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### Culture Difference

Last year, I went to the United States to exchange, it was the first time I been to the United States, it was so excited. I still can't believe I been there to exchange about eight months. I would like to say there are so many difference between Taiwan and the United Sates.

I am going to talk about food and beverage first, it is so different and I want to say that I like Taiwan's food more than the United States.

In the United States, the people likes to eat more sugar, more salt, more fried and they eats a lot too. Every meals they must to have drinks like coke, sprite, lemonade and etc. but not water. They likes to eat meats, hamburgers, hotdogs, potatoes more than salad, so they seldom eat vegetable. In Taiwan, there are more and more people wants to eat healthier, so there are more people eat less sugar, less salt, sometimes they don't eat any sugar or salt either. In Taiwan, many people prefer to drink water more than the drinks. We likes to eat vegetables more because they think it's more healthy. In the United States, there are so many fast food restaurant and almost every restaurant has their own drive through, so American prefer to eat outside the cook by themselves, but in Taiwan, most of them prefer to cook by themselves because it is more healthy and more safety.

The hotel between Taiwan and the United States has lots of difference too.

First of all, the biggest difference between Taiwan's hotel and the United States's hotel is that they will not provide toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, slippers, razors and other personal items, you must to prepare it by yourselves. If you did not prepare it or you forget to prepare, some hotel the front desk will provide some items but you need to pay, if they didn't provide, you have to go outside to buy it. You don't need to take off your shoes when you enter the room, the hotel in the United States does not offer the slippers. After entering the room, it is best to familiarize yourself with the use of various

equipment, then look at the hotel's instructions, is there any special provisions. If you damage the hotel's equipment, you have to compensate. In the United States, you should be careful at bathing. Some bathtub have plastic hanging curtains, please put the curtain in the bathtub before the shower. If the water into the room, the water soaked the carpet, it also needs to compensation.

The vehicles is such different. The traffic here is so convenient, by the way you need a car. At United States the car is really cheap, and the gas is cheap too, so almost everyone has a car, you can see there have a big traffic very often. There also have trolley, bus, train you can take it.

First, I would like to talk about is the Uber, Lyft and Taxi. Everyone knows Uber, the biggest Taxi company in the world, owns no vehicles. In the U.S., Uber is just like the taxi in Taiwan is really convenient. There have a Uber app, you can reserve wherever you are. Lyft is just same like Uber, but is cheaper. However, I think the service, the car is almost the same, so if I choose which one I prefer, I will choose Lyft. The other one is Taxi, in the US, taxi is not very general, and it is more expensive than Uber and Lyft, but there still have some older people will choose it, because they know more about Taxi. About trolley and bus. Trolley is just like the MRT in Taiwan, it is convenient to go many place, but when you arrive the place you still need to transfer. Bus is not convenient, you maybe need to wait for the bus for an hour, and at weekend the bus didn't work.

Everyone knows there have a very big different between Taiwan's university and the United States's university.

I want to talk about the student's organization. In Taiwan, the most popular student organization might be guitar or dancing, but in the United States they have Fraternities and Sororities, it is very special. Fraternities and sororities are social organizations at colleges and universities. They will have many different Fraternities and Sororities, if you studied in the United States, you can choose which one that you would

like to join. Most fraternities are socially social. In the social Fraternities and Sororities, the Fraternities only recruits male members while the women attend sorority. They usually recruits new members at the end of the semester to the beginning of the next semester. Everyone can enroll, but there will be authorized to participate in the test for about one semester after a series of interviews and screening. They will also do some community service.

I hope that there will have Fraternities and Sororities in Taiwan too, I think this is a very good organization, they will handle party and do community service, you can also make different friends. Fraternities and Sororities are the biggest difference between Taiwan and the United States. This organization should be crated in Taiwan.

The atmosphere is so different during the class too. In Taiwan, almost everyone are emphasized at the score of quiz, the score resolve everything, but in America, the quiz is not that important, they thought that what you learn is more significant. In Taiwan, the education was value at listen to teacher, do not stop the teacher. But in America, the teachers want the student to stop them, and give them their opinions, the teacher prefer to listen to students, so during the class students always raise there hand to ask questions, to say about their opinions. Library in the university have a lot of difference too, in Taiwan, students seldom go to the library, and the resources are not enough, but in America, the library are always full, you can't even find a seat, and there are so many resources that you cay use, so the students goes to the library so often.

There are many different festival in different country, so they have their own festival too. In Taiwan, we have Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival and etc, and in the United States, they have Halloween, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and etc.

Chinese New Year also known as the Spring Festival is an important Chinese festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. During the Chinese new year, elders will give some gifts to the younger generation, wrapped in red envelopes, we

called “Lucky Money”, commonly known as “red envelopes”, and everyone in your family will meet together and have dinner, The costumes worn during the Chinese New Year are mainly red or other bright colors because people think Red can ward off evil spirits. In addition, people wear clothes from head to toe is new, symbolizing the new open. Christmas is the New year in the United States, almost every houses, mall will decorated. Christmas gifts have come close to becoming a global habit. In the United States, many business organizations, schools, and groups of organizations will hold Christmas parties and dances a few weeks before Christmas. They love Christmas, they celebrated it. Thanksgiving is the national holiday of the United States and Canada, to thank the Puritan God for the blessings of an annual harvest. The US Thanksgiving Day is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of November each year. And everyone will sit together and have turkey, turkey is the traditional entrée of Thanksgiving.

In different country have different culture, different festival. We all celebrated it and enjoy it, but we use different way. In the United States, they value every festival, they will decorate their home, and have dinner together. In Taiwan, there are only three the most important festival that everyone will celebrated it.

The theme I am going to talk about at last is social. There is a big difference between the United States and Taiwan in the social part. The United States culture advocates personal identity, which is not to say that everyone in the United States can do whatever they want, and instead, Americans begin to develop their social skills when children are young. Advocating individualism means respecting individual differences and paying attention to the development of adaptability, but also attaches great importance to each other’s privacy. It is common to walk thorough the streets of the United States and may suddenly be accosted or praised. Americans are not afraid of embarrassment, they will be happy to praise others, which in the United States does not make people think he or she has any intentions. But this is not common in Taiwan, and if someone walks up to you or praises you on the road, it will that people feel embarrassment of think he or she has

any intentions. In the United States culture, you are not allowed or use to pointing out other people's mistake, so they will not say you bad to your face.

To sum up. There are so many difference between the United States and Taiwan. It was a really special experience to know the difference. I will never forget about it. It is the best memories that I have. I will like to say if there's another chance I will go back to the United States, but I will miss the delicious food in Taiwan.