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## Indigenous Youth Overseas Study Tour: Connecting, Igniting and Impacting Lives with Love

In its third year, the Indigenous Youth Overseas Study Tour is jointly organized by Vox Nativa Taiwan (VNT) and The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF), and supported by Wisdom Culture and Education Organization. Five indigenous undergraduates and two teachers were selected for this year's exchange, forming the team, Luma Native Taiwanese, as 'luma' means home in all three languages

for the tribes which team members originate from, the Amis, Bunun and Paiwan... [More.](#)

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## New Breakthrough for Junyi' s English Curriculum

To improve Junyi Experimental High School' s internationalization, Chairman Stanley Yen introduced a new English curriculum and online management resource, which complies with the Common Core State Standards from the US. Ms. Debra Lin, CEO of Bigbyte, joins Junyi as international curriculum development consultant, to assist the English team in customizing teaching for the varied needs of different levels with a unified system. Students welcome the new textbooks and curriculum. Each student can access Reading A-Z supplementary materials, with the engaging thematic reading-aloud experience. The progressively challenging materials allow a ninth-grader to use his night study time in the dormitory to level up within two weeks!

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## Life skill learning: Bread making

Chairman Yen has always felt that if every Junyi child can cook, make bread, and cook with indigenous styles, they will be able to connect with new friends when they are abroad! In the new school year, Masters Wu Lixin and Bi Shiyan, recommended by Master Wu Baochun, were invited to teach Junyi kids on European bread and pastry making. While one and half hour was not sufficient for fermentation, the instructors planned ahead to let students experience each procedure. They were glad to impart skills to the students who enjoy the learning opportunity without having to become paying apprentices!





## Dream Bravely and Work Hard, an astronaut's advice

In May, Junyi student Chiu Shenqi won the HASSE Space School International Scholarship for a 14-day space school course at NASA (Houston Campus) during the summer vacation. In his first sharing session for fourth to sixth-graders upon returning to Junyi, Shenqi shared the photos of himself as an aspiring seventh-grader and his subsequent HASSE space school award ceremony photo. He also shared on the advice given by the first American Chinese astronaut, Dr. Leroy (Chiao Li-chong), on good rest and exercise to keep well on the path of realising ambitions. He will continue with more sharing sessions in Junyi and other schools.

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## International exchange in New Zealand for Junyi student

In September, the Department of Education invited 25 qualifying indigenous high school students to take part in an 11-day exchange in New Zealand. Chou Yin-long from Junyi's pioneer batch of students qualified for the exchange. Over more than a year, at the basic, intermediate and advanced trainings, he made case presentations through efficient teamwork within short timelines. He found the Junyi experience very much applicable, differing from the exposure from mainstream schools. Students gained an understanding of Maori culture, which shares Austronesian roots with indigenous Taiwan cultures, through visits to museums and heritage sites. Such exchanges shaped more macro world-views, enhancing the students' confidence as indigenous people of Taiwan







## Re-launching Photography workshop for schools in New Taipei City

The children could not wait to begin photography lessons in the new semester in mid-September. Fourth-graders at Tuenshan Elementary learnt to develop a photographic eye through photography appreciation. At Jian-an Elementary, fifth and sixth-graders expressed their feelings while looking at photos, understanding how everyone views and experiences the world differently, encouraging them to capture shots which tell their own stories. For Jinmei Elementary, sixth-graders were taught how to compose a photograph and given the chance to capture shots related to the theme of "drifting", inspiring their creativity and imagination.



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