

National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) and My Life

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Hello everyone!! People commonly call me Herta. Yeah!! it is my first name even actually it's not my call name from my childhood. All right, it is okay it's not a big deal. Well, let me introduce about myself. I am female, Indonesian. Exactly I come from Sumatra Island in Indonesia, Medan (Sumatra Utara). Further, I am Planters, Agronomist, Researcher and for sure as student too. I am studying for doctoral program in Agronomy Department, NCHU.



First of all, I will tell my story why I choose NCHU for my study. I graduated from the Agronomy Department from my former university at the University of Sumatera Utara (USU) Medan, Indonesia. Here the story began I fallen in love in agriculture when I did my bachelor and I kept a promise to myself I will finish my study till the highest level of degree in Agriculture.

Education is expensive so my parents told me if you want to continue your study you need to pay by yourself. I need to find a way how to pursue my dream. I worked in several companies for several years, in my mind I thought I want to earn money for continuing my study but the money always not enough. So I decided to find a scholarship for my study and I really want to study abroad.



Figure 1 Sumatra Island of Republic Indonesia Map

Retrieved from https://www.welt-atlas.de/map_of_sumatra_6-638

My friend was tagged me in FB about scholarship in Taiwan. I searched all information about that scholarship. I searched agronomy department from all university in Taiwan. Interestingly, Taiwan only has four universities related to the Agronomy Department which are NTU, NCHU, NCYU, and NPTU.

I took the NCHU, Agronomy Department. Why did I choose Agronomy? Honestly, my goal is I really want to be a professor for teaching university students in Indonesia. My country has regulation if we want to apply as a lecturer at university it's better if the degree is linear or the same major for all levels of your diploma.

Why did I choose NCHU for my study? I read the NCHU Web. I got information NCHU is the best for Agriculture university in Taiwan, especially Agronomy Department. So

why not! Let me try this, I tried to apply for the scholarship at this university. I am the type of person does not like the complicated procedure for applying something. I like all the procedures on the NCHU website, it is simple.

Finally, I got accepted to NCHU. Wow, it was my great time. I asked myself is it true or only my dream. I asked my friend to make sure about it. My friend just laughed at me loudly. Come on you got accepted but why you asked me again, it is real, my friend said. Here, we go! The journey started in September 2014. I flew to Taiwan and moved to Taichung when I enrolled master's program in Agronomy. Culture shocked, language barrier, every day was frustrate, all class in my department is in Chinese. It was an amazing day for me. I was felt lonely and sad in class.

NCHU has a lot of programs for the international student, so for reducing my frustrated feeling in my study I still can enjoy my life from all activities that provide by OIA of NCHU. With attending and join this activity I can meet my International friend and share a story about our life in Taiwan, especially about our study.



I and my international friend took photograph in NCHU 95th Birthday Celebration of International Parade Activity, November 2014.

Simple, I teach myself to be a strong one. I said to myself it doesn't matter how hard, difficult it is, just remember everything is going to be okay in its time. I am believers so my favorite quotes are "I try my best and let God do the rest". Up and down in this life is a

common thing. The perfect life is not measured by what you have but how you enjoy your life in each process. To be honest I enjoy my life study in Taiwan NCHU. I meet a lot of international friends and also Taiwanese friend. One enemy is too much but one thousand friends is still a little.

For my conclusion, Taiwan is a convenient place for doing study. NCHU is my favorite university for study. The reason are NCHU located in Taichung, Taichung is nice place, save and safe. NCHU is the best University for Agriculture so NCHU is the perfect place for me as agriculture lover, especially for tea research. Thank you!!! BRAVO NCHU I love you NCHU.