



2019 Huatung Choir Camp

In collaboration with Harvest 365, each year The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) hosts a two-week sleepaway choir camp. From the 2nd to 14th July, new and return campers between the ages of 12 to 18 came together at the Junyi School of Innovation. Unlike prior years where Disney films were chosen as themes, the 2019 select was Les Misérables. With only 13 days to practice their acts – some with limited chorale experience, ability to read and speak English, their achievements and confidence witnessed at the final concerts wowed all. [Read more.](#)



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: 10th Annual Huatung English Camp

2019 marks Huatung English Camp's tenth year. This year, over 500 youths from across Huatung applied; the final selection welcomed nearly 160 participants. The camp took place at Junyi School of Innovation from 18-28 July. Volunteers from the Heart to Heart International Service Group and university students from across Taiwan nurtured confidence, and encouraged campers to bravely express themselves in English and to try new things.

The camp has motivated few campers to pursue study overseas; one now works at Junyi. Chair Yen urged campers to work hard in improving their English ability and to courageously interact with English speakers encouraging them to help make Taiwan more internationalized. In the closing ceremony, 16 participants shared on their favourite classes in English and their hopes for the future. Many campers hope to return in future years as volunteers.

In the ten years, the Huatung English Camp nurtured 1500 campers, and involved 500 volunteers. On the 28th July, a reunion was held where 40 past volunteers attended.



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: 6th Annual Huatung Choir Camp

In the 6th year of the Huatung Choir Camp, campers were challenged to perform excerpts from Les Misérables. The 2019 camp recruited for the first-time senior high school students. The camp took place from 2-14 July at Junyi School of Innovation. A total of 249 took part in the camp which include campers, volunteers, instructors, counselors in training, Junyi interns and ACF's project manager. Senior high school campers hosted a salon which encouraged campers

and volunteers to discuss the history and laws of Les Misérables' time as well as other topics of interest.

Each year, Camp Director Howard Cheung re-emphasizes the spirit of the camp – that every individual involved is important and that the process is more valuable than the outcome. On 13th July, campers performed twice at the Wonderland Performing Arts Center at Junyi School of Innovation.

The Huatung Choir Camp is in collaboration with Harvest 365.



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Robotics Camp

In effort to help prepare Huatung participants for the National Robotics Competition in August, ACF and partner Program the World Association (PTWA) hosted a Robotics Camp. The camp took place from 19-21 July at the Hsin Sheng Junior High School. 31 students and seven teachers from schools across the Huatung region were guided by volunteer instructors and members from National Taitung University's IT volunteer club. The camp emphasized on maze solving and circuit racing. Campers were challenged to repeat exercises to improve on coding skills, to overcome challenges and to gain confidence in breaking personal records.



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Train the Trainer Forum

20th July, in collaboration with National Changhua University of Education's College of Education, ACF conducted the Train the Trainer Forum for 150 experienced teachers in preparation for Ministry of Education's annual induction training for new teachers. Since 2017, ACF pairs 2,500 new teachers with 200 experienced teachers, considering subjects and grade levels, in support of their first year while they adapt into their new roles. In the Train the Trainer Forum, which took place at National Taiwan University, ACF introduced the forum concept as well as invited two experienced teachers who participated in the coaching program in 2018 to share on their firsthand experiences in mentoring, coaching and co-learning.

They shared on their experiences in organizing and conducting face-to-face meetings. They also shared on how a coach must learn the ability to build a mutually trusting environment, to be able to identify their personal leadership styles, and to define what they wish to achieve in the year.