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This is my first time watching a movie in an America movie theatre. The movie I watch is “Crazy Rich Asians”, an American romantic comedy drama film. This movie talk about a Chinese- American professor who travels to meet her boyfriend’s family and is surprised to discover they are among the richest in Singapore. This movie actually has a lot of scene take from Malaysia, my home country, and Singapore. Moreover, they also used a lot of dialects and accents from my country. It is hard to believe that there are a lot of beautiful scene taken from my country, I might visit the places from the film in the future.

I was, indeed, quite pleased by the environment of the theatre in America. The seats inside of theatre is completely different from my country. For instance, they have electric-powered reclining seats with extendable footrest, which I think it’s quite useful during winter when the temperature it’s very low. Furthermore, the space and the size of the seats in an American movie theatre is huge. In contrast, there are no such features in the theatre of my country. Sometimes, it is better to watch a movie at home than watching it at a theatre because the seats in the theatre of my country is not very comfortable due to the space between seats is very narrow and there is no footrest too. On the other hand, the only thing that didn’t “work” for me is that they do not provide subtitles for the movie. However, I have no problem at understanding everything the actors said at the movie because they are speaking the language they used in my country. Imagine for those who are not from Malaysia or Singapore, I doubt that they would understand the dialects speak by the actors. Subtitles are very important, as without them, one might not able to understand what is the movie is talking about when it is not their mother language.

There is one role from the movie, I am quite impressed of, which is Rachel Chu, one of the main roles of this movie. This is because even though Eleanor, her boyfriend’s mother dislike her because of she came from a normal family and the fact she is a foreigner, she did not give up on her relationship easily. Additionally, Rachel is not aware of how rich Nick, her boyfriend is at first, this told us that do not judge people with their looks. After experiencing a lot of hardship together, they eventually successfully get Eleanor to approved their relationship and get engaged. Therefore, we must learn Eleanor not to give up easily when you face hardship and learn to love yourself no matter who you are when people judges you with your appearance and family background.

In addition, the space in the theatre does affect my perception on an event. In order to fully enjoy an event, the more comfortable a space it, the more an audience enjoy themselves for the event. As mention above, the space provided really pleased me a lot too. For this event, the audiences do not really react much. It is common for people to react less during a movie, as you worry you might disturb the other people who are watching the movie at the same space. There is one moment where the audience was touched and quietly gasp, “it’s the ring”. That was the moment when Eleanor give Rachel her ring as a symbol of her approval for her relationship with Nick.

My overall reaction to the movie is I am so amazed that I saw so many familiar features and type of culture on the screen. And the way they capture the diversity of Asian experience is fantastic. Although, they might not perfectly describe it, but in some ways, there are some facts that are really true about Asian parents. For example, how Asian parents have high expectation in studies and jobs they are going to pursue on their child, just like Eleanor to Nick. Then, it is also kind of nostalgic as there is some old classic soundtrack that used to be popular in the past.

In conclusion, for my first experience to watch movie in an America movie theatre, I really enjoyed it and look forward to attending one again in the near future. Basically, I think everything pass the “acid test” by Peter Brook. Lastly, I am glad that I did the correct decision and went to watch a movie with my American roommates. They liked it so much that it was the second time they watch this movie when they brought me there. This is the first time that I enjoyed a movie other than inside my house in my life!

