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**Follow Me to Tainan guidebook and reflection**

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## Follow Me to Tainan

### **Motivation**

After taking this course, our group has an idea of introducing Taiwanese culture to foreign people. Since there can be different forms to present our learning outcome, our group think of making a guide book to introduce the food and historical attractions in Taiwan. Tainan came to my mind. Although I went to Tainan only for a few times, I knew that Tainan is a city with its long history and special local foods. As a Taiwanese, I think that Tainan is a good place to learn Taiwanese history and culture. When I think of the city with many delicious foods, I think of Tainan. If foreigners want to learn the history of Taiwan, Tainan may be a good start. There are many temples, historical architectures, and local foods. Those are special attractions and foods only can be found in Tainan. With Jean and her family's help, we decided to make a guide book introducing Tainan to people from other countries. We hope that we could write English articles to introduce Tainan to our readers. Moreover, through this small trip to Tainan, we hope that we could learn more about this special city in Taiwan ourselves. This will not only be a wonderful memory for our group members but also a record of our learning outcome.

### **Introduction**

We made this guide book to introduce Tainan historical monuments and attractions as well as local foods around. We hope that our readers could experience

the culture in Tainan by following our guide book. We provide attractions from different districts. We also include the English name of the spots, addresses, telephone numbers, opening hours, charges, and GPS. For the food part, we provide line-up rate for the concern of our readers. Also at the end of each article, there is a QR code provided for the readers to read more comments and reviews about this spot or food. There may be short clips for the readers to watch and have a general image of the attraction. In our articles, we will provide general information of the building or food and later on give the detailed introduction. We designed the cover and did the art editing of this book. The maps in the book are all hand-drawn. Although there are mistakes in the book, we tried our best to produce this book. We hope that everyone could enjoy reading the book and pay a visit to Tainan.

### **Reflection**

The moment we decided to make a guide book of Tainan, I knew that it would be a meaningful and exciting trip. We had to design the schedule of a three-day trip in Tainan so we discussed some famous places to go. We listed a lot of tourist and historical attractions to go but actually we did not have much time to visit so many places in three days. We tried our best to go as much places as we could in three days.

We had eel noodles and beef soup at the first night in Tainan. That was the first time I tried beef soup. The taste of the soup was so amazing that I hope I could have it every day. I realized that there are many restaurants opened at night. There were too many restaurants for us to choose. When you feel hungry at night, there are some restaurant open for you at night. When we finished our dinner, we had a walk along the side walk. Jean introduced the building and park around to us. We talked and

walked with the night breeze. I felt simple and happiness at that time. I hope I could slow down the time so that we can enjoy the night more.

The second day was the most tiresome day among these three days. We went to Chimei Museum in the early morning and went to West central district. We did not expect to stay in Chimei for over one hour. However, the collections and exhibitions in Chimei Museum were too amazing for us to leave so soon. When we saw the fountain and bridge, there are statues about Greek gods and goddesses. I recalled my memory when I was in Ms. Sy's Greek mythology class. I remembered the names and stories of those gods and goddesses. Later on we entered the collections of Western arts and musical instruments. I was fascinated by the huge collections of instruments. There were also many beautiful music boxes. When we saw those Western paintings, we thought of Western Civilization course. As for the arms and armor collections, this was my favorite part. I did not like wars and fighting. However, through viewing the development of military tools, I saw the history of human. The visit to Chimei was a review of what we learned in English department. After visiting Chimei Museum, we went to West central district. The most impressive place for me in West central district is Confucian Temple because there are many delicious foods around. I remembered we ate a lot there. The weather was really hot. We walked from one place to another, with our sweating bodies. I was proud of ourselves for our energy to visit so many places in one day.

We spent our second night in Tainan in Aunt Michelle's guesthouse. Aunt Michelle is a friend of Jean's mother. She was kind to us and gave us the chance to stay at her guesthouse before their official opening. It is a six-floor building in a small

lane. It looks really outstanding compared to other buildings. We stayed in the sixth floor, the biggest room with tatami floor. It is a huge room with a large balcony, where we can watch the stars at night. It is a beautiful and warm guesthouse. Aunt Michelle let us choose whatever room we liked. There is an elevator in the building so we did not have to take the stairs. In the next morning, we had hand-made bread with coffee. Jean played the piano for us. It was a wonderful and beautiful morning. It was like we were on a relaxing vacation. I had a feeling of home with my group members in that morning. I loved the sunny weather in Tainan, although it was very hot and sweaty. When the sunlight penetrated through the windows, I felt delightful and warm. When we started our car and went on our trip to Anping district, we listened to music in the car. The music flew in the air with the beautiful sceneries of Tainan outside the car windows. I got the feeling of escaping from the tired and busy college life in New Taipei City.

We were awaking by the earthquake in the morning of the last day in Tainan. I felt a little bit sad because we had to go back to Taipei and face the reality. I thought that I will cherish every moment with my group members. It was like a pre-graduation trip. We hoped that we could go to Tainan with each other again because we really loved Tainan.

After we came back from Tainan, we had to start doing the serious work: making the guide book. We first did the work division. Everyone had to write the articles about the attractions or foods they were assigned to. The most difficult part was writing the articles about the foods. We cannot have our personal opinions. We only can provide the history of this restaurant or the ingredients of the food. After we

finished our articles, we had to design the pages of the book. Ginger did the design and I helped her with the art editing part. It took a long time for us to edit the order of the articles and pictures. Jean did the photo editing part so we had those beautiful and professional photos. We really spent a lot of time making this book. We realized how difficult to produce a book and to print it out. Although it was a time-consuming work, we were still proud of ourselves of making this production. It needs our patience, writing skills, picture editing ability, and drawing ability to complete this mission. I would never forget that I spent one night to draw those maps. I remembered our group members stayed up all night just to complete this guide book. This guide book was made by our blood, sweat, and tears. We hope that our readers could enjoy our book and would fell in love with Tainan.