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学習成果

- **Reflection on “independent researcher”:** After comparing research methods in sociology and biomedical science, the idea that struck me most was “independence” in research. Compared with scholars in sociology, almost no biomedical researcher can truly be considered an independent researcher. This is because (1) the instruments and reagents required for research depend on platforms organized at the laboratory level, (2) large research projects are often carried out by teams, and (3) the PI’s judgment about the value of a project plays a crucial role in determining the overall direction of the lab. Authorship and credit in academia have always been blurry and troublesome issues. It’s common to see people fight bitterly—sometimes embarrassingly—over authorship. Recognizing the importance of others in a research project might help ease disputes that stem from a kind of self-centeredness. I hope to remind myself of this.
- **A growing desire to connect with people across East Asia:** East Asian societies are so similar, yet for various reasons they are so fragmented. This is also reflected in the field of biological academia. Whether in China, Korea, or Japan, scientific collaboration among these places is surprisingly rare (some even avoid inter-collaboration); instead, researchers tend to collaborate more with the U.S. or Europe. Yet Asian countries are geographically and culturally closer with each other and are far from the West. Academic exchange with the West across such distances is inconvenient (a flight from Asia to the U.S. takes at least a dozen hours). European countries have deep scientific exchange with one another—so why is exchange within Asia so thin? As a student and future researcher, the least I can do is meet more peers from East Asia.
- **Others:** As someone from China mainland who has neither a background of political science nor sociology, visiting NTU and hearing diverse perspectives was a rare and valuable experience to know the reality. Although it’s not appropriate to express too many opinions publicly, I sincerely hope that everyone can be free from all forms of violence.
- Also, I found that sociologists always have a good sense of humor about life, similar to how I felt when I was in the philosophy department. I hope the biomedical field will also have more people with a sense of humor.

渡航先での経験

- I participated in the workshop and listened to each student’s research presentation. I also visited places including religious sites, museum and the Legislative Yuan. During my free time, I talked with many local people and learned about their daily lives and values.

進路への影響についてなど

- I haven’t changed my desire to become a biomedical researcher. As I mentioned earlier, realizing the roles others play in research and recognizing the importance of connecting with fellow researchers across East Asia are the most meaningful takeaways from this experience. I intend to put these insights into practice.