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Looking back to the three-year experience in ETP, although graduated several years already, I can still vividly remember how much I learned, how many great friends I made, and how I became who I am.

ETP to me is not just a program to train my English yet a big family that I feel very emotionally attached to. I can proudly say it is the most important part of my bachelor life that shapes me into a much better person.

The eighteen-credit program gives out all opportunities to students to build up skills and techniques in presentation, and more importantly, the confidence and courage to step on stage. With different requirements and tasks, students are able to deliver various kinds of topic, which did help my future studies in the Netherlands. More specifically, during the first semester of my master program, I had one informal presentation regarding introducing innovative ideas and a formal one presenting strategy recommendation to companies at the same time in the course. The two presentations were very different in content and style but thanks to the training in ETP, I managed to get high scores and great comments by professors and peers.

Typically Taiwanese students are not given ample chances to present and express themselves in front of an audience in English, resulting in the timidity to speak up or even to speak English. Luckily in ETP, the oral training courses provide students the learning platform to understand how different presentations are conducted and as well to practice and refine the techniques. Furthermore, mock interview skills are also delivered and taught in the last year of the program, which is definitely an ability that everyone should possess and will be benefited from. Students are granted with the opportunities to cultivate the know-hows and bravery to accomplish all kinds of English speaking skills.

In addition to the oral part, the writing training courses in ETP are as well the benefit that students will obtain. Including the preparation of CV and cover letter for either job hunting or application of further degree, the program rescues students from the two large problems we will encounter in the near future. It saves us plenty of time from wondering what and how to complete a decent profile while others may have to bustle around. All in all, I saved times and efforts for my application of exchange, first job, and master program in RSM; the results were all quite good.

Moreover, based on what I had learned in ETP, I was able to apply all the skills to my first job as a customer service specialist in a semi-conductor manufacturing company. I had to hold a meeting with English-speakers every single day on my own, conducting a project with a lot of presentations and discussions with the customers; as well I had dozens of emails daily going back and forth among operators, managers, and myself. Thanks to the practices in the program, I was capable of performing well and received positive feedbacks from all customers I worked with.

Apart from the curricula, ETP provides us with the platforms to learn from our outstanding peers and to connect with the world. Activities such as ETP camp, graduation ceremony, are the best chances for us to get to know one another from all departments in College of Commerce. All of us worked, collaborated, and had a lot of fun together in camp. We built up great friendships during the program and in the graduation ceremony, we were like traveling back to the good old time. This also reminded us of how we had been sculpting ourselves into a better and refined individuals. This is where I made life-time friends. We learn from one another and stand with one another even though we are currently spread all over the world.

My connection with the world started from the Buddy Program. I started to actually communicate with foreigners and to understand global issues from building friendships with exchange students. May sound cliché yet real, getting to know more international students did open my world, teaching me that I shall not be satisfied with the status quo. It then further affected my decision to embark on my journey of exchange in the Netherlands. Thanks to International Exchange Program, students in CNCCU are fortunate to choose from the best schools all over the world, experiencing a totally different but fantastic life abroad.

Above all, I would like to hereof express my gratitude to ETP for offering so much and helping me grow. I cannot imagine how my college life would be like without participating all the activities. But for sure it would be boring, much less fun, and without colors. Furthermore, I am urging all the freshmen: Joining ETP is definitely a YES and a MUST. You will learn tons, make lots of friends, and have loads of fun!