

Dr. Juanelva Rose awarded Order of Brilliant Star with Violet Grand Cordon by President



12 awarded clergy members : Middle Ma Ying-jeou, 3rd on the right Dr. Juanelva Rose

On December 21, 2015, President Ying-jeou Ma recognized 12 foreign clergy members for long years of outstanding service in Taiwan, conferring the Order of Brilliant Star with Violet Grand Cordon and praised the recipients for the many years they have spent in Taiwan caring for the needy, promoting education, and disseminating culture. Founder of Department of Music of Tunghai University, Dr. Juanelva Rose, received the honor for her over 50 years of service in the department and for actively assisting students from financially challenged families. Dr. Rose has continued to serve the department in other ways after retirement and is much esteemed by students and faculty alike.

Over her more than 50 years of service at Tunghai, Dr. Juanelva Rose has not only nurtured countless musical talents in Taiwan but also laid a solid foundation for the THU Department of Music which has developed into one of the most prestigious professional incubators of musical talents in Asia. Dr. Rose was appointed by the United Methodist Church to teach at Tunghai University in 1965 and founded the Department in 1971. She earned her PhD degree in music history from University of California, Santa Barbara and plays piano, organ and clarinet. She has further studied in Austria, Germany and the Taubman Institute of Piano in the States. She was invited by Nanjing Arts Institute and Sichuan Academy of Music, China, as a visiting professor and also went to Beijing Central Conservatory of Music, Shanghai Conservatory of Music and Xiamen Conservatory of Music to perform and to teach. She has tour-performed throughout countries such as the United States, Taiwan, China, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Pakistan, India and Indonesia.



Dr. Rose was registered in the “Who’s Who in American Colleges & Universities” in 1958, incorporated into the “International Who’s Who in Music and the Musician Index” in 1977, incorporated into the “Who’s Who in American Music” in 1985, selected as representative of ROC Good Personalities and Good Deeds in 1995, awarded Taiwan Outstanding Teacher Award in 1996, received the National Premium Teacher Award from the Ministry of Education and a Honorary Member of the Chinese National Music Association in 1988, awarded as Honorary Citizen of Taichung City in 1999, received the Lifetime Contribution Award of the Chong-Hsing Literary & Arts Awards in 2001, and awarded the Education Contribution Award from the Ministry of Education in 2008. Tunghai University congratulates Dr. Rose for receiving the Order of Brilliant Star with Violet Grand Cordon from the President.

The 12 awarded clergy members, from the Netherlands, Canada, Spain, Italy, France, Switzerland and the United States, include Fr. Anthony Pierrot, Sis. Maria Keulers, Fr. Georges Etienne Beauregard, Fr. Brendan Michael O’Connell, Fr. Andres Diaz de Rabago, Fr. Gian Carlo Michelini, Fr. Giovanni Rizzi, Fr. Moal Yves Marie Joseph, Sis. Maria Schnetzer, Revd David Bruce Alexander, Revd Daniel Lee Freeman, and Dr. Juanelva Rose.



Dr. Rose and Paster L.H. Chou after the award granting

Christmas Concert with Live Outdoor Broadcast



The annual Tunghai Christmas concert has become the most eagerly awaited musical event by fans in the central region of Taiwan. As usual, concert tickets this year sold out on the first day of asking. To share with more fans the experience of the sensational event, a large-scale outdoor broadcast was set up to allow people to sit on the grass under the stars and enjoy the musical feast jointly performed by over one hundred musicians.

The concert was held on the birthday of Maestro Beethoven, December 17th. A total of 188 performers conducted by Professor Annie Chung provided the audience with an unforgettable year-end celebration. The performers included the Orchestra of Tunghai Music Department, the Tunghai Choir, the Orchestra of Tunghai University Music Preparatory School and the Cavalleria di Musica Orchestra. The program contained "Beethoven Symphony No. 9" and "Dvorak Serenades". Both pieces are familiar to classic music fans. The Beethoven Symphony No. 9 (the Choral) was enlisted as "world cultural heritage of mankind" by the UNESCO in 2003. Outstanding alumni of Tunghai University soprano Dr. Yi-Lin Hsu, mezzo-soprano Pei-Chi Chen, tenor Wei-Han Tan and baritone Chan-Yu Yeh topped up the splendor with wonderful vocal solos.

Two local companies which were also classical music fans, Avertronics Inc. and Lai Jang-Liang Architect Office, sponsored the live outdoor broadcast. Performances in the Luce Memorial Chapel were projected simultaneously on its outer glazed tile surface, providing a spectacular visual and audio experience to the audience. The magnificent musical feast was also webcasted synchronously to the Tunghai alumni worldwide.



Christmas concert inside and outside of the Luce Chapel



↑ Main theme of Tunghai Christmas celebration : Light Up Tunghai



↑ Christmas Decoration on Campus



← THU students caroling at President's house



← Students from Dept. of Industrial Design sold their own-designed products at Christmas market

People Gathered in front of the Luce Chapel to watch the performance →



“Together in Diversity” --

2016 Chinese New Year Gala

Under the theme “Together in Diversity”, over 500 international students together with Tunghai faculty and staff joined the 2016 Chinese new year gala dinner on January 2nd.

President (Proxy) Dr. Cheng-Tung Lin hosted the event and greeted all guests with a happy new year. Honored guests Education Counselor Mr. Yuri Yao-Tsung Chih from Ministry of Education and Chief Secretary Mr. Liang-Ming Chang from Overseas Community Affairs Council joined the gala to deliver their gentle wishes to all international students at Tunghai University. Mr. Chih also encouraged the students to stay in Taiwan after graduation no matter for further study or for work. Chief Secretary Mr. Chang indicated that over the years, more than 100 thousands overseas Chinese have graduated from universities in Taiwan and many of them have great achievements after returning to their home countries. Through the efforts of the Overseas Community Affairs Council, overseas Chinese students now can work in Taiwan after graduation from a university in Taiwan.

Excellent performances presented by the international student association, Chinese student association and overseas Chinese student association made an enjoyable evening to all the participants. There were cheering and applauses throughout the evening. The event created a happy beginning of the year 2016 as well as a festive anticipation for the upcoming Chinese New Year holidays.



International students win red envelope during the lucky draw session



Mr. and Mrs. Chief Secretary Liang-Ming Chang



Education Counselor Mr. Yuri Yao-Tsung Chih makes remarks



2015 International Student Christmas Party

The “2015 International Student Christmas Party” was held at Oberlin Square on December 17th. All THU international students, exchange students, visiting students, and faculty and staff involved in international education activities joined the party.

Young students from the affiliated Tunghai University Kindergarten were invited to give an adorable dance with Giggle Bells to start the event. International students from China, Indonesia, and Malaysia also contributed performances of various styles, bringing a joyful Christmas atmosphere. A special visiting guest, Dr. Gregg Mazzola the vice chancellor of Southern New Hampshire University, joined the seasonal celebration of Christmas and enjoyed the festive event.



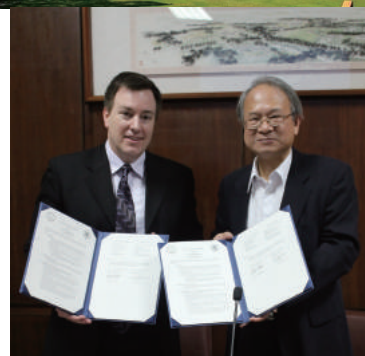
Academic Collaboration Agreements signed between North Park University and Tunghai University

Provost Dr. Michael Emerson and Professor Timothy Lin of North Park University (NPU) visited Tunghai University on January 7th to sign agreements between NPU and THU. The collaboration fields include academic collaborations, student exchange and dual degree program in the Life Science department.

President (Proxy) Dr. Cheng-Tung Lin indicated that through the collaboration both universities would be able to provide their students with combined education resources and jointly achieve better academic goals in serving the younger generation. As a Christian University, Tunghai values both teaching and service. The university motto Truth, Faith, and Deeds are rooted in the education design of our programs. Students develop their sense of responsibility and understand the importance of service through their learning in Tunghai.

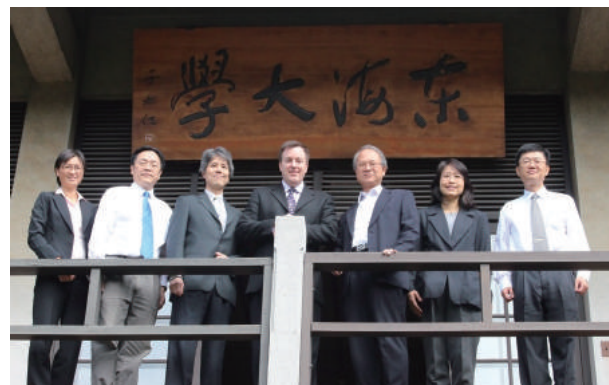
Dr. Emerson mentioned that this first visit to Taiwan as well as to Tunghai University was a pleasant one in terms of getting to know the beautiful campus and to immerse him into the tranquil academic atmosphere of Tunghai University

After the signing of agreements, Dr. Emerson and Dr. Lin visited the department of Life Science and the Chaplin's office. They were impressed by the complete lab facilities THU offers for students to do advanced research. The meeting with THU Chaplain Yi-Chun LI and THU students from the Campus fellowship further enhanced the mutual understanding of the two Christian universities and bolstered the intention to collaborate.



Provost Dr. Emerson and President (Proxy) Dr. Lin Signed collaboration agreement

From Left to Right: Director Rachel Huang, Dr. Tao-Ming Wang, Dr. Timothy Lin, Dr. Michael Emerson, Dr. Cheng-Tung Lin, Dr. Mingli Hsieh and Dr. Ding Yah Yang



Sound of Music Tour in Taiwan -- Pay Fong Middle School Malacca Visited THU



Chair of Tunghai Department of Music Prof. Thomas Linde welcomed the young visitors

A group of 80 students majoring in music from Malaysian Pay Fong Middle School, led by their President Dr. Xue-Lai Huang, visited Tunghai University on December 9, 2015. The group was warmly received by cross-departmental staff and faculties of THU.



OIEP Office Wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year

Year of the Monkey 2016