

NSYSU International Science Immersion Camp

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As an incoming college student, joining the Summer Immersion Camp at National Sun Yat-sen University in Taiwan was one of the most meaningful opportunities I have ever had. It was not just about visiting a foreign country, it was about experiencing what it's like to study in a university setting surrounded by new people, cultures, and ideas. It allowed for introspection on myself and the kind of student I want to be as I prepare for the next chapter of my life. If given the chance, I would gladly return a second time just to walk through the university's labs and classrooms again, to learn from the passionate student teachers, and to simply be part of the campus environment once more.



Although the immersion lasted only seven (7) days, with five (5) of those spent at NSYSU, it did not take long for me to feel a sense of belonging. Despite the challenging lectures the student teachers made sure we felt supported. Their withstanding patience and guidance helped my labmates and me push through the tough topics.

However, I almost did not go. My parents and I were trying to manage our family budget for the summer, and they wanted to focus on our planned vacation. But I convinced

them to let me join, believing that this experience would help shape my future, and I believed it truly did. The lessons I learned in NSYSU, both inside and outside the classroom, are things I will carry with me as I transition into college life. If you plan to continue your studies at this university, I have but one warning for you — watch out for the monkeys!