



I will come back



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After one day traveling (really, I do not recommend anybody flight during 17 hours in tourist class, it is claustrophobic)...we arrived to a country where we know the customs would be strange for us, but it was far away for the real thing.

We arrived to a place where, without discussion, the habits were different but only in some aspects, the people are accessible, even those who do not understand us in English tried very hard to understand us using other ways like mimics. In Taipei I enjoyed so much with the monuments, and I must admit that what I liked more was the gardens. But, Taipei seems to me a cold city and reminds me of Madrid (maybe it is a common fact between the capitals of different nations).

When we arrived to Tainan, it was like a different world, a more hospitable city but at the same time impressive...I realized we were moving along the city but I also knew we were seeing a tiny part of it. One of the things I remember in a special way,



besides the people, was the shops; I love to take a walk and look the window shops, and the shops in Tainan and Taipei open until late that allows me to go for a round at time that could be impossible in Valencia.

Talking about the tourism in Tainan I enjoyed visiting the temples; the high imagination and the tough of the coffered ceiling and columns was amazing. Although, I have to say that one of the things that shocked me more was the relief of one temple at the countryside of Tainan. They were so perfect that it seemed impossible that they were done on marble.

I also have to mention the fact that you could feel the calmness all over the country, even when there are so

many people around you, you do not feel any kind of danger. What is more, I believe that in Taiwan if you forget something, you could find it in the same place on the next day.

It seems to me that I will be unfair if I do not say that what I will remember with more affection of the trip and stay in Taiwan is the discovery of a people whose hospitality is bigger than their courtesy. Even for me that I am from Valencia Spanish city on the Mediterranean sea and the people of Valencia has the reputation of being one of the most hospitable.

And even it seems not true I felt so good in Tainan for the people and for the peace, that I lamented so much to leave, it was not until the end of the return trip that I could not eliminate the emptiness my body felt just because I did not want to leave the island.

For all these things and other ones I know I want to return to Taiwan, and...I WILL RETURN SOON."

