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Tunghai Innovator Expo and Open Campus



THU Teachers and students presented their designed products

The 2016 Tunghai Innovator Expo and Open Campus was held on June 5th, carrying on the vision of Tunghai's establishing president, Beauson Tseng, who said, "Innovation is our motto." By innovative collaboration of cross-department education and research, academia-industry cooperation, and multi-disciplinary integration, Tunghai is actively seeking solutions to the human society and environment, leading all to a brighter future.

The event began first with the performance of the wind orchestra of the Music Department, followed by President Mao-Jiun Wang, Chairman Chi-Hong Tseng, and the founder of Rose House, Teng-Hui Huang, lighting up the ceremonial light together. Special guest Mr. Jung-Ya Hsieh, the receiver of the Taiwan Presidential Innovation Award and the founder of Gixia Group, delivered a speech sharing his definition of "innovators," spicing up the event with more thoughts and inspirations.

The theme of the 2016 Innovator Expo is "We Live, We Care!" The exhibition covered topics of creative living, social culture, biological environment, product and service innovation, and so on. Nearly a hundred teams of students and industry co-workers displayed their wide variety of products and creations. President Mao-Jiun Wang stated that Tunghai as a comprehensive university offers curricula in all major professional domains, which in turn provides Tunghai with advantages to develop cross-disciplinary innovations.



The theme "We Live, We Care!" especially emphasized care of life. It promoted a better interactive user experience through creative design, increasing convenience and comfort while showing care to the users. President Wang hoped that these brilliant ideas developed by the students may be further incubated to become the foundations of their own start-ups.

In addition to the Innovator Expo, the 2016 Open Campus served to showcase achievements and characteristics of each department and college. The academic fair included the introduction of curricula, career consultancy, department tours, and research achievements. A creative market was also organized to demonstrate the beauty of Tunghai's liberal arts, college spirits, and community inspiration.

The main purpose of the Tungahi Innovator Expo and Open Campus is to integrate resources and talents, turning university energy into a new generation of aspiration of innovation. Ultimately, it aims to become an integrative platform that collects and organizes social resources to provide for college education, and a value-sharing platform that continues to care for the sustainability and development of the Earth and the society.

High school students experienced vivid campus life with interaction games





Master students of DoA attended the "Platform for Asia Architecture and Urbanism" - in Silpakorn University, Thailand

Summer internship at Tonkin Liu Architects Ltd in London

Tunghai Department of Architecture (DoA) has been keenly increasing the quality of its overall education in recent years. It internationalizes its academic training by exchange programs, overseas teaching, international professional internships, international forums, and other educational activities. The effort not only broadens students' perspectives and enhances their confidence, but also increases the number of applications to overseas masters' programs. This year, a total of fifteen alumni received offers from outstanding graduate schools in both Europe and the United States.

The students are respectively accepted by Harvard Graduate School of Design; Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan; Parsons School of Design in New York; Pratt Institute in New York; Southern California Institute of Architecture; Bartlett School of Architecture in London; London Architecture Association; Denmark Aarhus School of Architecture; Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden; University of Leuven in Belgium; and other globally recognized architecture or design schools. It is clear that the Tunghai DoA is recognized by top universities worldwide.

The Department Chair, Prof. Hao-Hsiu Chiu, says that DoA professors devote high passion and concentration on cultivating both students' design profession and humanity critical thinking. There are three levels of focuses. The first is the "idealistic characteristics" which is critical as well as poetic, questioning the status quo while imagining possible changes. The second is the "care and practice" to social public causes. The third and final is the "practical innovation" towards the system of modern architecture knowledge. These characteristics allow the students to become more than architecture professionals, but design integrating leaders who are able to think broadly and act keenly. In terms of education, Prof. Chiu believes it the most important and proper to provide a stage for the younger generation to perform to their maximum potentials. The society will only spawn endless creativity when the younger generation's passion and motivation are encouraged.

As an example of overseas education, the department has been collaborating with Cornell University USA in organizing a design workshop named "Tunghai Architecture in Rome" since 2006. The workshop takes students to Rome, Italy for a one-month study taught by local archaeologists and architects. This summer study program has become the most popular program of the department. Similar programs in Italy, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Belgium, Hong Kong, Korea and China have been organized. Other than these, students in DoA study in partner universities in Spain and Italy, join internship programs in professional architecture firms and design companies around the world, and participate in international forums regularly organized by the DoA. Partner institutions include some of the most reputable companies such as Pritzker Architecture Prize winner Sejima And Nishizawa And Associates from Japan, MVRVD from the Netherlands, and Cook Robotham Architectural Bureau from London.

To fulfill the globalization of education, the Architecture Design Class of Tunghai Graduate School of Architecture adjusted its education timeline to a tight one-year program in 2011. International students from the United States, Middle East, Nicaragua, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand have enrolled in the program. In 2014, the program has become fully taught in English and has signed a double-degree agreement with CEU San Pablo University, Spain, becoming the very first double-master-degree program of Tunghai.



The Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society of the Republic of China aims to promote academic activities, encourage academic research, reward scholastic achievement, and eventually contribute to the prosperity of the society. On May 12, 2016, the Tunghai branch held its welcome ceremony for the newly joined members. There were 91 new honor members from Tunghai, including 39 undergratuate students, 43 in the Master's programs, 8 in Doctoral programs and 1 alumnus.

Founded by Joseph H. Ehlers, the name of the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society originates from the three Greek words: Philisophia, Technologia, and Physiologia, representing three corresponding academic fields. The organization aims to encourage academic achievements and promote scholastic knowledge, eventually contributing in the improvement of the society. Tunghai University serves as one of its branches. Every year, each branch of the organization names academically outstanding graduates and alumni who accomplish great contribution to scholastic researches or social engagements. These elected students and scholars are then given membership certificates to encourage and recognize their exceptional values. The Tunghai alumnus, Yu-Yeh Lin, who received the honor this year is the 19th graduated class of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Enterprise Information.

Tunghai President Mao-Jiun Wang hosted the ceremony as the president of the Phi Tau Phi Tunghai branch. He introduced the establishment of the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society, re-iterated its core values, and welcomed the new honor members. Alumnus Yu-Yeh Lin represented the new members to share his personal experiences and achievements to all participants. He encouraged the younger generation to learn and grow together for the purpose of contributing to the society.

The Job Fair was organized by Tunghai University Placement and Alumni Office (ALUTHU), inviting THU alumni who run their business outside of Taiwan to the campus to introduce the company and to provide internship vacancies for THU students. More than 50 overseas internships places were opened to THU students in this coming summer. On May 13th, the Job Fair together with the "2016 Overseas Internship Experience Seminar" was held and participated by over 80 attendees. The discussions and question-and-answers were vibrant and practical, depicting a high expectation of an unforgettable summer experience.

International Summer Internship Job Fair On Campus



Those Who Study Chinese: Professor Wenyue Lin's After-Film Forum



Scholar and writer Wenyue Lin (Right) and Dean of College of Art Yuan-Fang Tung (Left) talk about the documentary

Held in the collaboration of organizations such as Tunghai Department of Chinese Literature, Cultural Affairs Bureau of Taichung City Government, TSMC Foundation, and Fisfisa Media, "The Inspired Island: Series of Eminent Writers from Taiwan" film festival came to an end on May 9th, 2016. The climax of the event was definitely when scholar and writer Wenyue Lin, the main character of the documentary "Those Who Study Chinese," attended on the very last day. After the film ended, Prof. Yuan-Fang Tung, Dean of the THU College of Arts and also a student of Prof. Wenyue Lin, hosted a forum where Lin shared her creation and life to the audience.

Prof. Wenyue Lin is the granddaughter of Lien Heng, a great historian and author of "General History of Taiwan". Coming from a family of wisdom, Lin focuses on studying literature of the Southern Dynasties in Chinese history. During 1058 to 1993, she taught in National Taiwan University. At the same time, she published various genres of literary work as a prose writer and translator. Her appraised and awarded translated work includes Japanese historic pieces such as The Pillow Book, Izumi Shikibu's Diary, The Tale of Genji, and Thirteen Nights.

The documentary, "Those Who Study Chinese," is based on some of her most significant literary works, turning the timeline back to her wartime childhood. It illustrates how she was influenced by literary masters such as Jingnong Tai and Zheng Qian. It also shows her love to friends when writing the book Diet Diary and her hardwork and achievement when translating The Tale of Genji.

Prof. Wenyue Lin writes brilliantly in scholastic essays, translations, and proses. Her style of writing resembles her personality of grace and peace. In the article 'The Most Beautiful Legend: Wenyue Lin', Prof. Yu-Shiang Hao described Lin as "talks about the common moments...with words that are light, natural, humble yet filled with profoundness.

After the forum, Prof. Wenyue Lin agreed to give the audience her autograph. A massive audience of fans surrounded her for a long time before they reluctantly said goodbye to her.

Tunghai TIP Program Receives Applause of Education Innovation

On May 23, Tunghai University hosted a "Taiwan-Italy International Internship Program (TIP) Exhibition." Tunghai Vice President, Dr. Cheng-Tung Lin, gave welcome speech to honored guests from Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Imperial College, London, Mobiletron Co., Ltd. and representative of Tunghai alumni to witness the fruitful results of TIP Program.

Director of the TIP Program Center Dr. En-Te Hsu, professors from the department of accounting, and 19 TIP participants over the years returned to Tunghai to share what they have learned from the TIP Program. Starting from this year, the TIP-transpired "Multicultural and overseas internship program" will assist students not only from THU but also from other universities in Taiwan to explore their international internship experiences.

VP Lin thanked the Italian partner University of Perigoa and Prof. Paolo Taticchi for providing unyielding assistance to Tunghai students who have been in Italy. Prof. Paolo Taticchi, as a founding member of TIP Program, encouraged Taiwanese student to join the program to build global connection and to learn to work with colleagues in different culture. The TIP also provides a great chance to meet with professionals in different fields and to develop an independent personality and strengthen the ability of problem solving.

By sharing the experiences from the seniors, the younger students were encouraged to face the challenge and embrace the future.