

To Principal Ven.Nayaka

Subject: Brief Report about Fo Guang University Visit

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On 10th February, Sayarma May Yi Myint and Sayar Nay Myo Thura arrived Taipei airport with the escort by FGU to Yilan Dormitory. Professor Karen also joined our observation trip. She arrived 2 days earlier than us, and stayed at Jaoxi. Professor Karen participated our observation for a week, Sayarma May Yi Myint observed as a volunteer staff at International Student Affairs Office for 2 weeks, whereas Sayar Nay Myo Thura will be staying at FGU as an exchange for a semester (Feb-June).

From 13th – 17th Feb 2023, with the host of FGU, PIUPCP not only had an opportunity to observe teaching practices and evaluation in different departments in FGU, classroom setting, University Administrative system, but also had presented about PIU diploma programs to FGU students (approximately 100 students). We had observed the Buddhist Study Dpt, Public Affairs Dpt and Social Work Dpt. The PIU visit to FGU has been fruitful with the host of Prof.Chen and Charlie.

Regarding the study for Sayar Nay Myo Thura, he selected 4 credited courses: (1) History of Chinese Buddhism, (2) National Security and Strategic Studies, (3) Cross-Straits Relations and South China Sea, and(4) Journalism, with the guidelines provided by Prof.Shangmao Chen (Prof.Chen is going to visit PIU in March). He will be studying at FGU for a semester until the end of June.

Studying at FGU is an amazing experience for me to learn and broaden my horizon. Everyday, I got a precious opportunity to explore new things, from food and language to new perspective in the study. The first 2 weeks might be quite challenging, however when you make new friends here, it gets better along with your study.

I took journalism course here as an exchange student for a semester. Given the situation to my zero Chinese language, I have take courses that are taught in bilingual. It was quite challenging at first 2 week. However, when it came to group projects and assignment to write news, I got to make new friends travel some places in Taiwan. It is really good as FGU has other international students like me, mostly from Paraguay and Malaysia.

Now I am taking a new class called Chinese basic course which is free. I believe my study here would be more colorful if I can speak even a little Chinese.