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**Junyi Academy – Making Individualized Learning Possible!**

Since start of the 2016 academic year, Junyi Academy ([www.junyiacademy.org](http://www.junyiacademy.org)) has revamped its homepage with enhanced functions, aimed at developing the best online learning platform for K-12 in Chinese. The new functions include progress reports of assessments, class discussion forum, Ask a Classmate online and Mock Classroom Guide features, catering to different learning abilities and scenarios. [Read more](#)

## Camping:

### Experiential Life Skills Learning

#### Junyi Experimental High School

Students at Junyi are exposed to outdoor camping as part of their experiential life skills learning from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. 16-17 November, 8<sup>th</sup> graders went on a camping trip to prepare for their year-end cycling challenge on the Yuchang Highway. Led by teacher Gao Ruizhe, and joined by those involved in the life discovery skills course, the students rode their bicycles from the Junyi campus along Highway 9 to Luming Creek, Butterfly Valley of Yanping Township. As part of the experience, they had a taste of outdoor cooking; teacher Katu explained local plant characteristics and invited Bunun hunters to teach the students how to use natural materials to make traps in an eco-friendly and environmentally protective way.



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## Minerva School at KGI:

### The Future of Education

#### Junyi Experimental High School

Minerva's Asia Representative, Kenn Ross visited Junyi Experimental High School on 22 November, where he shared about the school. As a university without campus and classrooms, students attend classes online through the Active Learning Forum. To equip students with an international outlook, students will have their first year core courses at the San Francisco headquarters, before embarking on six semesters in London, Berlin, Seoul, Bangalore, Buenos Aires and Taipei respectively. Such an internationally innovative approach provides new inspiration for the Junyi faculty, opening the idea of new possibilities for the future of education.

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# "If There is a Reason to Study" Screening

Taitung

On 3 December, "If There is a Reason to Study", a film by Alder Yang, a young change maker and student of the Minerva School at KGI, was screened in Taitung. Junyi's 10<sup>th</sup> graders worked with the graduating class of Baosang Junior High School to organize a forum based on the film theme for the 230 audience as well as 80 parents and teachers. Yang also had the opportunity to share on his learning experience at Minerva; as well as *his* reason for studying – to interact with the world and face life's issues. Yang's sharing on the Minerva experience provided students with a new perspective, especially following the visit of Minerva's Asia Representative to Junyi.



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## Winter Festive Activities

**Ci-Xin Waldorf School**

Ci-Xin's festive activities combines seasonality and local cultures, making sure that students are observant of natural elements. This year's winter festive event at the Ci-Xin Waldorf School is themed as Thanksgiving, Praying and Tranquility. Stories, art lessons and other activities are incorporated into the course. Besides creating an atmosphere of winter in the classrooms and campus, the Winter Spiral Walk will be held in the dark of the night for students to experience the celebration of quiet confidence, of carrying light in darkness, of sharing that light with others.

[Cixin's Winter Festive](#)

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# Hour of Code™ in Taiwan's Door-to-door Initiatives

## Company-focused

The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) and Junyi Academy introduced the Hour of Code™ in Taiwan “door-to-door service” in October this year, bringing the movement “door-to-door” in enterprises such as Rongcheng Paper, Wonderland Nursery Goods and Global Views-Commonwealth Publishing Group. About 100 colleagues took part in this event and were introduced to coding, breaking the stereotype of it being “too difficult” and experiencing the joys of coding. Staff members from diverse specialty areas also brought in their different thought models to the activity and worked together successfully!



## [Hour of Code™ in Taiwan](#)

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## President Tsai supports Coding Education

### Press Conference

President Tsai Ying-wen attended the Coding for Taiwan Press Conference organized by ACF, Microsoft Taiwan, Junyi Academy, American Innovation Center Taiwan and the Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development. The Coding for Taiwan event was held in response to the Computer Science Education Week, 5-11 December. With the highest participation rate in Asia, the Hour of Code™ in Taiwan is also ranked 9<sup>th</sup> globally. ACF Chairman Stanley Yen noted that the lack of software programming talent and trained expertise who are able to coach others in this area in Taiwan, prompting educational institutes and industry players to work together to address this issue. To encourage more people to take up coding, lucky draw prizes such as iPad Air 2 and Microsoft Surface Pro 4 are offered for participants who join before the end of the year.

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# Preparing for the National UNITY Conference Study Tour

## Native youth development

The 2-day preparatory workshop began with a sharing of personal reflections from reading Mitch Albom's Tuesdays with Morrie, and included sessions on the indigenous peoples of the Americas, History and Cultural Theories and self-exploration and communication courses. The 7 native youth participants were encouraged to give their reflections in English and they shared on their diverse backgrounds drawing resonance with the book meaningfully. The upcoming 2017 study tour will be yet another meaningful journey to the United States where the youth can cultivate useful takeaway skills from the program.



## [2015 Study Tour](#)

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## Sharestart Asia Conference

12 December

The Sharestart team was invited to the Za Share EXPO for innovative Education 2016 at the Huashan 1914 Creative Park's on 25-27 November. A total of 160 booths of local and overseas innovative education groups were featured at the expo. At the event, Huang Xinxian from Huaxing Elementary, Wu Wenwen from Shilin Elementary High School and Hsu Chiuling of Taipei First Girls' High School, Sharestart's pioneer advocates shared on the Sharestart method. The Sharestart teaching method by founder, Chang Hui-cheng has had 5000 participants thus far and the educational community has exceeded 35,000 participants. In Asia, 66 teachers have begun open concept sharing of their teaching practices. On 10-11 December, the Sharestart Asia Conference was held at the Liberal Education Classroom Building of the National Taiwan University. A total of 300 teachers took part, including 70 overseas participants travelling in from Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mainland China, and more. The capacity building workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day attracted 600 participating teachers, taking the Sharestart method beyond the shores of Taiwan.

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# Innovating Green Energy for the Future

## Junyi Experimental High School

In effort to encourage and develop green energy use for Taiwan's future and spearhead the Sustainable Architecture & Design program at Junyi, ACF Chairman Stanley Yen works with Tai Gium Enterprise Chairman Chen Yi-ren, who has long been engaged in green energy. With Orchid Island's unlimited access to energy which has led to an issue of unnecessary energy overuse in mind, Yen envisioned to recreate Orchid Island's resting huts to be energy efficient. With the help of Chen, Yen's idea was conceptualized – with six solar panels, two wind turbines and four lead-acid batteries, as a 100% green structure capable of producing 10KW of electricity each day. 18 November, Yen visited the Taichung Green Enlightenment Square to witness the exciting creation.



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