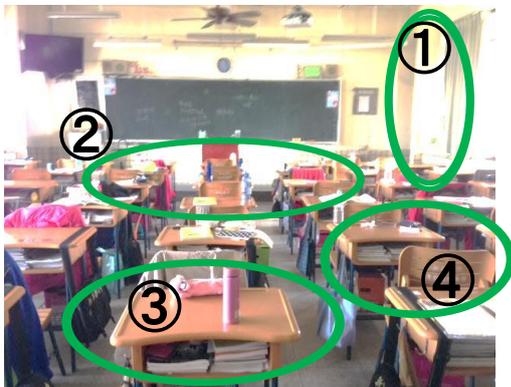


## A Report about Taiwanese High School

I'll show you the differences between Taiwanese schools and Japanese schools.



### 1. Classroom

- ①The door isn't a sliding door.
- ②There is a step in front of the blackboard. Teachers stand on it and speak with a microphone.
- ③This desk is made of plastic.
- ④In Japan, we move the chairs back when we don't sit on them. In Taiwan, they just leave their chairs when they are away.



### 2. School Life

These students stand at a school gate when everyone arrives at and leaves school. They watch other students to keep them safe. They are serious, so they must not say anything, even when their friends say to them, "good morning!"



They have school lunch. They don't bring their own lunch. They can choose what to eat and help themselves to it. After eating lunch, they do the dishes by themselves.



Like in Japanese school, they have 6 fifty-minute classes. They also have ten-minute recesses between classes. However, there are some differences. After eating lunch, they have a napping time. Although most of students sleep, some also study. A few students sometimes use their mobile phones. I was very surprised when Hsinhsing high school students were using their phones in front of their teachers.

### 3. School Event

Hsinhsing high school has a Christmas party every year. On the left is a picture I took at the party. It was a dancing party. It was very exciting. I had a lot of fun!!!!



#### 4. School Buildings

The school buildings are very big and tall. So, there is an elevator, but you need a security pass to use it. Only teachers have the pass, and students have to use the staircases. There are many basketball courts in the playground. In Japan, the courts are usually in the gymnasium.

The students don't change their shoes when they come into the school. So, there are no doors at the main entrance.



A side corridor facing outside has no wall and windows.



We can go outside easily.



We can look at the beautiful city view.

This block contains three images connected by dotted lines. A red dotted line starts from a side corridor, goes right, then up, then left to a photo of an outdoor path. A blue dotted line starts from the same side corridor, goes right, then down, then right to a photo of a person looking at a city view at night.



The light switch is sideways. So is that of my host family's house.



This is a picture of a computer room. All the computers are set facing forward.



The toilets are the same as Japanese style ones. However, there isn't any toilet paper in most of Taiwanese toilets. So, we always have to bring paper with us. Also we must not flush the paper. If we do this, the thin pipe will become clogged.

## A Report about Taiwanese Culture

I will describe the cultural differences I found in Taiwan.

First, Taiwanese people usually use motorcycles, while Japanese people usually use cars. I think one reason for this is that there are many night markets in Taiwan. People cannot go into the market by car because the streets there are very narrow. In addition, a lot of women ride on their motorcycles in Taiwan, while not so many Japanese women do so. I was so surprised to see women of all ages riding motorcycles, such a view is rare in Japan.



Many motorcycles are stopping at a traffic light.

Secondly, Taiwan has a lot of stores at its night markets. Japan has no night markets, and stores are usually inside the buildings. I think Taiwan has night markets outside because the climate there is mild throughout the year. The goods sold at the night markets are much cheaper than those in Japan. In Taiwan, we can buy two pieces of clothing, for the same amount of money that one piece of clothing would cost in Japan.

Thirdly, Taiwan has the MRT system. It is a kind of subway. But MRT and subway are a little different. MRT users have a MRT card. It is very convenient. If you have one, you can use any public transport at a discounted price. Also, if you have one, you are allowed to use a bike provided by MRT for free. You can borrow the bike from where you get off the MRT and ride the bike to your destination. It enables you to get around the city easily. Surprisingly, my host family said “MRT is not convenient.” Then, I said “The train in our hometown is much more inconvenient



The bike that you can borrow at MRT station.

than MRT! lol”

I think Taiwan is a good country where they can live comfortably. They have a lot of cheap goods, motorcycles and the MRT system. These things are not so common in Japan. Taiwanese culture is so interesting!

## Taiwanese food



This is the fruit I ate for the first time in Taiwan . Its name is 蓮霧 (ryennu) in Taiwanese. This is called a "Wax Apple" in English. It tastes like an apple.

Taiwanese people don't peel the skin and directly bite into it. They usually leave the core because it is a little poisonous. This is a very precious food.

This is a type of Taiwanese breakfast called 飯糰. It's like an Okaka Rice Ball, but its rice is not as soft as Japanese rice. As you can see, it doesn't have Nori and is bigger. Also, its shape is not a triangle.



This is 小籠包. It's famous as a typical Taiwanese dish. It is so delicious. I enjoyed its authentic taste. This is my favorite Chinese food.

This is a kind of Yakiniku Teishoku in Japan. The rice is softer than that of Japan. On the right, you can see Miso Soup. It is so delicious, but the taste is not so strong. I had one for dinner at a restaurant called "Cup Café." In Taiwan, we easily find many restaurants where we can have Japanese food.





I think all Japanese people think "I know this!" because it's like Imagawayaki. I had this for free in the Christmas market. There, you can have any food for free if you only say some words to celebrate the holly day!

This is soft candies and beans powder. It is very sticky like "Hi-Chew." It was a long stick at first and cut in to some pieces.



Tapioca is loved by many people in Taiwan. There are a variety of tapioca drinks, such as tapioca orange and tapioca black tea. "Pearl Milk Tea" is especially popular! Its taste varies in each shop. Some of my Taiwanese friends drink it three times a day.