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## Cover story: Challenging the Sea, Challenging the Self

### Junyi High Schoolers take on the Pacific Ocean

The end-of-year challenge is a tradition at Junyi Experimental High School. It pushes students to face their fears and tackle mental and physical challenges with bravery and courage. This year, the 10th graders embarked on the biggest challenge yet: they built their own kayaks and paddled them on the Pacific Ocean. With professional guidance from Master shipbuilder, Taitung University Professors as well as the Fire Council, students used their mathematics, arts, and outdoor training together to plan the project, and would each end up spending over 100 hours building their kayaks and practicing for the challenge... [Read more](#)

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## Walking through the magic forest of Liqiu Village

Liqiu Village (歷坵村) is located in Jinfeng Township of Taitung County. This is a small, quiet place in which the residents are mostly from the Paiwan and Rukai tribes. Due to its somewhat isolated location, indigenous cultural preservation has been a priority here and during important ceremonies, many cultural elements can be seen. These include a traditional bamboo frame swing and wood carved divination boxes used by the shamans. In past times, these boxes contained the items needed to carry out divination rites before a hunt, as well as healing and other rites... [Read more](#)



## Cultural, artistic Donghe Township

Donghe Township in Taitung County is known for its scenic coastline and beaches. It is also home to a number of indigenous Amis communities. This combination of natural beauty and culture has attracted a number of artists to the area, both Taiwanese and foreign. In addition, Amis artists and artisans are creating works that highlight their traditions. This has led to the development of a unique cultural and artistic atmosphere. One of the best places to begin your exploration of cultural, artistic Donghe Township is Dulan Village. In this village, a tall smokestack serves as a landmark and forms part of the Xin Dong Sugar Refinery Culture Park (新東糖廠文化園區). As the name suggests, this was once an active sugar refinery... [Read more](#)

