



### **A New Vista for Children: "The Memory of Home" Photography Exhibition**

"The Memory of Home" photography exhibition was curated and organized by teachers and volunteers from a photography project, and nine students from Tunshan Elementary School in New Taipei City, Taiwan. Crossing the threshold between 2020 and 2021, this 2-month-long exhibition was a dream come true for not only the students but also the teachers and volunteers who have accompanied them on their journey over the years. [Read more.](#)



### **Visit from ACFI Members of the Board**

Several overseas ACFI (Alliance Cultural Foundation International) Board members and Angels visited ACF recently. Mr. Yen introduced to them the most recent projects at Junyi School of Innovation and at ACF. He discussed how Junyi can become an international campus to cultivate talents to help promote Taiwan government's aspiration for the country to become bilingual by 2030.

Members of the Board have always supported Mr. Yen's vision and ACF's mission. One board member acknowledged how he was inspired by Mr. Yen's first book when he was starting a software company 20 years ago. He applied the customer-centered thinking from the book to improve team leadership and customer service which contributed to his company's success.



## **The Alliance Cultural Foundation 2021 Work Meeting**

The 2021 ACF Annual Work Meeting was held on February 24th and 25th. Future projects were established based on the team's shared vision, mission, and goals. Each project manager discussed his/her plans and strategies and received valuable feedbacks from colleagues. These discussions not only helped project managers to refine and improve their plans but also allowed each team member to gain a deeper understanding of the different projects. During the discussions, senior colleagues guided the junior ones in optimizing the allocation of manpower and resources, shared their insights and experience, and helped nurture a culture of "accountability". Mr. Yen shared his observation of current social phenomenon and world trends to encourage the team to think critically and from a long-term perspective. The team aspires to become a force of change in helping to achieve sustainable growth in the Hualien and Taitung region.



## **2021 Huatung Choir Camp Volunteer Interview**

On February 21st, we successfully concluded the interview for volunteers for the 2021 Huatung Choir Camp. The camp accepted 32 volunteers out of over 100 applicants, many of whom were former campers. The camp provides valuable learning experience for participants but also allows them to give back by returning as volunteers. After the interviews, applicants remarked that they truly enjoyed the warm and welcoming experience. The camp is looking forward welcoming new volunteers with fresh ideas and energy.



## **Junyi School of Innovation Winter Vacation Internship**

During the three years in Junyi High School of Innovation, students are required to take an internship course during their summer or winter break. This winter break, some students completed their internships at Coconut Beach, a B&B in Taitung, while others interned at the ACF Taipei office. Both internship experiences provided students with many valuable lessons. Students who interned at Coconut Beach not only learned about basic housekeeping but also the meaning behind "customer first". Students interning at the ACF office learned how to navigate a workplace environment and acquired basic working skills. They also had the opportunity to meet Mr. Yen who continues to inspire young people with his perspective on current social trends like the impact of artificial intelligence on human relations and the diverse opportunities and challenges of global citizenship. We hope these internship experiences will give students more confidence to navigate their future endeavors.



## Sharestart Educational Foundation Training for Open Classroom Teachers

Sharestart's Open Classroom training for teachers took place in Chiayi on February 6th and 7th. Fourteen Sharestart teachers shared their experiences and results from promoting Sharestart teaching methods. The teachers also shared the skills learned from the training workshops and the short talks. Sharestart teachers who participated in the training have demonstrated greater creativity, adaptability, and learning ability. The Sharestart team continues to develop teachers at its annual training through the power of community spirit.