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Be a Changemaker, Make a Difference

On 1 October, ten selected outstanding ACF tertiary volunteers who took part in the Make a Difference (MaD) Festival in Hong Kong from 21 to 23 July, held a sharing session at Shih Chien

University. The MaD sharing session, attended by many other ACF volunteers, emulated the format of the MaD Festival, allowing participants to immerse in a creative environment and exchange views on pertinent issues. This year marks the third year ACF volunteers are participating in the MaD Festival with the support of the MaD Institute... More.



Junyi invites Chinese language expert to guide students in debating and logical thinking

Each day, information is received from across diverse mediums requiring students today to be equipped with critical thinking skills to have the ability to discern information that is presented to them. This semester, for the social science elective at Junyi's High School, former Principal of Taipei First Girls' High School and Chinese language expert Chen Zhengjia has been invited to coach Junyi's teachers and students in clarifying their views and to conduct engaging debates. During one of the debates on 26 October afternoon, Chen noted students' strengths and weaknesses, while guiding students to think outside the box. He taught them valuable skills and techniques in critical thinking, writing and presentation of an argument.

Flight simulator experience for Junyi's high school students at APEX Flight Academy

As part of Junyi's exploratory education, the school arranged two visits for students to experience flight training and simulation with the APEX Flight Academy, Taiwan's first flight training centre, with aircrafts based at Taitung Airport. Both Chief Kuo and Lead Trainer Ben emphasized the importance of English for reading manuals, and carrying out operations and communication. Chief Kuo stressed the importance of teamwork and self-discipline for personnel in the aviation industry which is directly in line with ACF Chair Stanley Yen's hopes for the children.





Fruitful trip for Hawaii Cultural Study Tour 2017 participants

The second Hawaii Cultural Study Tour took place from 14 to 24 October, with the sponsorship of USI Corporation's Chair Quentin Wu and his wife's charity foundation, and the support of Wish Communication Co.'s Chair Wei-wei Sun and General Manager Bruce Wu. Sixteen cultural workers, including participants from the public sector, ACF and indigenous communities, benefitted from courses at Brigham Young University-Hawaii, in-depth interviews with Polynesian Cultural Center and Hawaii's indigenous communities, and visits to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Outrigger Enterprises Group. The group will present their reflections at the Taitung Art Museum on 3 December to ideate for a sustainable future in Huatung.

Mentorship Program with IBM: Do ably, do well, do good

IBM, which just won an award for being an exemplary multinational company in Taiwan, is a partner of ACF since the NPO Talent Development mentorship program four years ago. The half-year Mentorship Program is relaunched this year. ACF Chair Stanley Yen held a dialogue with the mentors to entrust them with the mission of broadening the mentees' horizons. On 20 October, twenty mentors and mentees met for the first time. Mentees will get to learn about career exploration, company operations, industrial-academic partnerships and talent development in line with international trends. A mentor described the three stages of one's career aptly — to do ably, do well and do good.





Photography lessons in New Taipei City, incorporating local cultures into curriculum

Jin Mei Elementary School is one of the schools which took part in the New Taipei City area photography immersion program. Since September, it started to include in its curriculum, an eight-session photography course with local culture, aiming to impart basic photography skills and blend the learning goals of each academic subject with the hands-on photography lessons for its sixth-grader students. The photography lessons will come in handy for their graduation trip where they are taught and inspired to create photo stories as their gift to the school upon graduation.













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