

This trip to Taiwan is very memorable. At first, I was pretty scared about going because I thought it was some sort of business boot camp that would train and work us like crazy. But I was wrong. The trip had a lot of travelling at the beginning because the tea plantation was really far. But everything was worth it when we started on the business project. I thought it was going to be very dry there, but it was actually very engaging. We started out in the early morning and participated in every stage of tea making up until it was ready to be sold like a Starbucks coffee. Me and my teammates discussed a lot about how we can better promote this kind of business where it isn't common. Obviously milk tea is not only welcomed in China or Taiwan, it's popular almost anywhere. I guess some colder places like Belgium or Iceland don't have that yet. Imagine if we could sell our creation to the markets there. It'd be lucrative. I don't know if I will do the tea business in the future, but it's a good model to follow for selling other stuff.

The lodging was actually pretty cool. It felt like a combination of a Japanese and Chinese building, with wooden floors and traditional type of windows. The WiFi was surprisingly good. I was able to watch YouTube after a long day. That's pretty cool. The food we ate in the tea plantations are organic and naturally tasty. The bamboo is sweet and the pork is mouthwatering. Every day there is something new to learn and experience, and I love the feeling of anticipation of what's coming next.

While this is a trip about learning business, I really appreciate Apprentice for walking the extra mile by exposing us to the local aboriginal people and their culture. John Ma is a history guy who knows a lot about things. The best part is that he constantly reminds us to appreciate the beauty of this diversity and how different cultures are interconnected to make the world better. I remember watching part of the Taiwanese movie *Warriors of the Rainbow* in which the aboriginal warriors bravely but hopelessly fought for their freedom against the Japanese oppression. I honestly think it's very cool. I even enjoyed dancing with those warrior-like native people.

I didn't expect this journey to have so much on top of the business project. We even went to the mining town that was once under the Japanese occupation and toured the museum at a colonial Spanish fort. Time flies when you enjoy it, so the only downside about this program is that I wish it was longer. Though, of course, I enjoyed every minute of it (except the flight time).

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