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Coding with Communities: Creating New Value in Service Learning

In March to June this year, students from National Taiwan University's (NTU) Electrical Engineering and Information Management departments contributed to the Hour of Code™ (HOC) in Taiwan initiative through translation. Rather than embarking on the traditionally practiced community cleanup as part of their service-learning module, tertiary students were engaged in eight translation sessions and encouraged to apply their academic learning to community service... [Read more.](#)

Future Education Global Forum 2017: Enhancing Education as Taiwan' s Competitiveness

Chairman Stanley Yen was invited by Global Family Monthly to participate in the Future Education Global Forum on 7 June, sharing the stage with Finland' s Dr Marjo Kyllonen, Education Manager at General Education division in Helsinki. In his speech "Enhancing Education as Taiwan' s Competitiveness" , he stressed that life skills such as discipline are the key to teaching young minds the importance of social harmony and confidence. Educators should be advocates of life skills, music and drawing to ensure an all-rounded learning where students are positive and dare to be unique. He concluded that educators are fortunate to combine their job, career and life mission.



Junyi Experimental High School: Gratitude and Graduation Meals

In a series of graduation activities at the Junyi Experimental High School, Chairman Stanley Yen included two meal events, for the ninth-graders to show gratitude to the teachers, with sixth-graders playing music, and also a graduation meal for high-schoolers to serve the graduating classes of the sixth and ninth-grades. Volunteer chefs led the preparation for students to be familiar with dining etiquette and food and beverage training. Professional Chef Winnie, a second-time volunteer, expressed that students were appreciative of the training and cleaned up the kitchen proactively. The students have touched her heart besides being outstanding, hence she hopes to have more opportunities to volunteer with Junyi in future.

Hawaii Study Tour Group on a mission to "flow towards the ocean"

The Hawaii Study Tour group gathered at Taitung County Government Office on 16 June to meet WISH Communication Co. Chairman Sun Wei-ping, who shared on her living and working experience in Hawaii. Indigenous writer Sakinu Ahrongrong was also invited to share his personal journey as a village youth and on his interaction with indigenous groups overseas. He encouraged the participants to imagine themselves as streams on a mission to "flow towards the ocean" to show others who they are. He hoped they make keen observations in Hawaii and bring learning points back to Taitung and even Taiwan, enriching themselves through sharing.



Vox Nativa Overseas Study Tour Rehearsal on 24 June

Before embarking on the month-long Vox Nativa Overseas Study Tour on 30 June, the group gathered to rehearse for their performance for the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference. Held at Taiwan CYTS on 24 June, the rehearsal was graced by former First Lady Madam Chou Mei-qing, long-standing supporter of indigenous education, legislators Kolas Yotaka and Hsu Yu-ren, Madam You Mei-nu, CYTS Chairman Su Cheng-tian and the New Taipei City education bureau and principals. Besides offering professional advice on the use of English in the performance, the guests encouraged the students to venture abroad, broaden their horizons, interact with different cultures to enrich themselves and share their fruits of learning.

Kehua' s Music Program: Nurturing Music Educators in Rural Areas

For its 30th anniversary, the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) performed with Soda Green, and proceeds were donated towards the cause of promoting music. At the 22 June press conference, Director Chiu expressed hopes for more to get to know and enjoy music. Kehua Foundation was invited to join this cause through the "Music Program" . Its executive director Chen Wu-ming shared about inviting Wei Guang-hao and Jiao Yuan-pu to carry out teacher training and music sharing on a cappella and jazz in Taitung for the past half-year. Kehua Foundation will arrange for NSO musicians to hold music talks in rural schools, introducing different types of music to children and cultivating music educators.



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