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**Cover Story: Talent Development Program Overseas**

*An experiential learning for the indigenous youths of Taiwan – from language, skills, to internationalism...*

From the beginning of its involvement in the East Coast of Taiwan, The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) has dreamed to not only create positive sustainable growth in the region, but to introduce Taiwan's rich indigenous culture internationally; education, and educating the youth is key. ACF's overseas talent development program, in collaboration with Hawaii Tourism Authority and WISH Communication, offers a full scholarship to selected candidates of the indigenous origin to study at Brigham Young University (BYU) whilst interning at the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC). The study program aims to develop a skill for the student to eventually bring back to their villages to re-teach other indigenous youths, and the internship program aims to offer experiential learning in sharing tribal arts and culture. Through its overseas talent development program, ACF dreams to expand the youth's horizons, and to develop them into internationalized individuals... [Read more](#)

## Spray Crab Campground

*Beach living, food and art...*

Provincial Highway 11, also known as the coastal highway, is one of the most picturesque ways to explore Taitung County. Along this highway, in the northern part of this county is Changbin Township with its stretches of sandy beach and indigenous Amis communities. The Spray Crab Campground, which opened in 2014, combines these features. The name of this campground comes from a type of small crab that emerges in the evening in the warmer months along the township's beaches. The owners of this campground are an Amis family from the adjacent Jenbing Community. Their purpose for opening this campground is encapsulated in the list of services on the campground's promotional materials: "live, eat, art"... [Read more](#)



## Cotton & Hemp House

*Embarking on a journey of sustainable operation...*

Peering around the glass door, you can see a small shop displaying hats and bags crocheted by the owner Huimei Lung and 26 tribal mothers. Once you have entered, you are faced with the predominately white and grey color scheme. The white comes from the cotton thread and denotes freshness and simplicity, representing the comfort and ease the Pacific winds bring; and the grey comes from the darker linen thread and gives off a sense of peace and calm. The laid back atmosphere of the shop further adds to its carefree charm... [Read more](#)

## Kanding Village

*Collaborative model of cultural tourism...*

Kanding Village is nestled in the foothills of the Central Mountain Range in Haiduan Township in the northern part of Taitung County, just above Guanshan Town. The residents of Kanding Village are mostly from the indigenous Bunun tribe and have been working to preserve and promote their culture and way of life. This has resulted in a unique tourism model. Eighteen homes and businesses in the community have been identified as tourism sites. At each site, the residents of the home or owners of the business introduce a certain aspect of the Bunun culture or local ecology. This not only provides visitors with an experience that is rich in diversity, but also allows them to interact with the local people... [Read more](#)

