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Sharestart Asia Conference 2017: Converging Energies, Continuing Innovation

Themed “Converging and Deepening” , the second Sharestart Asia Conference, held over 7th to 17th December, congregated overseas and local educators concerned with innovation in education. Presented by the Sharestart community, National Taiwan University’ s (NTU) teachers’ training community, Junyi Academy and The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF), Taiwan is already “exporting” its education and Sharestart Founder Chang Huicheng is an example for promoting educational philosophies based on the Taiwan experience and building a 50,000-strong community in Asia, reversing rote learning. [More...](#)



Winter Celebrations at Junyi: Hope and Reflection

Celebrating seasons is a key component of Waldorf education, letting children developing a sense of order and gratitude for nature and people. In Junyi' s fifth year of adopting the Waldorf model in its elementary school, a school-wide celebration was held for the first time on the Winter Solstice. On 22 December, parents and teachers took part in the Waldorf spiral walk to reflect on the year and bear hopes for the new year. All Junyi students from Grades 1 to 12 made glutinous rice balls by hand, the angel eye, flower pompoms, and wrote cards of blessings, spreading much warmth.

Junyi Sports Day sees 600 participants

As part of Junyi' s exploratory education, the school arranged two visits for students to experience flight training and simulation with the APEX Flight Academy, Taiwan' s first flight training centre, with aircrafts based at Taitung Airport. Both Chief Kuo and Lead Trainer Ben emphasized the importance of English for reading manuals, and carrying out operations and communication. Chief Kuo stressed the importance of teamwork and self-discipline for personnel in the aviation industry which is directly in line with ACF Chair Stanley Yen' s hopes for the children.





Advanced Capacity Building Workshop for Sharestart Asia Conference

Sharestart Asia Conference 2017 was held over eleven days, featuring a series of three main events, where overseas and local teachers went on a Taiwan Sharestart Journey. From 16th to 17th December, the Advanced Capacity Building Workshop was held at the Bailing High School. 31 Sharestart lecturers gathered to present 25 inter-levels and inter-disciplinary pedagogical workshops. Over 250 educators benefitted from the workshops aimed at improving their teaching practices, ranging from exercises on Sharestart notes, English reading and comprehension, school community development, group-work, mind-mapping, question design and scenario based learning.

Third National Sustainable Development award for Ci-Xin Waldorf School

The site of Ci-Xin Waldorf School was once a junk yard with views of clean fields, organic gardens, a bio-pond and artistic-looking campus buildings today, showing Waldorf' s value of organic education. On 25 December, the school became the first in Taiwan to win the National Sustainable Development award (for Education Category) thrice. Chief Executive Lin Shimin said Ci-Xin strives for harmonious human relationships with community, land and the universe, giving similar opportunities to children across social classes. The privately managed public school in Yilan has been reforming education for two decades, driving Taiwan' s transformation and exemplifying diversity in education.



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Unlimited possibilities for the Future Education Taiwan 100 project

The Global Views Educational Foundation initiated the Future Education Taiwan 100 project, which commended a hundred most creative and impactful educational projects to congregate educators' efforts. On 14 December, the award ceremony was held whereby a category for Special Contribution was created. Former President Ma Ying-jeou presented the Special Contribution awards to Professor Benson Yeh, Teachers Chang Hui-cheng, Wang Cheng-zong and Wen Mei-yu and Junyi Academy for their efforts in Taiwan's education scene. ACF Chair Stanley Yen said that he hopes to invest in the future of education to nurture the next generation into brave talents with sights and passion to connect Taiwan internationally.



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