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Report on Taiwan Language and Culture Study Trip

マーク先生の台湾語学文化研修レポート

Dates: July 24 – July 29, 2025

Destination: Taiwan (Taipei, Chiayi, Taichung)

Participants: 12 students + 2 teachers

Our group flew from New Chitose to Taipei to begin a week of learning and cultural exchange. Soon after, we traveled south to Chiayi to visit Concordia High School. The school also has middle and junior high students, and is known for its English and Japanese programs. Teachers and students proudly explained how these programs connect them to the world.

At Concordia, our students met their buddies and joined special activities. They visited an AI-controlled bean sprout farm, listened to jazz in a restored theater, and joined a temple festival. These were the first chances to use English in real situations and to see the daily life of Taiwanese students.

The next day included visiting a pineapple farm, a Chinese lesson, and cooking pineapple cakes together. Afterwards, students stayed with host families. They went to night markets, temples, and shops, or stayed home to enjoy wonderful local food. This homestay was one of the most memorable parts of the trip.

After warm goodbyes, we visited the National Museum of Natural Science in Taichung and later returned to Taipei. There we enjoyed the famous Shilin Night Market, explored the city, and visited cultural places like Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Longshan Temple, and Jiufen.

Over the week, students became more confident. On the first night many were nervous about ordering food in English, but by the last days in Taipei they were walking, shopping, and speaking on their own with confidence.

This trip gave us the chance to experience Taiwanese life, practice English, and learn about history and culture. More importantly, it helped students grow as global citizens—more open, independent, and ready to communicate with the world.

