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## Cover Story: Flipped Classroom Workshop

*Before changing students, change must first begin with its teachers...*

In March 2015, as a collaborated effort to revolutionize Taiwan's traditional education system, The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) and Junyi Academy together organized the second Flipped Classroom Workshop at Junyi School for Innovative Learning in Taitung. The workshop, aimed to inspire more teachers the notion of flipped classroom, hosted 123 teachers from 40 primary and secondary schools in the Hualien-Taitung (Huatung) region of Taiwan... [Read more](#)

## Flower Seas

*Hualien and Taitung awash in a sea of flowers...*

As eastern Taiwan remains relatively less developed than western Taiwan, the major industries have long been tourism and agriculture. In terms of agriculture, rice, millet, mango, loquat, tea, custard apple and pineapple are some of the major crops. In recent years, there has been a curious agritourism phenomenon taking place in Hualien and Taitung counties, namely the planting of vast flower gardens outside farmers' association visitor centers. These gardens are often referred to as "flower seas". What makes this interesting is that eastern Taiwan is not a major flower producing area. However, the "flower seas" may have been inspired by the huge influx of tourists into rural areas during the harvesting of edible flower crops such as sunny yellow rape flowers in Hualien, bright orange day lilies in Hualien and Taitung and burgundy red roselle flowers in Taitung...

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## The Bunun Cultural Museum

*A Haiduan Township destination...*

Haiduan Township is located in the northern part of Taitung County, where Provincial Highway 9, which connects Hualien and Taitung counties along rift valley between the Central and Coastal mountain ranges, and Provincial Highway 20 (the Southern Cross-island Highway) intersect. Due to its location it was once a popular tourist destination. However, in August of 2009, Typhoon Morakot devastated southern and southeastern Taiwan, leading to major collapses of sections of the Southern Cross-island Highway. This picturesque highway, which once connected Yujing in Greater Tainan with Haiduan Township, remains closed, blocked on the Taitung side at about Xiangyang. In addition, a section of railway line leading to the increasingly popular rice-growing township of Chishang was moved, bypassing this township. Due to these events, there has been a sharp decline in the number of residents as tourism-related job opportunities have dried up... [Read more](#)

## Driftwood Workshop

*Bringing inspiration to Taitung's driftwood craftsmen and aspiring artists...*

Because of Taiwan's recurrent typhoons, driftwood is often found washed up on the shores of its East Coast – Hualien and Taitung (Huatung); consequently leading to the region's now vibrant driftwood art scene. With the growing popularity of driftwood arts and furniture worldwide, The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) embraced the opportunity to inspire local driftwood craftsmen the skill of integrating art into their works, as well as fostering more young driftwood artists in the region... [Read more](#)





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