

# The Taiwan experience

The International Cooperation and Development Fund -ICDF-Taiwan, offered the “Workshop on Administrative Management for Higher and Technical Education 2018”, in order to share Taiwan’s own development experiences with developing partner countries in the education field. This experience was beyond words, I had the opportunity not only to learn about the different strategies Taiwan has to make their education succeed, but also about their culture and the history of a country that has a lot to offer to the world.

Taiwan showed me how the good governance, a strengthened democracy and the respect for the value of the institutions are vital for the future of a country. Also taught me about the collaboration between industry and education, as a key element in the development of a country.

Policies that contribute to the development of education are basic, but those policies do not only involve the government participation and funding, they are supported by their citizens too. In my opinion that is the success of the education system in Taiwan.

In our field trips to some of the most emblematic universities of the country, it was pleasant to meet students from Central America region; I also met a

student from Guatemala who was about to graduate from the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism. For them, the possibility to study at a country that meets the highest QA rankings in the world brings a whole world of opportunities for their professional life.

And that is exactly what Taiwan has to offer, a high standard, a better qualification and the endorsement of great quality. Their aim is to boost social development and economic growth by generating a pool of quality human resources.

In the course of this experience I had the opportunity to make good friends; they make you feel like home with their hospitality. Taiwan people make friends with others with integrity and kindness. I must say, besides their good education system, security and honesty, their citizens are their biggest asset.

I would like to thank Taiwan ICDF, National Chung Cheng University, National Taipei University of Technology, National Tsing Hua University, National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism, for helping me accumulate invaluable experiences in benefit of the education of Guatemala.

I look forward to implement the lessons learnt at Taiwan to help boost social development through education. But mostly, I hope one day, our society can work together in order to address our education issues, that’s the best lesson learnt from Taiwan.

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