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Cover story: Bulao Bulao aboriginal village, a second chance at education

Since 2013, The Alliance Cultural Foundation (ACF) has continued to sponsor Taiwan indigenous youths to pursue advanced studies and internship at Hawaii’s Brigham Young University (BYU) and its neighboring, Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC). Through global encountering on an island that celebrates native culture, ACF believes the advanced studies program will expand horizons and inspire ideas to cultivate positive growth in the villages and communities of Taiwan. Nearly three years on since the return of its first candidate – Kwali, now Chief of Yilan’s Bulao Bulao Aboriginal Village (不老部落), he develops a unique in-tribe diploma program for the village’s high school dropouts to have a second chance at education... [Read more](#)

Paiwan glass beads - history & art

One of the most successful indigenous cultural industries in Taiwan is that of the glass beads of the Paiwan tribe. But, these are not only works of art or fashion design, but are also part of a rich history and culture. Traditionally, the Paiwan tribe maintained a hierarchy of chieftain, nobility, and commoners. Glass beads were important to those traditions, as certain beads were considered very valuable and reserved for the chieftain and nobility. Beads were worn during ceremonies and on special occasions, mostly as single or multi-strand necklaces or chokers. They were important betrothal gifts, symbols of honor, and represented a person's identity, social status and wealth... [Read more](#)



Ecotourism in Ruisui Township

One of the most popular activities in Ruisui is whitewater rafting along the Xiuguluan River. This river originates in the Central Mountain Range, but it is the 24-kilometer long section from the Changhong Bridge in Ruisui to Dagangkou, an Amis village along the Pacific Ocean, that is the best for rafting. This part of the river meanders through a steep gorge and features more than 20 sets of rapids. It takes about three or four hours to complete the trip. The best time for rafting is between April and October, but it is possible to raft here all year long... [Read more](#)

