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The Office of International Cooperation (OIC) at National Chengchi University (NCCU) held the International Student Orientation on the 7th of September, welcoming new students and assisting freshmen to settle into university life. NCCU is recognized as one of the best international institutions for higher learning and research in Taiwan and now has about 10% of its student body internationally.

According to the statistics from the OIC, the numbers of both degree seeking and exchange students is increasing yearly. During the 2011 Fall semester, there are 510 degree-seeking students, 161 exchange students at university-level, with the majority from Europe registering in the Department of Commerce. The Dean of the OIC, Professor Shuheng Chen (陳樹衡) comments that as more and more international students join NCCU’s growing family, both students and teachers need to adjust themselves to such a diverse, multicultural and internationalized environment.

Dr. Dira Berman, the international student counselor, uses metaphor to describe life at NCCU as a honeymoon period that it starts off exciting, but then may become frustrating, but staying positive is the most effective way to cope with adapting problems.

The morning orientation program provided information with regard to enrollment, student ID cards, banking, an overview of student services, support systems and club information where students could make more connections during their studies.

Elisa Voggenberger, the exchange student from Germany, stated that with her participation in Taiwan’s Model of United Nations last year, she noticed the superior performance of NCCU students and their well-known reputation, and this helped her to decide to study abroad and choose NCCU.

Luis Marmolejo, an International Master in Business Administration (IMBA) student from Ecuador, said the reason why he chose NCCU was because through the school’s two-year solid training, he would gain the necessary academic and practical skills, therefore giving him the skills and to be more competitive in the era of globalization.

In the afternoon, the Student Ambassadors (SA) organized series of games for international students to familiarize them with the campus and to make friends with both local and students from other cultural background. Niclo Campagmare from Italy, majoring in Master of Economics, noted that from the campus tour game, he learned more about NCCU and it provided a great opportunity for him to meet people.

After almost an hour of interactive campus tour games, international students receive a cup of bubble tea with pearls as a reward for successfully collecting 12 stickers. Though the weather is humid and hot, students wear their biggest smile and participate joyfully.

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National Chengchi University’s (NCCU) Office of International Cooperation (OIC) sent delegation to attend the 23rd European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference that kicked off this year in Copenhagen, Denmark on September 13.

The four-day conference, themed “cooperate, innovate, participate,” is the largest international education conference in Europe. More than 4,200 higher education professionals from all over the world participated, exchanging insights and sharing different practices.

Throughout the four fruitful days, there were free sessions open for all participants and 39 workshops that included topics regarding education programs and international cooperation between schools, and up to 250 exhibition stands.

Delegation from OIC took advantage of the event in meeting more than 20 new friends and greeting over 20 of our partner schools who also participated in the conference, especially the University of Trier from Germany. On top of the already existing contracts and agreements, OIC further sought other possible cooperation with our partner schools to further extend NCCU’s international reach.

Besides attending the EAIE conference the delegation from OIC also personally visited more universities than ever before, a total of seven different universities—Aarhus University (Denmark), Halmstad University (Sweden), Southern Denmark University (Denmark), Lund University (Sweden), University of Turku (Finland), Tampere University (Finland) and the Hanken School of Economics (Finland). The campus tours in these universities focused on the schools’ facilities, international student service as well as international offices to better understand the kind of environment these partner schools offer.

NCCU is currently on the way of building a partnership with Aarhus University. This will to be NCCU’s second partner school in Denmark after the Southern Denmark University,” said one of the delegations from OIC, Ms. Caroline Tsai. “Not only did we come across fresh faces, we also strengthened partnerships with our partner schools, leading to promising progress like warm welcomes to school orientations and anniversaries.”

We look forward to weaving a wider web with NCCU’s partner schools and enhance better partnerships around the world,” Ms. Kelly Wang, another delegation from OIC added.

Aarhus University, Denmark hosts an International Partner Day on Sep. 12, 2011 to welcome its partner university delegation from all over the world. International educators gather at the auditorium hall at Business School for the presentation. NCCU is invited for the event too with the agreement newly signed with Aarhus University.
From October 24th to November 4th 2011, the annual Study Abroad Fair will be held at NCCU. During this week, you will find programs including overseas education exhibition, study abroad experience sharing, short-term summer programs, international volunteer opportunities, student exchange, scholarships, and study abroad tips, etc. You can get the most updated and first-hand information of studying abroad.

NCCU has been granted for one of the most internationalized higher education institutes in Republic of China. According to the Office of International Cooperation (OIC), until now there are about more than 300 partner academic institutes mostly locate in North America and Eastern Europe. Moreover, NCCU receives 346 international students around the globe while sending 348 students abroad on exchange last year 2010.

For those who are willing to study abroad, NCCU, working together with other academic foundations and governmental organizations offers scholarship and fellowship. There are about a dozen of programs for choice. The latest raised one is the one from the National Top University Program (頂尖大學計畫) granted doctoral and researchers to study in distinguished academies including Harvard University, UC Berkeley, Chicago University and Imperial College London.

On the other hand, NCCU encourages local students to make friends with foreign students through student ambassador programs and buddy language groups. And as for short-term abroad opportunities, international volunteer program and summer school program are provided. In the 2011 summer, volunteers went to Mongolia, Peru, and USA for cultural exchange and education while the summer programs are brought to Georgia Tech.

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Check OIC official site for updated information: http://oic.nccu.edu.tw/english/news.php

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To assure foreign students are able to blend into life at National Chengchi University (NCCU), the Office of International Cooperation (OIC) held an Orientation for the residents of I-House on September 6.

The aim of the orientation is to help international students know more of the regulations of I-House, says Ms. Lynn Cheng, administrative assistant in charge of I-House at OIC. I-House is located in a residential community only less than 10 minutes walk away from NCCU campus and its residents have started to have concerns about being disturbed by the students several months after operation, so OIC is now taking actions to solve the problems.

In the Orientation, residents get information about how they can find the help at NCCU as well as the strict rules on alcohol and overnight visitors in the dorm.

Director of Development and Planning Section, Professor TsoYu Calvin Lin says that the security of international students is the first priority. Only by accomplishing this will they be able to enjoy the culture of Taiwan and the education of NCCU.

Prof. Lin also encourages students to take public transportation while citing his Canadian friend breaking his arm in an accident during his trip to Kenting on a motorcycle. “Foreign students may know how to ride a bike, but not familiar with the traffic rules and culture in Taiwan, so it’s better to take public transportation.”