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Cover story: Tao-Yuan Primary School's Humanistic Approach to Teaching

A story of one teacher's inspiring efforts to make change, one class at a time...

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - William Butler Yeats

Traditional education in Taiwan has the teacher lecturing, and students listening. It emphasizes on examination results encouraging students to learn through memorization rather than understanding, losing the true value and meaning of education. Yi-Wen Yang, 6th Grade teacher at Taitung County Yanping Township Tao-Yuan Primary School, challenges herself to try a different approach to educate her students. Every child is a unique learner; Yi-Wen introduces humanistic education to her class, allowing each student to develop at their own pace, providing an equal opportunity for growth... [Read more](#)

Along County Road 197 (Part 1)

County Road 197 stretches nearly 60 kilometers between Beinan Township, just north of Taitung City, and Chishang Township in the northern part of Taitung County. Provincial Highway 9 is the faster route between these two points, leaving County Road 197 with little traffic. Due to the lack of vehicles, challenging undulations and panoramic vistas, this is a favorite road for cycling enthusiasts... [Read more](#)



Along County Road 197 (Part 2)

In Part 1 of this article, some of the beauty of the nearly 60-kilometer County Road 197 which runs between Beinan Township, just north of Taitung City, to Chishang Township was described. As the section between the Luanshan Community in Yanping Township and Guanshan Township is unpaved and difficult to traverse, it was suggested that a break be taken from this road, making use of Provincial Highway 9. Part 2 takes up the journey along County Road 197 from Guanshan Township. Once reaching Guanshan Township, there are several enjoyable options. For example, it is a short drive or ride to Haiduan Township and Kanding Village, a Bunun community. The community's features include wood carving studio, traditional plant botanical garden, millet culture and hunting culture... [Read more](#)

