

Work Holiday for Ecology in Jinguashi

--Help to clean local community

--To experience simple rural life and enjoy fascinating mine mountains

By Damon

When I resigned from my engineer work in order to fulfill my dreams, I had been thinking about what the things I can do are for the land of Taiwan. I didn't have the answer until I got in touch with these friends in Jinguashi, who devoted themselves to local development in low key, and until I took part in the work holiday program to clean the weeds along the trails and cultivate plants native to Taiwan. Such is an ecological tour that bears significant meaning to me.

All the participants are sweating at ridding the weeds along the trails in two hours. Though our hands were cut by the weeds and we were in a sweat, when we see this place turns into a clean environment, physical hardship has been transformed into a sense of achievement.

To work in exchange for staying overnight can also learn "happiness economics" at night. Some say we will gain happiness at our next stop. However, Brother A-Jeng (Wu Chien-jeng, a local tour guide) said that: "Until next stop? No, we gain happiness right from this stop." Indeed, we can enjoy the delicious food cooked by Er-jie ("second sister") at Cloud Village Lodge, and stay overnight at a simply decorated hostel. Such interactions make our tour here even more memorable.

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#Recommended accommodation

Always Sunshine—It is situated at the Northeast Coast area which embraces a magnificent ocean view. In either sunny or rainy days, enjoy delicious food is always available. Its coffee and fire pot are most popular. But the Mongolian-flavor fire pot is a little bit expensive.

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