

### **A Unique Opportunity to Learn about the Taiwan Culture**

Rosanne Ng, an international student co-ordinator at SFU, has recently returned from an exciting four-week trip to Taiwan where she had a unique opportunity to share vocational experiences with educators and to enjoy the hospitality of Rotarians. She was one of four young BC professionals who participated in Rotary International's annual Group Study Exchange (GSE) program; she was selected by the Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise.

Rotary International funds many programs to foster peace and better understanding between cultures. The GSE program provides an opportunity for young professionals between the ages of 25 – 40 to spend four to six weeks in a foreign country where they will meet with professionals in their vocations. They are escorted by a local Rotarian who co-ordinates their activities, meetings, and living arrangements with Rotarians in that country.

Rosanne was able to focus on learning more about the Taiwan culture to help her better understand the needs of international students who attend SFU. She feels she now has a much better understanding of their cultural needs, how they differ from Canadian students, and how SFU can modify some of their support programs. She was quite overwhelmed with the warm fellowship and hospitality provided by the Rotarians and professionals she met in Taiwan as well as the fantastic, never-ending array of sumptuous foods.

The 2008 GSE will be with East Africa in March. For more information on the GSE program, please see <http://www.gse5040.org/>. For more information about Rotary International's peace programs, see the web site [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). For more information about the Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise, see the web site [www.rotarywestvancouver.sunrise.org](http://www.rotarywestvancouver.sunrise.org).

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