

First Official Day

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Special points of interest:

- The Howard hotel was really beautiful. (though Mabel still likes Del Lago better XDD)
- When we left on the 22, and arrived at 23 at night—we awoke at 24.

Highlight: Kindness of Mr. Chung

The first day of our trip was hectic. We were all rushing onto the train, from Taipei, and we made sure that nothing was missing. Then we were all on the train (high-speed rail) for two hours. TWO!! It was really boring. Did I ever tell you that we were going to Tainan? Well we were and it was a long and boring trip. After two long hours, we finally reached our destination, Tainan. As we were getting off, (some



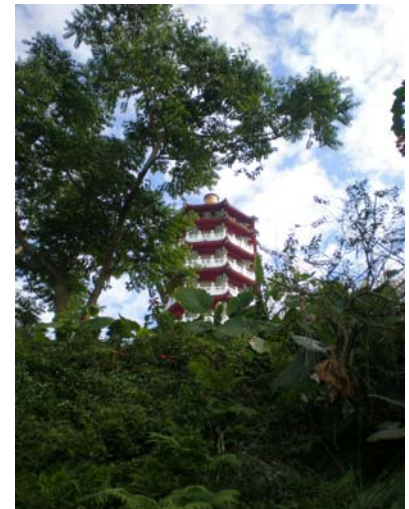
The inside of the bullet train.

of us didn't have parents with us) Mr. James Chung help us with our luggage. When we

got all of our luggage, the Chung family notice that one of their luggage was missing!!!! They were trying to retrieve the last luggage, but it was too late, the train had already left. Poor Wayne had to live without his electronics for a few days. But luckily, in the end they got it back. We thank Mr. Chung for helping all of us with the luggage, even though they had lost their own. This reminds us to be kind and helpful to each other.

First Official Day of the Trip

Yay!! The first official day of the trip is here. Today is the first day that our group will be together for the next 6 days. We all knew each other (partially) since we did have a meeting before our trip began. Thus, on the first day, everyone is able to get along well and chat with each other. Unfortunately, bad things happen to some of the people throughout the trip. But, I guess, overall it was okay~ Oh... and it was the beginning of some tiring days for the students. Hahahaha...



The Pogoda Tower can be seen at a distance.

What we did



The tired and slow teenagers, most with accompaniment of their parents, arrived at the end of the lobby of the Hotel at 8:15. Some rushed to finish eating within the limited time, some lazed around the lobby.

Our luggage transferred to a big two story bus. Early in the morning was nothing but MOPEDS - and some pedestrians. With the power of the bus, we arrived at Taipei Main Station to take the bullet train for an ENTIRE HOUR. Although half of the time, all we faced was concrete walls and passing lights. Occasionally one would see a beautiful urban landscape and awesome nature scenery. After getting to our destined stop, we took an even FANCIER bus to Sun Moon Lake, first stopping by for lunch at Pu Li, a large restaurant. The bus ride was tiring after stop-

ing at places like, the Pagoda(which were endless stairs and inclines, that led to a building by white marbles and rocks. And if one went to the top, they were allowed to gong the large bell that echoed throughout the entire hiking scenery.) Wen Wu temple (the temple honoring Confucius), a native cultural town, and several more ancient temples. All of them located in the Sun Moon Lake. We arrived at the Sun Moon hotel Del Lago at around 5:30, After an exhausting day. "The surrounding area was AMAZING for myself, personally —Mabel . The lights and small alleyways of the tiny town, were incredibly homely. Everyone eventually ate at 7 eleven buying, hordes of souvenirs and cheap snacks hurried to the monotone- like counter clerks to hurry and write this report. We reviewed over the plan for the stu-

dents the following day. While at the Wen Wu temple we bought sausages and feeding the dogs. People also tapped on the water for good luck. The day was



The beautiful scene inside the Howard Hotel

one of the most exhausting day of the week.



Everyone posing at he Pu Li restaurant .

"OMG!!! These stairs are sooooo longggg!!!!!"

*-Belinda/Janeva
At the Pagoda*



CHRISTMAS EVE!!!!



← the tower of Pagoda

In front of the → Pagoda

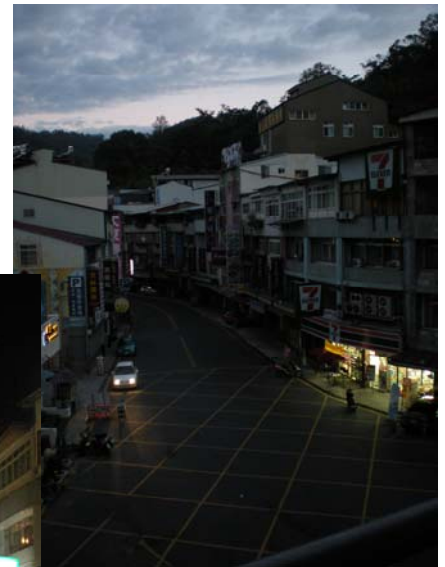


Lion at the Wen Wu Temple



← outside of the Pu Li restaurant

Another picture of the Wen Wu temple →



"I regret not buying some sausage — I didn't wanna eat it! I wanted to give it to the dog!" -Mabel

Interviews ~ How was the first day?

Mabel: I LOVED THE DEL LAGO HOTEL. It was the most awesome hotel yet. Interesting location, awesome scenery and convenient food. Truly awesome.

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The view outside of Del Lago : at night, and at dawn.

Vanessa: It was pretty good. Also~ It was exciting cuz it was the first time that we got to hang out with each other and suff. Like, you know, meeting with everyone.

