



# 好美里之美

## The beauty of Haomei Village

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「好美里」，當我在總隊知道將被分發一線的單位是好美里安檢所，就覺得這地名很奇怪，怎麼會有這種地名，再怎麼美的地名也不用叫「好美」吧！

來到這裡，最先學到的勤務就是守望，起初站在好美里的八掌溪守望哨，真的不覺得有何特別，可能是一開始對勤務的陌生感到緊張，也可能是怕督導訪哨自己會沒有留意到，所以一直沒有注意這裡環境有何特別的之處，但是慢慢的，以平常心來觀察這裡的一切，發現這裡真的很美。

在八掌溪守望哨的四樓，往門外一看，不管是何時，景觀都怡人，因為位於高處俯瞰整個好美里沙洲及八掌溪出海口，視野真是沒話說。往右看，大多是掛滿牡蠣的蚵棚，不論是漲潮與退潮，景象皆不同。漲潮時水滿，與外海有相連的

When I learnt from the headquarters that the first unit will be assigned to Haomei Village Security Check Sub-station, my immediate reaction about the name "Haomei Village", which literally translated as "beautiful village", was why will anyone call it "beautiful", even if the place is indeed beautiful?

My first duty after arrived here was guarding. At first I did not feel anything special while stationed at the Ba-Zhang River sentry-box in Haomei village. Perhaps this was partly due to my nervousness toward the new duties, or because I was afraid to be caught off guard when the supervisor paid a special visit at the sentry-box. In any case, I never noticed anything special about this place and its environment. But slowly and surely it began to dawn on me that this place indeed is a real beauty, if you would just see it through an ordinary frame of mind.

From the third floor of the sentry-box, the views through the doorway were always pleasant. There was no doubt about these views, especially when standing high up and overlooking the entire Haomei Village sandbanks and river mouth of Ba-Zhang River. Looking to the right is the view filled with oyster-



感覺，看起來很遼闊；退潮時水位低，裸露出大部分的蚵棚，有許多蚵農穿梭在其中，是一幅標準的漁夫辛勤工作圖。往左看，是沙洲及八掌溪出海口，雖然平時較少漁船過往，但常常可以看到成群的候鳥在此停留下來覓食，生態環境優美。

最美的時刻是在清晨及傍晚，惟這兩時刻卻又截然不同，首先是清晨，太陽剛出來時容易有霧，綿綿的霧籠罩在原本就景色優美的「好美里」，雖然無法親臨沙洲，但光看這幅場景就感覺過癮。接著是傍晚時刻，當太陽下山時，面對西方的守望哨，正是觀看夕陽落下的最好地點。橘黃色的陽光照射在海面上，有金黃色的反光，看著夕陽，從海平面消失，這浪漫優美的景象，不是到處都看得見的。

不過要提醒海巡弟兄，千萬不要被美麗的景色吸引而忘了自己正在執勤，路面上來往的車輛也很重要喔。🙏

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sheds hung with loads of oysters. The scenes were distinctively different at rising tide and ebb tide. At rising tide, the place seemed to be merged with the ocean which really broadened the sense of space; at ebb tide, it exposed most of these oyster-sheds with oyster farmers dotting about among them, depicting a perfect image of hard-working farmers in a village. Look to the left you would find the beautiful and ecologically rich sandbanks and river mouth. Even though fishing boats were few and far in-between, you could still see flocks of birds gathered here to feed.

The most memorable moments were in early morning and at nightfall, but in a very different way. First was the early morning, as the sun rose above the horizon thick blanket of fog emerged and wrapped the already scenic "Haomei Village". Even though one could not physically set feet on the sandbanks, this view alone had more than enough made up for it. Then it was at dusk moment. When the sun set, the west-facing sentry-box was the best place to appreciate the sunset. Looking at the golden reflection on the ocean surface while the sun gradually disappeared below the horizon, this was a romantic scene that you wouldn't find elsewhere.

But should remind our sea-patrol colleagues not to be attracted by such beautiful scenery and forgot oneself on duty. The vehicles on the road were just as important. 🙏

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