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Cover Story: Stories of Impact from the Huatung English Camp Lives Changing Lives

"The Huatung (Hualien-Taitung) English Camp has not only enriched my personal life, but strengthened my professional pursuit." – Debra Lin, Founder/CEO of BigByte Education and Advisor of Huatung English Camp On 3rd March, ACF brought together volunteers from 2010 to 2017 Huatung English Camp. Several volunteer alumni took interest in education issues after the camp – from teaching at Teach

for Taiwan, to becoming tutors or joining voluntary welfare organizations helping rural children, reaching ACF' s greater vision to reverse destinies of rural children and improving social mobility. [Read more...](#)

ACF Hawaii Study Tour Co-learning Gathering



ACF held a co-learning gathering for Hawaii Cultural Sustainability Study Tour participants on 18th March. Speaking about Huatung' s sustainable development, Chair Stanley Yen pointed out buildings which do not fit well into the region' s landscape for sustainable development, and cited exemplars from Bulao Bulao Aboriginal Village, Chishang, Hand: Humanity, Alternative, Nature, Dialogue to Orchid Island which harness aesthetics and environmental merits. Stating that Huatung needs to hold onto its indigenous cultures and the ability to coexist with nature, he said architectural landscapes can aim to be regionally characteristic. The foundation of architecture needs to be aligned to coexistence with nature, harmony and sustainability.

Junyi Students “Change Lanes” to Get Ahead

Junyi School of Innovation will see its first batch of high school graduates this summer. Of the 17 students, six to eight will pursue higher education abroad. Chair Yen arranged three dialogues over 30th to 31st March to remind students to always remember their objective when faced with freedom abroad, even in the face of temptation. He said that youths need to maintain independent thinking in the age of the internet. He encouraged them to be courageous in self-discovery, tapping on personal strengths to find their unique



selves, embracing the opportunity of studying abroad to cultivate the ability to make friends with the world.

Sharestart Educators' Observation Tour in Taiwan



In the past four years' effort to promote Sharestart, over seventy teachers have joined Founder Chang Hui-cheng's footsteps to open their classrooms for observation. In mid-March, Beijing Dandelion School and Shenzhen Arcadia Grammar School sent teams of educators to observe the lessons in Taiwan, covering elementary to senior high levels of subjects such as Mandarin, Mathematics, English and Art. Headmaster Liu Kai of Shenzhen Arcadia said the Sharestart model is one of constructive collaboration where teachers and administration work seamlessly together, and it is also an open system which attracts talented teachers to make Sharestart better, enriching teachers at the frontline of education.

Sci-Flipper Curriculum Design for Expression

Two years ago, the "Life's Lessons" program took the Sci-Flipper (SF) team of educators forward in providing quality cross-disciplinary curriculum design across Taiwan. On 14th April, SF22 will return to Hsinchu Pei Ying Junior High along with the team from Kuang-Fu High School, for a new program "Designing an Expressive Curriculum". Tapping on the Tung-shan Education Corridor's rich historical and ecological resources, the organizers will lead in creating an outdoor curriculum to improve children's self-expression skills. Through co-preparation in small teams, organizers hope that participants will modify the curriculum for their own usage.



Ci-Xin Waldorf School celebrates new life in Spring



On 24th March, the school welcomed Spring with the theme of 'Celebrating New Life'. Students presented skits on saving bees after a year of discovering the community life of bees on campus – a topic encouraged by the Center for Anthroposophy in celebration of Waldorf Education's 100th year in 2019. In addition, they gathered silver grass, which was in season, where senior students led junior students making 101 silver grass brooms as well as bookmarks for charity sale. All proceeds went to the school's Kavalan Traditional Mountain Palm Hut rebuilding fund.

Taiwan Connection Lecture on Chamber Music and Leadership

With preparations for the 2018 Taiwan Connection (TC) underway, TC Co-founder Hu Nai-yuan will join Chair Yen in an interdisciplinary lecture on Chamber Music and Leadership at the Eslite Performance Hall on 22nd April Sunday at 7.30pm. Without a conductor in lead, TC musicians shoulder the responsibility of interpreting music. The musicians play with communication and mutual understanding to make melodious music. The collaborative model of music-making is similar to enterprise management. Music Director Hu Nai-yuan and Chair Yen will base their sharing on leadership and discuss how chamber music is presented with camaraderie and mutual communication. The lecture includes chamber music demonstrations. [Online booking](#)





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