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Follow Me to Tainan guidebook and reflection

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Reflection on Graduation Project

This semester, Cherry, Ginger, Jean, Rick, and I decided to do the graduation project in the course 'Chinese Culture Through Foreign Languages –English'. I am very thankful for their allowing me to join this team; throughout the whole process, we helped one another deal with different problems with a view to obtaining the best results of our project. I learned a lot from each of them. Jean is always the one who seeks best efficiency when it comes to planning the trip or scheduling time for discussions, she is the one who pushed the whole team to finish all the works in the shortest period of time despite the fact that all of the group members have tons of workload on hand already this semester. Before we actually went on the trip to Tainan, we were not really sure about what we would get from the trip; I was afraid, even though all the routes and dates are well planned by Jean, that we would not get enough information to produce a good guiding book for Tainan. Aside from my band, this is the very first time I have ever joined a team to complete such complicated work together. I was excited and anxious as well; seeing all the group members make every effort for the preparation of the project/trip, I did not know if I could meet their expectations.

When we set our first step to the land of Tainan, I knew that there was no going back and we were on track then. We did not spend too much time going around the

area we stayed since we just got off train, on which hours were spent. We were lucky enough to get to live in the house of Jean's aunt that night and everyone goes to bed very early that day. Next morning, the bittersweet journey began. The next few days were all like this—hours of driving, walking, and taking pictures while enjoying the foods and experiencing the life in Tainan. I remember on the third day I was really tired even though I was not the one who drove the car throughout the whole trip and I acted like a child. I was really childish. I got a little emotional when I knew there was more touring spots and food stands to go at around six or seven that night. Hopefully, nobody scolded me for that probably because they all felt the same way and did not want to cause any unnecessary problems then. Nevertheless, I knew well that I should not have acted like I was the only one who got things to do and needed a rest. Well, I was not shouting at anyone or refusing to help anyone, I was basically telling everyone “I am really tired, do we still need to do this?” by saying nothing at all that night. It was everyone's consideration that helped me fight those negative emotions.

To be honest, I recon I could never go to as many touring spots as this trip ever again in my life; I am the type of person that hate touring spots and think they are not worthy of any of my time. Surprisingly, since we need to know the details about the touring spots and food stands we went to, I gradually found many of them interesting, which was not what I expect to see. And I think everyone else in the group thinks so

as well.

After the trip, we moved on to the most painful and difficult part—writing and designing the actual tour guiding book of Tainan. In the early stages, we were just a mess, not knowing what to do and where to start the writing works. And, again, Jean helped all the group members find their own jobs to do. The time when we began to write the articles on the touring guide book was around the time before the week of final exam and everyone needed to burn the midnight oil almost every weekend to catch up with the expected progress. After we all finished our assigned articles, we began to design the outline of the book. Well, it would be a bit unfair to say “we” instead of Ginger and Cherry. They put a lot effort to design the book; with their skills of the designing programs, they gathered everyone’s opinion and find the best fonts and colors to produce the book. It is even more tiring to design the book than writing those articles; in fact, they both were assigned with several articles just like all the others in the group, which made me feel very guilty. I personally can relate to how difficult to design or compose details or trivial things as I sometimes write songs or edit videos and this kind of work requires much concentration, not to mention that they needed to prepare for the final exam at that time. I am really thankful for their hard work, and the book looks awesome. It was far beyond my expectation of what the book would look like.

Lastly, I just want to say thanks to everyone who helped us complete this project again; Professor Gretchen Lee, Jean's relatives in Tainan, all the group members, and some storekeepers in Tainan, who helped us capture the best pictures of the food or stores. I actually felt like six months had passed when we put the final touch on the project. It was really tiring but it is priceless. Going through every page of the book we made together is like refreshing the memory we had in Tainan again. I could never thank everyone enough to give me the opportunity to join this great team. After the project, we all became very familiar with one another, and perhaps we will have another trip together sometime in the future. Making new friends and learning new things is always good, but I did not expect I could do both of these things because I knew I had to finish research paper for the CC course. What a splendid strip it was. Everything came as surprise to me this semester, and this project is definitely the biggest part of the surprise. I look forward to hanging out with you guys again, and I promise I would not get mad for going to too many places again; next time, plan as many places to go as you want, I am more than willing to go on another trip with you guys. Thank you all for this journey 😊.

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