

## **National Dong Hwa University campus life: “I have never experienced such facilities in my country before”**

Hello everyone, I am Huynh Le Anh Huy, in the Ph.D. program in Asia-Pacific Regional Studies at National Dong Hwa University (NDHU). I am a third-year student at this school and have spent three summers there.

In this article, besides specialized courses, I would like to share my experience as an international student about the school's facilities that I had the opportunity to experience at NDHU. First, it's about the university's library, where I can find countless books in English from world-renowned scholars (in my field, of course). If I can't find any books, I can contact the faculty and get support from the faculty to buy the book I need to refer to (every semester, the faculty will ask students about the books that students need to consult that are unavailable in the library). Even more impressive is that the school's online library system has a database connection with famous academic journals worldwide, such as SAGE, JSTOR, Taylor & Francis, etc. It is very convenient for me to download relevant academic papers. For example, this database data source benefits your article when you want to do literature in your proposal. I am researching the mothering of Vietnamese immigrant mothers in Taiwan. I need to type the relevant keywords, and this database will show relevant articles from reputable journals that link to the university's library and are, of course, free to download.

The second utility I want to share is the university's sports facilities. If you are a student who loves the outdoors, the campus has all the facilities and equipment for your favorite sports. If you love swimming, there are two outdoor and indoor swimming pools for you. If you love basketball, there are many basketball courts located around the dorms; if you love softball or soccer, there is a central court by the back gate and a few side courts next to it; if you're a weightlifting enthusiast, there are two gymnastics room for you; In addition, there are many other sports that are also focused by the school such as tennis, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, etc.



**Kayaking on the school's East lake**

Most significantly, the school also has a golf court and course for students, this is really out of my mind because this sport is only for the upper class in my country. There is also an exceptional sport that is quickly full every semester because students have already completed their registration, which is scuba diving; students will learn to dive in combination with scuba tanks.



**Playing basketball at the school  
basketball court**



**Golf course with a coach**

The next utility is the university's public transport. On campus, there is a public bus station for students. Electric buses are very friendly to the environment, and students can catch the bus and go anywhere in the Hualien city area. The bus schedule is very flexible from morning to evening, which is convenient for students. Besides, because NDHU has the largest campus in Taiwan, it is pretty hard for new students who need bicycles to move on campus. Thus, every year, around March and April, the school organizes the sale of used bicycles to students at low prices. This is an excellent opportunity for new students to enter the school and save some money for themselves.



**Used bicycle for only 100NT**

In summary, NDHU is an ideal environment for students to develop comprehensively from academic skills to soft skills in daily life. As a student from a developing country, this is a great environment to practice and develop myself. I am also orienting my younger sister in Vietnam after she finishes her high school program; she can apply to NDHU because I want her to inherit a dynamic and fully equipped learning environment.