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## A Whole New World: The 2016 Huatung Choir Camp

Now in its third year running, the 2016 Huatung Choir Camp took place from July 5<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> at the Junyi Experimental High School. Aimed at inspiring the youth of Huatung and building their self-confidence, this year's camp brought together 79 junior high schoolers from around the Huatung region, 46 volunteers from Taiwanese universities, and seven teachers from around the world. The theme this year was Disney's *Aladdin*, and the camp concluded with a final performance at the Taitung County Cultural Center Performance Hall. The 2016 camp was a collaboration between the Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF), the Harvest 365 Foundation, and the Sunshine Social Welfare Foundation (SSWF). SSWF is devoted to helping burn survivors rebuild their lives and confidence, and three children supported by SSWF attended the Choir Camp this year for the first time. [\(more\)](#)

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## The positive aftermath of Super Typhoon Nepartak

### Junyi Experimental High School

Super Typhoon Nepartak's heavy impact, the morning of July 8, on Junyi – from its collapsed iron gate to broken windows, tattered ceilings, flooded grounds didn't mar the Junyi spirit. Amidst an outpour of help offered, the school stood back on its feet with the efforts of Principal Huang Jing-Yu, Chairman Stanley Yen and over 50 teachers, staff, parents, students; some traveling from as far as Kaohsiung and Pingtung. A heartwarming scene – spirits high, genuine smiles, volunteering the summer holiday away.



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## 3-day intensive Cycling Workshop

### Junyi Centre for Teaching & Learning (JCTL)

After 3 years of experience overseeing the vocational cultural-cycling Ecotourism Program at National Taitung University Affiliated Physical Education High School, ACF introduces its program coach to the JCTL platform. July 4-6, 18 primary and secondary school teachers from Huatung and Taipei participated learning BikeFit standards to master the proper positioning of cycling, cycling safety, performance as well as different functions of the bicycle. On the final day, participants rode along the coastline of Taitung to experience and overcome real-life risks and challenges. [\(more\)](#)

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## Self-expression through Photography Workshop

### Junyi Centre for Teaching & Learning (JCTL)

July 7, JCTL – a platform where educators come together to learn, hosted a self-expression through photography workshop; teacher Yang Yatang began first by introducing the relationship between the mind and creativity. Yang then leads participants into expressing/communicating to one another through art. Self-introductions were made through a series of 5 photography; an activity had participants photograph 3 images of a white scarf assimilated into the surrounding demonstrating very personal ways of expression and communication. The workshop aims to inspire deeper observation and communicate through art, understanding difference of perspectives through art. ([more](#))



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## 7th annual Huatung English Camp

### July 21-31

Huatung English Camp, a camp that aims to teach and inspire interests for the English language to underprivileged students from remote communities, has this year's campground set at Junyi Experimental High School. With the 2016 learning theme connecting the natural environment and culture of Huatung, 160 campers – aged between Grades 5-8 all from the Huatung region learn English through science, world cultures, and arts. Following tradition, ACF collaborates with volunteer students from Taipei American School's Heart to Heart International Service Group and universities across Taiwan; each undergoing a 6-month training, planning process. The campers transformed from shy to confident speakers, and the camp concluded with tearful goodbyes. ([more](#))

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## 3rd annual 2016 Huatung Choir Camp

July 5-16

Huatung Choir Camp aims to nurture and inspire talents, as well as promote choir education to underprivileged Grades 7-9 students from remote communities. Despite Typhoon Nepartak, 150 campers and volunteers kept their spirits high to the very end. July 15 concludes the camp with a heartwarming performance at Taitung Performing Art Center with an audience of 700 performing excerpts from Disney's Aladdin. Each year, campers discover themselves through their voices and learn the power of *togetherness*. ([more](#))



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## 6th annual Design Camp

**Part one: Communications design; Part two: Industrial design**

Design Camp uses its strengths and opens opportunity for campers to develop in their design interests and inspire them to continue in their dream. Led by Shih-Chien University volunteer professors and students, 99 campers from across Taiwan – 29 from Huatung who received full sponsorship from ACF, immersed themselves in the arts for 6 days and 5 nights. The theme this year, “One day, I picked-up a brain”, even quirkier than the last, “Sleep a little, perhaps inspiration will follow”, focused on expressing/creating through communications design and industrial design. Creativities were stimulated through exhibition visits, practice, actual creation, and concluding with presentation of their designs; it is a true stepping stone for entering the design field. ([more](#))

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## Student's work published!

### Ci-Xin Waldorf School

This summer, Anthroposophy Education Foundation published “The Ant Underground” written by Chen Pei-Guan – marking a remarkable achievement for the 2016 graduate. The story covers the parting of childhood and the transition to self-awareness, independence. It was the parting gift of each graduate as they step into a different stage of life.



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## Promoting the Learn-Think-Express teaching method in Hong Kong

### Attracting over 400 participants

ACF values teacher education; it supports like-minded educators and provides resources and administrative support for teachers like Zhang Hui-Cheng who initiated the Learn-Think-Express teaching method. July 14-18, with its growing recognition, United Christian College (UCC) Vice Principal Liu Hua, an avid supporter of the teaching method, invites Zhang and a group of teachers who have adopted the method to their classrooms to lead the promotional workshop discussing its theory, challenges, strategies, and holding practice sessions. Since 2015, Liu has followed Zhang, leading groups of educators to Taiwan to learn from observing in his ‘always open classroom’.

The first annual 2016 Learn-Think-Express Asia Conference is being organized by ACF. ([more](#))



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## Hour of Code

### Family focused event

On the Saturdays of July, families participated in the ACF co-organized Hour of Code event. Through ongoing family, school, company focused events, ACF hopes to create awareness for the importance of coding education not only to the participants, but for its participants to widespread it through word of mouth. ACF hopes that through its initiatives, Taiwan's next generation will not fall short of world trends and be equipped with the skills to go forward and compete with peers worldwide.

Hour of Code is a global movement aimed to raise awareness on coding education; ACF aims to reach 200,000 persons in Taiwan by 2016. ([more](#))

