

My name is Savadogo Adama Wendtongo Cheick Tidiane, I'm from Burkina Faso and I'm second year Mechanical engineering Student at National Chung Hsing University (NCHU). I arrived in Taiwan two years ago in September and I immediately started learning Chinese at MingChuan University in Taipei. After three months, I started looking for the university where I'm going to study. During these three months studying Chinese, I came out with a final decision that I will study mechanical engineering. My criteria of research were the following: First all the cities excepted Taipei (too expensive to live there). Second look for the top 20 universities in Taiwan good at mechanical engineering. And finally look for a scholarship. From more than 30 universities at the beginning of my research, I was finally limited at five universities in three cities at the end. National Tsing Hua University and National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu, Feng Chia and Chung Hsing University in Taichung and National Cheng Kung University in Tainan. I missed the deadline to apply in Tsing Hua. In Cheng Kung and Chiao Tung the application wasn't free. So, I decided to focus on Feng Chia and Chung Hsing. I first got the Admission in Feng chia and one-week later NCHU also gave me the admission. It wasn't hard for me to choose between these two universities. Indeed, NCHU is in the top 10 best universities in Taiwan. The second reason that made me choose NCHU was the scholarship. Feng Chia university didn't give me any scholarship. There are a thousand of other reasons that could make me choose NCHU and I found out these advantages and strengths after I started studying there.

NCHU, actually the 8th best university of Taiwan is a public university located in the south district of Taichung. Created in 1919, NCHU is a very big university with 10 main colleges and more than 70 departments including liberal arts, management, law and politics, science, engineering, agricultural resources, veterinary medicine and so on. All the departments are up to PhD, very few universities in Taiwan can afford this. The major strengths of NCHU are for sure his size, location and popularity.

Indeed, NCHU Is a very big and well-equipped university. His large size attracts students and very notable teachers. NCHU has more than 1,000 full-time and part-time teachers and more than 16,000 students. The school size is the top three national universities in Taiwan. The advantage from this is that competitiveness level in NCHU is very high. Because of their big number, Students always look for excellence. This competitiveness atmosphere attracts best students and makes the school level of study very high. In addition, NCHU is rich in teaching and research resources. It has a large library, and it also has research centers such as biotechnology, nanotechnology, environmental conservation and disaster prevention technology, cutting-edge industry and precision manufacturing, international agriculture, etc.

The second strength of NCHU is that it is well ranked in Taiwan, in Asia and also in the world. It made partnership linkages with more than 300 universities all around the world. These international linkages are opportunities for students to join the exchange program. They can study abroad for one semester so they can learn different cultures and improve their international vision and competitiveness. In addition, the exchange program that also allows teachers exchanges is a way for students to learn more from different teachers. Besides, conferences are also organized in the campus inviting international guests to share their knowledge and experience. Moreover, since its creation, the university are promoting Internationalized teaching and now counting five full-English degree programs. Its number of international students and its international reputation have increased.

The location of the university is its third strength. Indeed, NCHU is located in the south district of Taichung near by the central district. This can be an advantage for students because first of all it enables students to easier do their internship. Most of the big companies are located in the central district.

In addition to that, studying in NCHU can have another advantages. For example, the tuition and fees of NCHU students are the lowest in the top universities in Taiwan. The school has also established different kinds of scholarship that students can benefit. For bachelor degree it's tuition waivers renewable and for master degree in addition to tuition waivers they also have monthly stipend up 10000 Taiwan dollars. All these scholarships are renewable every year. NCHU also support their students during the academic year by reducing school fees, giving financial support, opportunities for work studies and so on. For example, best students are rewarded at the end of every semester.

Another advantage studying in NCHU is that it gives to their students opportunities to learn different types of languages during the academic year and for free. You can learn for example Japanese, Chinese, Korean German, Spanish, French and so on. There are also courses to improve your English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Besides, the academic year in NCHU is full of activities allowing international students to learn more about Taiwan culture. All the activities are free and you have opportunity to visit another cities in Taiwan.

Another advantage I noticed after I started studying in NCHU is that the department of Mechanical engineering is one of the best in Taiwan and the only one in Taichung with PhD degree. The goal of this department at NCHU is to train their students and develop advanced engineering technologies. So, graduated from the department of ME at NCHU is very beneficial because you won't only learn mechanical engineering basics but should also be able to contribute to the development of engineering technologies.

National Chung Hsing University is without doubt one of the best universities in Taiwan you can choose if you're looking for competitiveness, good teaching methods, good Study and work opportunities. In resume, if you're looking for a best university in Taiwan, NCHU is your destination.

