A Day in the Life of the Taiwan (臺灣) Strait

Dear Diary, I am the Taiwan (臺灣) Strait. I am the big, blue ocean that hugs Kaohsiung (高雄). Every day, I watch this beautiful city wake up, play, and go to sleep.

Today was a very busy and happy day! When the sun came up, I tickled the big ships at the Port of Kaohsiung (高雄). Kaohsiung (高雄) is a super busy harbor. Giant container ships from all over the world come to visit me. "Honk! Honk! Make way!" shouted a big cargo ship. "Welcome to Kaohsiung (高雄)!" I stirred my waves. The dock workers were already busy loading heavy boxes. They worked so hard under the sun. Whoosh — I sent them a cool sea breeze to wipe away their sweat.

By the afternoon, I visited Cijin (旗津) Island. Oh, I love Cijin (旗津)! It is always full of laughter. I saw families riding four-wheel bikes along the coast. Some kids ran into the water to catch tiny crabs. The smell from the Old Street made me so hungry! I could smell the delicious grilled squid. And guess what else? Sweet tomato plates with special ginger sauce! People also ate giant bowls of shaved ice to beat the heat. I pushed gentle waves to the shore so they could eat and listen to my music.

Later, the sunset turned the sky pink and orange at Sizihwan (西子灣). It was my favorite time of the day. Couples and friends sat on the seawall, watching my water turn into shining gold. Then, I met the Love River. At Kaohsiung (高雄) Harbor, my waves embrace the Love River every day. We are best friends!

As night fell, the city lit up with magical lights. The Love Boat drifted quietly on the water. People on the boat waved at the Kaohsiung (高雄) Music Center. The building looks like giant ocean waves, so I feel very proud of it! I could also hear the lively sounds of the nearby night markets. People were laughing, playing games, and drinking sweet papaya milk.

Now, the moon is high in the sky. The city is getting quiet. The big ships are sleeping at the docks. The bicycles at Cijin (旗津) are resting.

I gently pat the shore. Shh... shh... Sleep tight, Kaohsiung (高雄). You are a wonderful city full of life, great food, and warm people. I will always be here to hug you.

Good night! I can't wait to see what happens tomorrow!