We chose Japanese culture as the topic of our event, because NUU has a long list of Japan sister universities and had hold many session of academic exchange. After the topic is clear, we quickly started the process of planning and finding partners.

My job is to connect the Sushi chef and the student canteen chef about the time, payment, and ingredients. Due to the date and some details of the event was not decided, I could not check the correct information to the chefs immediately. Therefore I have to inform them many times while our plan had any changes.

I had lots of exams and homework in this semester and this great responsibility has significantly affected my academic. I think it is too many things to do and I could not handle all the things perfectly in the same time. Also, I felt sorry to lose my temper with my friends and teammates. Luckily, they are nice and considerate.

During the event, I have met lots of new friends including NUU students and Miaoli area's senior high and elementary. In spite of our 'complete' preparations, there was still some problems that happened. Not enough cups, dishes, food, gifts, and certificates etc. Moreover, the catering service was

late, forcing us to delay our lunch time, hence affecting the proper event flow; even worse that we let participants do nothing. The thing I just mentioned above should be taken into account beforehand, but we do not. And also the playing route is mess; all the students were out of control. All of this, we have to improve before the next activities.

During the event, I was shocked that the sushi chef do not fulfill our agreement where the sushi chef has to perform how to cut the fish and tell us more information of the sushi making, or explain some details of the fish. But, all she did was just cut the fish then she took away the money, went away. How worse her performance was! I think I did not do well on my duty and I was too kind to let the chef do what she wants to do. So, it was all my fault and I would remember do that again. Maybe next time I have to check the performance before making deal.

Besides, the camp took too long that make people feel boring and sleepy. We could revise to a lesson or just an afternoon tea time. The staff was playing at the next area, where insolation was too bad. Precisely, we disturb the Japanese teacher's teaching. That was rude and impolite to the teacher and all participants. We should join them and have fun together.

In conclusion, to organize an event is not a piece of cake. It takes a lot of time, effort, and money. We had paid many times to discuss which always continued to the midnight. Additionally, directly decrease my sleeping time and indirectly destroy my concentration on my study. However, all of the International Ambassadors involved me, have enough energy and patient, or we could not make it.

On the one hand, this event still has some problems need to be refined, such as the poster and the number of participants, and so on. On the other hand, I think we did well. There are pros and cons to this event. Nevertheless, when we review our achievement of holding such a great event, all the effort is worthy. "It pays to work hard because nothing comes easy." Actually, no one was born to be a master. We have to learn and practice, repeat and refine.

Thanks to this event, I make some new friends and learned a lot about the Japan delicacy. For example, sushi is one of the famous foods in Japan. For Salmon, there are up to ten kind of salmon sushi. In addition, I know the teamwork plays an important part in this whole event. Without that, we could not make it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants' and my beloved International Ambassadors' for making this event a success.

I am looking forward to the next activities or events. This time, I would confidently say "I am prepared".



日本國立阿南高專學生來台心得

文/交換生 井上雅貴

在台灣的生活就是真的有意義的，可是我的意思是我在台灣的生活同時有好事和不好的事，韓老師給我這個機會寫我在台灣唸書的感想，我真的感謝韓老師。

我想要寫自己心中真正的感想，不想寫漂亮話。我是從2015年9月來台灣的，所以我來台灣五個月了。2014年末我決定來聯大念書一個學期，這個意思就是在沒有日本人和日文的地方念書約半年。我非常期待在台灣留學半年後，可以增進自己的中文能力。可是剛來台灣的時候，我中文不夠好，我大概聽不懂班上朋友講什麼，我想不到我要講什麼，我有時候“裝”聽得懂，因為我以為每次問他們「剛剛講什麼」會打擾他們，我覺得很不好意思。所以下課後我沒有跟班上朋友聊天，而是直接回去二坪的宿舍，那時候一個人的時間真的很漫長又很孤獨，日文或中文我都不說了。那時候的我，每天都期待週末的到來，因為我週末會去找住在台北的日本朋友一起出去玩。當時我的精神壓力超級大了！

雖然如此，可是我每天有機會聽到很多中文。上課時，老師講中文；吃飯時，坐在旁邊的同學講中文，在一天的生活中，我聽到的大概都是中文。因此，雖然進步速度很慢，但是我的中文的聽力能力越來越好了。有時候也有幾個很好的機會，比如說，上華文系的科目講自己學中文的經驗，或是參加日本文化祭講關於日本的美食。當時我認識很多台灣朋友了，之後我跟那些朋友一起吃飯過，有些朋友帶我出去玩，我真的很開心了！結果我覺得在台灣的時間過得太快了。

接下來，我想寫台灣的特點是什麼。首先，第一個是美食。雖然我不知道台灣人覺得如何，我覺得台灣的食物都很便宜，比如說日本沒有台幣120塊錢的火鍋，超便宜。還有很多小吃，我喜歡雞排、豆花、珍珠奶茶等等。實際上，我來台灣以來越來越胖。此外，臺灣很適合旅行，雖然這部分我不知道台灣人覺得如何，但是我覺得台灣的交通費很便宜。假設只有兩天一夜的時間，我們哪裡都可以去，但是有可能有點浪費錢。

我在台灣的經驗真的是有意義的。我感謝所有的人，有機會我一定會想要再來台灣。拜拜台灣，下次見！

於「日本文化祭暨
日本文化研習營」介紹
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於「中秋節文化交
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秋節烤肉趣。

My life in Taiwan was very meaningful. However I mean that there are not only good events but also bad events. Dr. Han gave me this chance to write my impression for the stay in Taiwan this time. I appreciated it.

First and foremost, choosing to study at Taiwan about half a year means that I have to study a long period in a place where there are neither Japanese people nor the language around me. So I hoped that after my stay in Taiwan for 5 months, my Mandarin Chinese would be perfect. However in the beginning, I could not understand what my classmates were talk about because my Chinese was not that good. But I didn't want to ask them "What are you talking about just now?" because I felt sorry to annoy them. So I pretended to understand what they were talking about. So at that time, after the class, I immediately went back to the dormitory without chatting with friends. I was alone in most of the time and I felt lonely. I had spoken neither Japanese nor Chinese. I was looking forward to every weekends because I could go out to everywhere in Taiwan with a Japanese friend who lived in Taipei. I felt really stressful.

This is why I had heard Chinese everyday. Teachers speaks Chinese in their classes. When I eat lunch, some students are talking in Chinese next to me. In my whole day in NUU, I had to hear lots of Chinese in most of times. So my Chinese skill of listening had been improved although the speed of improvement was very slow. Sometime, there were some good chance to improve my Chinese, for example, I joined the class in the department of Chinese literature and I talked in Chinese about my Chinese-learning experience, and I joined the Japanese culture festival and I talked in Chinese about Japanese delicious food. At that time, I was able to make many Taiwanese friends! After that, I ate lunch or dinner with them. Some took me go out. I was really happy! This is how I thought that "Time Flies."

Next, I want to write the good points of Taiwan. At first, delicious food. I think the meals are very reasonable although I don't know how Taiwanese people think about this. For example, the individual hot-pot is only 120NT\$ which is very reasonable! Also there are many local dishes that I fallen in love to. I like fried chicken, soft tofu, and bubble milk tea. Actually, I got fat after coming to Taiwan. Moreover, Taiwan is good for trip because the transportation cost is very low compared to Japan. If you have 2 days, you can go anywhere in Taiwan.

I experienced a lot in Taiwan. My stay in Taiwan is colorful. I appreciated every people who were good to me. If I have any chance, I will absolutely come back to Taiwan. Bye-bye Taiwan!