

Dialogue: [episode 12]

Nana: Why was Taipei 101 built?

Cooper: I never thought about that. May, do you know the reason?

May: As far as I know, people wanted a landmark in Taipei.

Dean: Well, usually a landmark illustrates the history of the city.

Cooper: So, in the beginning, we built Taipei 101 to create a bit of history for Taipei?

Nana: Is Tamshui a part of Taipei's history?

Cooper: Actually, the history of Taipei begins with its ports.

Dean: Yes, such as Tamshui or Monga, right?

May: Wow, I'm impressed! You know the history here better than Taipei people do.

Nana: I guess you ask these types of questions when you first get to somewhere new

May: That's true.

Cooper: But it just dawned on me that in recent years, we've given too much weight to the development of the city, and forgotten to preserve the history of the city.

Dean: History is so easily forgotten.

May: No wonder many foreign countries spare no effort in preserving historical sites in their cities.

Nana: Huh, sometimes I think we can really *see* the development of civilization when we compare historical areas like Tamshui with more modern sites like Taipei 101.

Dean: I've found that whether it was in the past or in our present time, Taipei is a city with traces of many cultures all mixed together.

Cooper: Surely in the future, when people look at Taipei, they'll find that the people of Taipei today included many foreigners who also created history.

