



## Island as Ship, Sea as Road - Insights from the 4th Hawaii 2023 Cultural Sustainability Educational Tour

The fourth “Hawaii 2023 Cultural Sustainability Educational Tour,” sponsored by the “Weici Huatung Youth International Bursary Fund,” took place in May, marking an exciting return after the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted the event the previous year. Despite extensive training in outrigger canoeing, traditional indigenous dances, and international etiquette, members remained unprepared until they set foot in Hawaii, where they were immersed in a world of natural wonders and cultural richness. [Read more.](#)



## **The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Emotions Echo from 2023 TC Chamber Music Orchestra Concerts**

The Taiwan Connection (TC) Chamber Music Orchestra embarked on a tour with performances in northern Miaoli, Kaohsiung, and Taipei from 8/25 to 8/27. Onstage, the musicians displayed remarkable synergy, leaving many audience members with varying emotions. Some said that listening to TC's music brought smiles to their faces and tears to their eyes from time to time. Others mentioned that after hearing this year's repertoire, it felt like they were dancing through their youth with young Brahms. The experience was truly unforgettable.

Chair Stanley Yen remarked, "No matter when or where, TC is always striving for a higher level of art. With your support, we hope that TC can continue to warm the world."

Last year, TC collaborated with the podcast "When We Harmonize with the World," which received widespread acclaim. The second season, hosted by renowned music critic Yuan-pu Chiao, features captivating conversations with Theater Director Huan-Hsiung Li, Associate Professor Pao-Hsiang Wang, Dr. Meng-Chang Yao, and TC Director Nai-yuan Hu.



## **The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Donation of Musical Instruments to Rural Schools**

When a Board member of The Alliance Cultural Foundation International (ACFI) was informed of the sudden passing of a musical instrument store owner in Zhonghe, New Taipei City, and that the elderly parents of the owner were unable to continue running the business with their livelihood left in uncertainty, the Board member decided to purchase the entire inventory of musical instruments with the intention to donate them to rural schools and economically disadvantaged students, benefiting their musical education.

Although handling material donations is not within the regular scope of services by ACF, it assisted in fulfilling the charitable will of the Board member. Drawing upon its past experiences with the "A New Vista for Children" initiative where ACF worked with partner organizations to distribute used cameras for donation to rural schools, ACF gathered information on school needs, recruited volunteers, developed procedures for sorting and packaging instruments, prepared packaging materials, and arranged for logistics and distribution. Within 10 days, 1,314 ukuleles and 109 guitars were allocated to 50 schools and educational support organizations. While this mission started as one person's goodwill, it was a collective effort that brought warmth to the community.

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## **Junyi School of Innovation: Freshmen Summer Learning Camp**

To help seventh and tenth-grade freshmen smoothly integrate into campus learning culture and dormitory life, the Freshmen Summer Learning Camp was held from August 7th to 18th. During indoor sessions, teachers designed Chinese reading and writing courses, as well as English listening, speaking, and reading classes, encouraging reading habits and self-directed learning. In Outdoor Education, seventh-grade students learned swimming, aquatic activities, and self-rescue skills, while tenth-grade students went to Flowing Lake for experiences in Laser sailboat, Outrigger Canoe, and Windsurfing. After school, there were various ball games and activities.

Resident Director Patrick Su instilled the "to be" and "to do" mindset – to first get to know oneself, understand who they want to become, then strive to set goals and work hard to achieve them. Su encouraged seventh-graders to actively "explore" their interests, and tenth-graders should courageously "pursue" their goals. His hope is for students to familiarize themselves with communicating in English, cultivate confidence and curiosity, be willing to seek help, and grow together



## **Junyi School of Innovation: High School Summer Internships – Learning by Doing**

In Junyi School of Innovation, summer internships are a compulsory learning experience for every high school student. This year, a total of 69 students from the tenth and eleventh grades, based on their chosen fields, underwent interviews with various organizations and engaged in internships for over 20 days during the summer in different cities across Taiwan.

The internship placements this year consisted of five main fields which include "Tourism and Hospitality," "Educational Outreach and Administration," "Architecture," "Financial Planning," and "Arts." Students shared their experiences, emphasizing the importance of quickly adapting and taking initiative in the workplace. Some also mentioned that even when not assigned tasks, they actively sought to understand the needs of others and broaden their perspective on the workplace. The invaluable aspect of the internship was the opportunity to learn the correct work attitude and skills through guidance from experienced professionals.

Junyi School has always placed importance on the cultivation of "noncognitive skills." Through practical involvement and applying what they've learned in real-world scenarios, students gain a deeper understanding of themselves and develop skills in interpersonal relationships and social interaction. This experience helps them align their personal learning goals with their career development.