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Cover story: Teaching coding, changing futures

As The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) and partners drive coding education in Taiwan, it meets educators who have initiated it beyond their own classrooms. Understanding that coding is an essential skill in the future workforce, Professor Su, Wen-Yu of Information Engineering at National Cheng Kung University brings coding education to underprivileged primary and secondary school students in Chiayi's remote. At the learning facility of Gougou Church (過溝基督教會), youths in the community learn to build games, apps, automate robotics and machinery through coding... [Read more](#)

Hualien, where facial tattooing traditions preserved

Facial tattooing was once an important tradition practiced among the indigenous Atayal, Truku and Sediq tribes. These tribes originated in what is today Renai Township of Nantou County in central Taiwan, but as their populations grew they crossed the Central Mountain Range to reach Yilan County and Hualien County in eastern Taiwan. For males, tattoos consisted of thick vertical lines on the forehead and chin. For females, these tattoos were much more complicated. They included...

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Xinshe Village - coastal beauty, indigenous legends

Taiwan's indigenous peoples are roughly divided into the Pingpu (those traditionally living on the plains) and mountain-dwelling groups, based on traditional geography. The Kavalan, considered Pingpu, once inhabited the plains of Yilan, but clashes with Qing dynasty troops and the Atayal tribe forced them to put their traditional boat building and marine navigational techniques to use some 250 years ago. The tribe scattered southward into Hualien and Taitung counties, following the coastline. Most of the... [Read more](#)

