

Asia pacific Loy Krathong Festival in Lamphun and Exchange to Taichung and Taipei

Ann Liffen and I had a very enjoyable 3 weeks on this recent Friendship Force exchange. We spent the first few days in Lamphun at the Asia Pacific Festival. Highlights of this visit were the visit to the Elephant Conservation Centre and the various cultural displays and temples.

We then flew to Taipei via Bangkok and went by bus to Taichung. We had a very busy schedule in Taichung, visiting schools, temples, local government members, City Hall, Sun Moon Lake Resort and a famous tea centre. From Taichung we went by rapid train back to Taipei. Here we had a famous Chinese breakfast, visited the National Palace museum , Chiang Kia Shek Memorial, mountain areas, the beach; we were entertained by talented high school students, had a hot bath in the hot spring district, went up Taipei 101 and ate lots of Taiwanese delicacies.



Ann and Charmaine enjoying an elephant ride in Thailand

With a helpful student from a Taichung high school in Taiwan



Taking part in Loy Krathong Festival in Lamphun near Chang mai