

The NTHU-OU 2024 joint symposium was held at National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) in Taiwan from September 24th (Tue) to September 28th (Sat). We discussed and communicated a lot during the time.

We arrived at NTHU in the evening on September 24th (Tue). After a brief setup for the symposium, students and teachers split into groups for dinner. On September 25th (Wed), we did our presentations in the symposium. Six students and three faculty members from each university gave research presentations. Some other NTHU members attended the event in person. There were also attendees from Osaka University participating online. After the symposium, all participants had dinner together at a campus restaurant. On September 26th (Thu), Professor Shindo gave a seminar in the morning, followed by a campus tour in the afternoon. The tour included visits to the NMR facilities, NTHU frog room, and Brain Research Center. On September 27th (Fri), we went Taipei, where we experienced Taiwanese and local cultures with the warm guidance of NTHU students and faculty. We visited the National Palace Museum, the Grand Hotel Taipei, the Raohe Night Market, and other cultural landmarks. Finally, we returned to Osaka on September 28th (Saturday). (Sanae Kaneda, Laboratory for Plant Development, D1)

- What I gained from participating in this exchange event is not only the improvement of my research but also a deeper understanding of different cultures and values, which has contributed to my personal growth. Moving forward, I hope to continue taking advantage of such opportunities and approach my research with a global mindset. (K.I., D3)
- For students who might be considering participating in the future, I strongly encourage you to take part, even if it's your first time or if you feel nervous. Thanks to the support from both the host and my home university, I was able to have an incredibly valuable experience, and I believe others would benefit from the opportunity as well. (T. I., D3)
- It was really impressive and I thought we might need to prepare very well for the next "OU-NTHU joint symposium" which might be held in Osaka, Japan for giving the expression of how we appreciate their well-organized symposium and great caring to all OU participants. (K.J., D3)
- The symposium offered valuable academic discussions and cultural exchanges that have significantly contributed to my research and personal growth. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and for the unwavering support from both universities. (R.X., D3)
- I deeply appreciate the tremendous effort and thoughtfulness of the organizing team. I was deeply moved by all the students, who, in addition to preparing their presentations, went above and beyond to ensure that our trip was seamless and enjoyable. (W.W., D2)
- I'm very grateful to the people from NTHU and the international students from Osaka University for patiently rephrasing and repeating things, and they continued the conversation with me. Although my English was limited, being able to communicate made me more confident, and I was very happy about that. (S. K., D1)