

**Taiwan Preparation Course**  
**13<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**  
**in Hamburg & Berlin**

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

On Monday, the Taiwanese exchange students arrived at Frankfurt Airport. They didn't stay long there but went directly to Bad Oldesloe, their home for the next two weeks, which is close to Hamburg. They chose their rooms and roommates and put down their luggage. Of course, everybody was hungry after such a long journey and were looking forward to a good pizza. While eating, everybody got the chance to get to know each other a little bit better. Afterwards, Rike introduced the schedule for the following three weeks and the team, which was going to accompany them through their first steps in Germany. Before having dinner, the students took a quick test, to see, how their German level was. In the evening everybody got to play games and do sports.



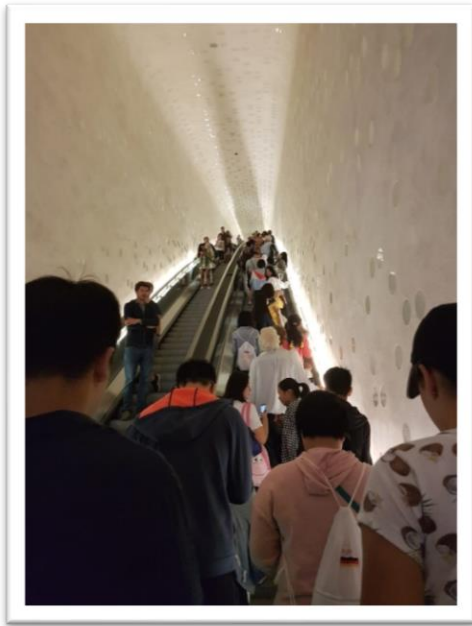
**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

After an exciting first day in Germany, the next day started more relaxed. After a good and long breakfast the students had their first German lesson. But before, it had to be decided, who is going to be in which course. The first lesson consisted in facts about Hamburg. After lunch, the cultural preparation began which was connected to a rally in Bad Oldesloe. Everyone was motivated to express their wishes for their exchange year and prepare a short role play. They liked the games and they helped them to get more comfortable around each other. After dinner, everyone had free time for themselves.



**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

In the following German lesson, the course participants designed creative posters with the most famous and interesting sights of Hamburg. In the afternoon, they got to see a couple of these sights on their first visit to the Hanseatic city. The Landungsbrücken and the Elbphilharmonic hall were visited and a highlight of the day certainly was the boat tour on the river Elbe. Everybody was more and more comfortable with each other and the overall atmosphere was great.



**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

On the next day, the main topic was the forest. After lunch the students went together with their teachers and supervisors through a forest and a swamp. The landscape was impressive and fascinating for everyone since it is way different than what the Taiwanese students were used to from their home country. After dinner, there was time for questions where everyone got the chance to articulate their hopes and thoughts.



### **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

On Friday, the students had their first test in the German language. Also, there were games in the afternoon concerning the topic “saying hello” in which everyone had to answer seven questions. Everyone liked it a lot! In the evening there was a BBQ Party and time for feedback.

### **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Finally! After a whole week of lessons and activities in Bad Oldesloe, the students took off to their first fieldtrip. They went to Lüneburg by train where they go to know the city doing a rally by themselves. Everybody loved the scenery, the buildings and the atmosphere of the old town and tried to capture their impressions with the camera. Back at home, dinner was already prepared and there was time for feedback and games.

### **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Unbelievable! The first week of their year abroad was already over. That was no surprise, since the days were full of new experiences. Of course, this Sunday was no different. There was another fieldtrip planned: a daytrip to Lübeck. Another rally helped the young travellers to get to know the town. Afterwards they went to Travemünde located at the Baltic Sea by train to enjoy the rest of the afternoon on the beach. This was the perfect end to their first week in Germany. Another exciting week was to come soon!

