

10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium Aug 1-7, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia 2019.

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Personally I think this conference was very well organized and very successful. I fully enjoyed the one-week event with so many interesting seminars and discussions on various inspiring topics. Several of the sessions, delivered by several guest speakers which I attended had been very informative and insightful on their particular subjects. After the selection results came out from the school we decided to plan our schedule on how we can meet and discuss about the conference. We knew by doing a keen research and study before the event would put us into a good position during the conference days. During the days before the conference me and my partner met and had chances to talk about everything that related to the conference theme. This helped us a lot especially in gaining confidence, looking for a convenient flight at a time.

The Symposium is creatively planned to help students discover the hidden potential as well as actively engages students in learning experiences beyond the Conference rooms. The event enables students to acquire robust confidence, goal-setting capabilities, self-reliance and independence, and sharpen students cutting edge, prerequisites for the next generation of 21st Century leaders. USLS is an intensive five-day training program focusing on personal development leadership skills and essential life skills. The USL Symposium aims to nurture the leadership potential of Youth Leaders from Institutions of Higher Learning. This is done by equipping them with the necessary skills, imparting them with knowledge and providing them with valuable opportunities to apply the abilities they have learnt in order to concurrently benefit themselves as well as their communities. This Symposium also focuses on opening the minds of young college students to humanitarian causes globally and teaches them that they have the power to lead projects in order to implement a positive and sustainable change.

During the entire week of USLS timetable we had different talks from different speakers invited by the organizers. From these special talks we were able to gain and learn from the invited speakers with inspiring backgrounds. The symposium also included sessions and panels designed to build contemporary leadership skills with a global perspective. The

student leaders were asked to consider ways they might lead and design change to address the suffering, hardship and poverty in many parts of the world. We had opportunity to meet the refugees in a roundtable talk. The purpose of the roundtable session was to facilitate an informative conversation of the experiences of modern Refugee. The roundtable discussion allowed us to reflect on the situation of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and internally displaced people. The goal of this meeting was to provide an accurate source of information for Delegates to share with our local communities to raise awareness of Refugees and violations against their basic human rights.

10th USLS consisted of multicultural people from different parts of the world. I have been able to learn different culture from other countries as they did also learn from me. Surprisingly many questions came on why I chose to study in Taiwan rather than other western countries as is common to most Africans students prefer to go to those countries. I shared Taiwanese culture as much as I could and the most interesting part was how I can understand and speak some basic mandarin to conversate with some Chinese students and few from Taiwan.

It was an amazing experience I never had before, especially staying in a five star hotel for the all entire week. I have never been even for a single one night but from this opportunity It was a one week stay, which to me it is a remarkable lifetime moment that I got from CJCUC. Every morning we had this amazing breakfast at the hotel before departing to the convention center. Traffic in Kuala Lumpur is a bit challenging factor that the city still faces, so in order to catch up on time we have to start moving with much earlier.

The symposium covered most of the expenses except for the dinner, so we had to look for dinner every day after the symposium. Going out that late evening helped us to get familiar with the surrounding environment in the city center

By attending presentations, I have learned from others and improve my own skills and knowledge about my field. It is also important to engage with other people's work, ask questions and perhaps I went and see them after the panel for more conversations and questions.

Exchanging Information

Sharing information is an essential part of social life, and despite the novelty of the term, 'networking' is a new name for an old practice. Participants in a conference or a symposium expand on available information through speakers, workshop leaders and fellow participants.

Networking

The symposium gave me great opportunities to connect with attendees from different perspectives and views, learn from them, make new relationships, and strengthen existing ones. Attending an academic symposium is an opportunity to build networks with other academics and experts in the same or similar field of studies all around the world and to share thoughts on recent advances and technological breakthroughs. It is an opportunity to expand the knowledge that one has and upgrade performance in accomplishing institutional objectives. Conferences bring together people who share a common discipline from different parts of the world, bringing different forms of ideas which build into something great

Visiting new Place

It was my first time to be in Malaysia and this has enabled me to discover new places and culture by interacting with different people over there. I visited some attractive places that most foreigners go when they visit Malaysia especial the so called twins tower.

Every day our lives intersect with new people. We encounter new faces in all different social settings, but we can never quite predict the impact and influence of each person. However, upon reflection, we all know someone who has made an exceptionally strong imprint, someone who has helped to change your path. The talk with refugees was successful made an impact to me, especially from their story line how they ended to be there. I tried to ask them friendly questions and see what was their future dream. I still remember Fatma and Farzana who sat on our table of six delegates.

Imagine you're having a life. A good life. A privileged life. A life amongst family and other young friends, dreaming of your future. You know you will go to a good school like your older brothers, you think about what it will be like to be an adult and make your own choices. You've just discovered girls. Sure there is unrest in the country, but on the whole, life goes on. The city is beautiful, and life is orderly. You know your place.

Then life changes the script. The people who take power say that they will clean the country of those who led before. And you find out what that means as your family is fleeing. You are spirited to away by helpful smugglers and the family walks over the border in the night,

landing in a foreign country, with a foreign language and customs far removed from your own. You watch the father you so admire and who was so respected back home being treated in ways you don't recognize and can't understand. You have lost everything, but you've gained a new name refugee. Before living the room I stood and talk to Fatma and Farzana again, I told them I know they have goals to pursue so what matters is that no matter how people will call them with a name refugee they should not fill guilty and give up. This life is full of opportunities waiting for them.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Office of International affairs for trusting me and selecting me as official delegate to represent our University in the 10th USLS this year. Also much appreciations to the humanitarian affairs Asia for excellent preparations and organizing the Conference. Much has being debated in the Conference and it came out clear. Once again thank you for the opportunity to partake in the Conference.

PS; Find the pictures below.







長榮大學選送學生
參加「第十屆世界大學生領袖研討會10th University Scholars
Leadership Symposium 2019」之成果報告書

就讀科系/年級：航運管理系三年級

學生姓名：蔡育政

研修國家：馬來西亞-吉隆坡

活動期間：2019.08.01-08.07

心得報告：

很高興此次能代表長榮大學，代表台灣以代表 (Delegate) 的身份，出席10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium (Humanitarian Affairs) 的研討會，由於此研討會是一個跟聯合國相關的活動所以當時有世界各國的人都在場（都是學生以及教授等等的人士）。這活動的主題貫穿人道主義、聯合國、貧窮、慈善、科技、戰爭、難民、醫藥、環境、教育等種種的議題。是一個相當專業研討會，所以在行前我對很多與其相關的議題以及內容進行研究。也因此我對難民這一塊的概念有獨特的見解，我開始思考潛在難民這方面的議題以及思考邏輯，也依照此邏輯在此次的研討會中發表提問，但也因為我的提問之議題相當敏感，所以過程中出現很多插曲。

而在每段主題演講中，各個代表都有機會在台上可以針對疑問或是議題展開發表與討論，在某次提及難民與屠殺的過程中，我意識到我也可以身為代表去發言而我以兩岸關係作為議題引用，帶出潛在難民以及潛在戰爭地區的議題。以下為原文：

Hello ,My Name is Eugene ,From Chung Jung Christian University ,Taiwan , as reference ,
According to the National Defenses document that China has released on July 24 2019
Claims that would not rule out using forces against to the self-governed Island.
Which means TAIWAN.

I know there is a lot of people from China here , I'm just a civilian want no war , but I'm really worried if there would be a massacre in Taiwan. Just like Cambodia had in the history.

We all knows

War cause death , destruction and refugees.

Political Conflicts cause war.

So my question is ,

I'm living in a place that's is actually a potential future war zone.

So how can people do ?

I mean people around the world can do and take actions to the potential war zone ?

How can they help?

We should prevent the tragedy before it's happens.

Solve the Problem From the beginning.

我提出此議題的核心在於戰爭會產生難民，阻止難民問題就得先阻止戰爭問題，我們應該從源頭開始解決問題而不是等事件發生了才來解決現在看來只是兩岸之間的問題，要是真的擦槍走火了，那就不是兩岸問題而已，而是全亞洲的難民問題了。我想沒人希望戰爭與屠殺發生在自己所生長的家園裡面，且根據此研討會的主旨人道主義，我認為就算敏感我也應該要站出來身為台灣人發表。

在結束發言後等候台上的講者給予回應時，突然被一個中國籍的教授搶走麥克風並用英文說：台灣必須被統一。

甚至在我離開仍被同一位中國籍男子用激烈的語言攻擊（確切說什麼我不記得了，因為他真的很生氣，但有印象他用手指指著我說 You look like Chinese ,you're Chinese.）此舉動完全出乎全場的意料，而其他外國人對這種無理霸道的行徑十分撻伐。

在這件事發生後接著我就被許多來自各個國籍的人圍住並詢問我的狀況（問那個人有沒有傷害我或是我有沒有受傷）同時也支持我的立場，認為這是個相當好的議題，也是大家忽視的議題，也堅持我有權利站在這個會場，提出你認為是對得且值得被重視的議題。

我對於現場的許多外籍人士支持我的舉動感到相當感動，因為其實站上去的那一刻，我很怕，我知道可能會發生什麼，其他人認為我很勇敢，即使議題敏感也仍然要提出也對於我試圖讓大家意識到問題感到驕傲。我真的很感謝在發生這樣的事後，外籍人士是如此支持我的，因為人權就是這個活動的核心。

而事後有幾位來自中國學生跟教授來找我而這幾位中國籍學生以及教授，了解這個活動是坐下來好好談的不是這樣粗魯的行徑並為此事跟我道歉也希望此舉不會傷害兩岸之間的關係。

而在發表完後的隔天，很多外籍人士跑來找我說，在我發表完之後還引起搶麥事件，他們意識到這件事原來新聞上播放的事正在發生，便都上網查詢了台灣跟中國之間究竟發生什麼事，同時也不斷地找我討論種種有關於我提出的議題相關的問題。而同時我也跟許多來自中國的代表和平的聊我們之間的問題與溝通，我盡我所能地回答，畢竟兩岸所認識的世界以及觀點很不一樣。

而我很高興能夠在研討會這樣發表議題並成功讓外籍人士看到台灣但我們離落實人權主義與實現和平還有很長的路要走。

而心得最後我想引用這次代表聯合國發表的主席所說的話：Fight For Change For Good , in order to make the world a better place.

上圖：我與主辦方活動看板之合照。
下圖：我與沙烏地阿拉伯代表之合照。



上圖：在搶麥事件後主辦方聯合國代表進行的人權演講。

下圖：當地學校一景寫有阿拉伯文，馬來西亞多信奉伊斯蘭教，故有阿拉伯文。



上圖：以研討會的名義進行人道協助活動。

下圖：馬來西亞的國民食物，全都都很辣（台灣中辣等級以上）。



上圖：與香港代表們的合照（香港反送中抗議也數次在研討會中提起相關議題）。

下圖：研討會會場一景。

