Exchange Program E-Paper 3

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My first class started on January 7th, 2019 with an orientation session. The director of the program (Master in Management) gave an introduction and few important points. After the speech, the student body gave us a short tour around the university.

In the first week of the school, all the exchange students required to take Europe Does Matter course. This course was about everything related to Europe. In this course, I learned a lot about Europe culture, education system, habits, history, politic, European Union and how it is worked. Many things that sound so new to me. Since, I have very little knowledge about Europe. It was a really wonderful opportunity to learn all of those things from the expertise.

I took not so many courses during my exchange period. The courses I took were all interesting and I choose courses that are not available in NCCU. I wanted to learn something new. I got a bit trouble with one programming class I took. Because I am not familiar with programming and coding, it took a lot of effort to practice and follow the lessons. Other than that, I did not get any serious problems with the courses and classes. The social life in school was good for me. I got to work in group with people from around the world. I got to understand their culture and the way they work. I got more knowledge and cultural experience more than just the theoretical lessons.

One of a very interesting group project I did was for Social and Philanthropy Entrepreneurship course. The project required us to make a 6 minutes video about social project. Me and my team mates (one from Germany and one from Italy) decided to create a story about a project called "100 Night of Welcome" in American Church in Paris. This project was to provide hot bath, food, and place to sleep for 10 refugees in Paris for 100 nights from the end of December to end of March. This time was the coolest winter period in Paris.

We got a chance to join their debriefing meeting and participate as volunteers to help them set up the bed. We interviewed and talked with the refugees and other volunteers by ourselves. So we can get the idea behind this project and bring back to our home country. Since 3 of us were amateur for video making, we spent a long time to discuss and create the story. The end result might not perfect but we are very proud of it. We enjoyed the process and learned a lot. The person in charge of "100 Night of Welcome" project even used our video to promote the program to gather more volunteers and donations.

We humbly invite anyone who is interested to know more about this social project to see our video to go through this link: https://video214.com/play/PBU7Isb1eomzt01FUhYb4w/s/dark



Our tired face after almost half day discussed and worked on the video.

From Left to Right: Me (Indonesia), Anna Wiese (Germany), Floria Demarchi (Italy)