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## **Cover Story: Ci-Xin Waldorf School**

*The graduation project...*

The graduation project is the highlight for grade 12 students at Ci-Xin Waldorf School; students spend the year researching, exploring and connecting with the world. Each graduate is to present on stage for twenty minutes with topics ranging from literature, painting, ceramic arts, architecture, traditional dance, food culture, drum making, racing, philosophy, music, opera, film, volunteering, environmental, and tai chi, to name a few. Their aim is to not only learn from the topic, but to find meaning and to connect it to their current lives. With an unlimited breadth of subjects to select from, students delved into their individual interests. Presentations ranged from a traditional Israeli dance performance, a self-composed piece of music expressing experiences from a student's final years of high school, to an 80,000 word novel written by a student who usually had few words to say... [Read more](#)

## Pine Garden

*A wartime relic is transformed into an arts center...*

Pine Garden is named for a cluster of nearly century-old pine trees that hide a restored Japanese wartime command post and officers retreat, one of the most well preserved examples of Japanese military facilities in Taiwan. This compound is located on the highest hilltop in Hualien City offering views of the Pacific coastline, Meilun River estuary and Hualien Harbor. Today, this is a place to admire art and experience culture... [Read more](#)



## Duli Community

*An Amis village that emphasizes the nostalgic...*

The picturesque coastal highway (Provincial Highway 11) that stretches between Hualien and Taitung is dotted with communities of the indigenous Amis tribe. One such community, situated in Chenggong Town of Taitung County, is referred to as Duli in Chinese. This is a transliteration of the Amis name of this community, Torik, which commemorates one of its founders. This community has a long history. The first mention of it in historical records is in a survey of eastern Taiwan in 1879. However, it was originally located elsewhere, higher up in the foothills in an area of plateau where the East Coast National Scenic Area Administration's visitor center now sits... [Read more](#)

## Ecotourism Program: Nurturing an Alternative Career

*Accompaniment involves time, patience for positive results...*

The vocational Ecotourism Program from National Taitung University Affiliated Physical Education High School (NTPEHS) was developed by The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) in effort to nurture an alternative career prospect for its graduating students. NTPEHS is a public high school that focuses on developing professional athletes who are trained to one day represent Taiwan. 3-5% of a graduating class will pursue a career in athletics, by creating the Ecotourism Program, ACF and NTPEHS aims to open possibilities to the other 95% of students... [Read more](#)

