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Speaking of the most mesmerising experiences in my undergraduate journey, I would say joining the ETP programme must be amongst the best of the best. After graduating from high school, the induction of the ETP programme was the first present and belonging I have received from NCCU. It was also the ETP which I have made my full commitment to. Now, even after having accomplished my postgraduate in the U.K., I still appreciate all the grace I have enjoyed from the ETP.

I could still recall the moment when I received the induction letter from the ETP. It was definitely way beyond exciting since I believe the ETP would be a brilliant venue for me to hone my English skills in a more comprehensive manner. The truth is, it surely did. As far as I am concerned, most of students are afraid that their English abilities will show a distinct decline during their college life. As a result, the ETP has provided a fantastic channel for all the promising students to better strengthen their commands of English in all four aspects: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

The design of the 18-credit language modules which have been well organised aims to provide students with contents starting from the casual and ending at the professional. For the first year, since high school students barely have opportunities to speak English in front of the public, the courses will put much emphasis on eliminating your fears of speaking English. For instance, I was asked to share a topic of my favourite idol with my classmates. It was amazing, wasn't it? Accompanied by your passion, you will be more confident when delivering a presentation in a foreign language. That time was extremely remarkable. In addition, the teachers will also help students with their daily conversations in a relatively relaxing way which I still reckon effective and easily absorbable. Meanwhile, you will also be required to complete several assignments pertaining to writing skills for the purpose of maintaining the skill that most students in Taiwan have been sophisticated at: writing.

As for the second year, more advanced teaching materials will be incorporated into the courses. You will be given loads of chances to debate over several controversial issues nowadays. No matter which side you have been assigned to, you will both need to do your own research in attempt to outperform the other side or say to convince the audience. In the process of the data collection, you will encounter more advanced vocabulary which might help you acquire insider knowledge in certain arenas also better use words more precisely. At the same time, by virtue of the context of debates, you will be required to adopt relatively formal words during the oral wars.

On the other hand, the difficulty of writing sections will be elevated to another level as well. You will be acquainted with academic writing skills through a sequence of well-organised lectures which I recognise as the most imperative portion of the entire ETP modules since it lays an extraordinary foundation for any further English applications. For instance, statement of purpose for those who might dream of studying abroad.

If you have ever dreamt of obtaining a master degree abroad or working at a foreign company, the last year would be the most helpful one. Even if you do not, it will also become a harvest year. Projects such as working with a native speaker, mainly exchange students at NCCU, to promote local shops will yield an excellent opportunity for you to fully apply what you have learnt from the past two years. Moreover, impromptu speeches will be exercised during class in order to cultivate our abilities to improvise and to swiftly pick precise vocabulary to express ideas. This could be challenging yet proved to be extremely helpful. In addition to the oral training, since you might start applying for an internship or a master degree at this stage, workshops of how to prepare the CV, cover letter and the SOP will also be held. Via the discreet integration of all four elements, you will end up ready for outshining others.

Aside from aforementioned language training sessions, the ETP has also provided a great variety of business modules for students to register for. By doing so, the ETP embodies the ambition of sheer internationalisation, which has been proposed by CNCCU. Taking me for an example, I have enrolled in *Accounting, Economics, Corporate Finance, Investment* and so forth. Since most of these concepts originated in Western countries, I do believe that studying them in English could make ourselves closer to their core meanings and even transform this knowledge into common languages for communication accordingly. To be honest, the requirement of 27 credits, used to be 36, is pretty reasonable and easy to obtain since the ETP spares no effort to offer a wider alternative of modules. Therefore, I sincerely suggest you should really cherish these invaluable resources.

I always call this programme as a family since it contains students from 8 departments thereby carrying a huge degree of diversity. I have met a few of best friends thanks to participating in the ETP. Apart from academic activities, students from the ETP also demonstrate a high level of vigour and dynamism regarding extracurricular activities. I was the president of the ETP Camp which is an orientation camp dedicated to offering a venue for upcoming ETP students to get to know each other and grasp a detailed understanding of what ETP represents. Through the preparation of it, I have not only made new friends but also realised the beauty and significance of communication and coordination. Believe it or not, most friend whom I still keep in touch with now are from the ETP.

If you consider all the benefits the ETP could render end when you graduate, you might be absolutely wrong. After determined to pursue my postgraduate degree in the U.K., the first obstacle I encountered was the English proficiency test: IELTS. Fellows around me all paid a stunning amount of tuition fee for signing up for cram school in order to better reach the requirement articulated by admission committee. Nonetheless, I did not recognise it wise to waste that bunch of money. On account of the foundation the ETP has contributed, I decided to conquer it entirely on my own and ended up with a more-than-satisfying outcome. Furthermore, when back in Manchester, I again witnessed the power of ETP. Because our programme is discussion-oriented, students are expected to get highly involved in every lecture. However, I could still find numerous Asian students struggling to squeeze few words in the beginning of the first semester. Unlike them, owing to the solid grounding of trainings instilled by the ETP, I spoke up without any fear and got accustomed to all the discussions quickly.

The journey in college could be the most unforgettable memory throughout your life; consequently, you should not make any chance to embellish it escape. Looking backwards at mine, I still want to express my gratitude towards this programme wholeheartedly. I could not imagine what I would be if I was not part of it. Perhaps you will be lured with great abundance of temptations after entering college, but, please bear in mind, never make yourself regret.