

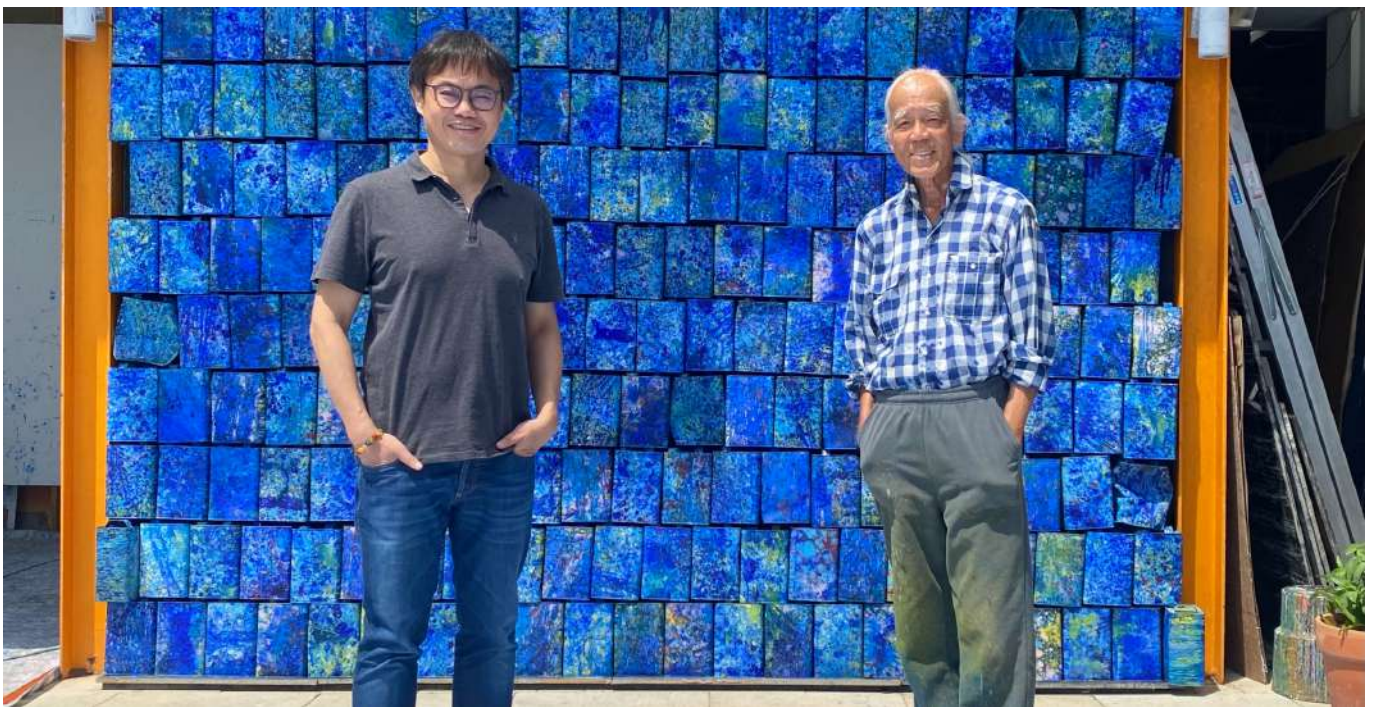


Taitung – a globally recognized destination for the outdoors: Challenge Taiwan, a triathlon surrounded by the mountains & ocean

2022 marks the 10th year anniversary for the Challenge Taiwan triathlon. Hosted in Taitung this April, its 2022 slogan is ‘Always Better Together’. CEO of the Challenge Family Asia Pacific Jovi Lo said, “Challenge Taiwan is ranked as one of the top three triathlon events worldwide. Many lasting memories are created here. The Flowing Lake, a still and clear lake, makes Taitung an especially suitable location for hosting large-scale international races.”

The coastline of Taitung is 179km long. It has high potential to develop into a water sports destination for swimming, surfing, kayaking to name a few. Currently, the Taiwan Open of Surfing event is hosted in Jinzun, Taitung as well as the Challenge Taiwan swimming course. More recently, athletes and sponsors have been advocating Taitung as a training residence for stand-up paddle, kayaking, and swimming.

“Water sports can nurture growth and sustainability in a region. It doesn’t cause much harm to the environment and can generate steady economic growth.” said Chair Stanley Yen of The Alliance Cultural Foundation. [Read more.](#)



Paul Chiang Arts & Cultural Foundation: Fall 2022, Solo Exhibition at the Taitung Art Museum

To contemporary artist Paul Chiang, Taitung isn't just the name of a place, but rather a place that has given him immense inspiration and change in the creative direction of his works. This fall, from 24th September to 27th November, Paul Chiang will have a solo exhibition at the Taitung Art Museum. The exhibition will be curated by Jason Chi who has a background as an artist, in architecture, and curating. Chi will be responsible for designing the entire layout of the exhibition. The solo exhibition will express the creative inspiration Chiang receives from Taitung. It will bring visitors closer to understanding his life's experiences. The exhibition will reveal years of unseen works from small to medium in size. New large-scaled paintings using multi-media will also be exhibited. Older paintings that were displayed in his former gallery will also be shown. Each painting selected represents a piece of Chiang's life. They express the fantasy of stopping time, the exploration of what he finds meaningful, the care he has for this era as well as the envisioning of the Paul Chiang Art Center.

The Paul Chiang Art Center will officially open in the spring of 2024. In addition to administrating the solo exhibition and the art center, ACF is working to connect Huatung artists and entrepreneurs to together create a model that shares the rich Huatung culture and living as well as sustainable slow travel in the region.



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Huatum Cultural Sustainability – Co-learning from the Bulaobulao Aboriginal Village

ACF's initiative to build a supportive entrepreneurship network across the Huatum region gathered 27 entrepreneurs from Taitung's south to north, mountains to coastline to visit Yilan's Bulaobulao Aboriginal Village for exchange and learning. Using the Changbin-Fengbin initiative model, ACF plans to uplift the tourism of the entire Huatum region from its experiences and learnings. Led by consultant Patrick Su, Su conducted a workshop before the trip discussing the concept of sustainable tourism as well as the Bulaobulao Aboriginal Village's operation model. The entrepreneurs were separated into groups and tasked to observe using the five senses.

At the Bulaobulao Aboriginal Village, participants paid special notice to the difference in experience from Huatum through their senses. The village's CEO Kwali shared on the architectural planning of the village as well as staff training, and the passing on of traditions. It was a rare opportunity for the entrepreneurs with busy schedules to gather. The occasion stirred several discussions, and the participants left with an overflowing of knowledge gained.



Junyi School of Innovation: Annual Trial Class

Before enrolling into Junyi School of Innovation, all students first undergo the trial class. Through the trial class, students have the opportunity to experience firsthand the classes, activities, and boarding life to see if Junyi is a good fit for them. Parent and teacher meetings will also take place to ensure that the education model of the school is aligned with the expectations of the parents and suitable to the child.

Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, the two-day one-night event was modified into a one-day event. Students participated in the Combined Studies Program, reading and expressing as well as Junyi's renowned Outdoor Program which all complied with government safety measures. The elementary school enjoyed a half-day trial for children who will enter the 1st grade. Children sang and drew while teachers talked with parents one-on-one. The conversations were to ensure that parents were on board with the Waldorf education method as well as their readiness to grow with their child as a Waldorf parent.



Junyi School of Innovation: High School Outdoor Program – Learning to Scuba Dive

Junyi School of Innovation's Outdoor Program is designed to combine recreational sports and Taitung's natural environment with activities involving cycling, the mountains, and ocean. Its Outdoor Ocean Program include water sports, and marine conservation. This term, Junyi collaborates with National Taitung University's Department of Physical Education. 10th graders learned to scuba dive. Their first lesson involved familiarization of equipment, preparation, and hand signals. In the second lesson, they learned to put on their gear which included a 12-15kg oxygen tank, and practiced breathing under water. Students were required to remember the English words for the equipment. Teachers guided students patiently every step of the way. Each student was filmed through the process which helped them improve by watching themselves.