

Taiwan is one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited. Filled with beautiful mountains and green pastures, even the air is refreshing. National Dong Hwa University, the place where I did my research has to be one of the most sophisticated and serene places to work. From well established labs to extremely delicious food, NDHU has it all. The people there are very good company and I cherish every minute of time I spent there. My professor Dr. Ruey-Yi Chang is one of the most knowledgeable people when it comes to Molecular Virology. My project there was mainly concentrated on cap detection of small flavivirus RNA. I was also working on the overexpression and purification of eIF4E (A Human Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor). My lab had every equipment that I required for my project. My lab mates were understanding and were happy to help in anything that I wanted. The nights in Taiwan are cold and the mornings are warm. The Night Markets in Taiwan is one of my favorite places, It's not just about the delicacies. It is all about the sense of community that they share among themselves as the whole community supports night markets by going there as often as they can to eat and have fun. Another thing I like about the place is a sense of community in everything they do. There are always 24 hour shops in every corner called 7-Eleven and Family Mart. Hanging out there is one of our favorite pass time. Meet each other at 12 in the night, crack open a can orange juice, open a chess board and you're sorted for a few hours of fun. This is how I spent most of my Saturday nights. I miss the food and comfort, I wish I can go there again. Thank you Taiwan for giving me a wonderful experience, you truly are a beautiful country.