

## Tunghai Signed Dual Degree Agreement with Asian Institute of Technology Thailand

The Department of Industrial Engineering and Enterprise Information of Tunghai University has been actively pursuing academic cooperation with ASEAN countries. The department recently signed a master's dual degree agreement with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) of Thailand in December 2016. Students fulfilling academic requirements of the two institutions and completing a graduation thesis will receive a dual Master of Engineering degree from both institutions.

The Asian Institute of Technology has been a partner institution of Tunghai since 2014. It was established by the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) in Bangkok in 1959 and has become a leading regional postgraduate institution in engineering. AIT currently has 2300 students from over 50 countries/territories; among these over 1000 are postgraduate students. The institution also works with public and private sector partners throughout the region as well as with some of the top universities in the world. AIT is especially reputable in its academic achievements in the areas of civil engineering, environmental science and information technology. It has cultivated many outstanding graduates who are making significant contributions to the development of the society.

Notable former government officials in Taiwan such as Deputy Minister of Communications Mr. Shi-Chi Chen and Director of the RET-SER Engineering Agency Mr. Yuan-Yi Tseng were both AIT alumni. With the new dual degree agreement in place, Tunghai and AIT will create further cooperation in delivering quality engineering education to young people that will have better understanding of cultural diversities and academic experiences.

The dual degree agreement between Tunghai University and Asian Institute of Technology provides students from the graduate programs of Tunghai's Industrial Engineering and Enterprise Information and of AIT' Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering with the opportunity to study and research one semester each year in each institution. First-year master student Yen-Ting Chen from Tunghai is the first student recommended to join this program. He will start his study at AIT in the spring semester of 2017. The two institutions look forward to a deeper collaborative relationship in incubating young talents that will make contributions to the society in the future.

(From Left) OIEP Director Rachel Huang, Chair of Dept. of Industrial Engineering Dr. Chin-Yin Huang and Dean of College of Engineering Dr. I-Kuan Yang visited AIT to discuss academic collaborations in 2016

Dr. Chin-Yin Huang and Students of AIT



# Autoimmunity Expert Po-Jen Chen speaks at Tunghai



Prof. Po-Jen Paul Chen talked about Pathogenesis of the Antiphospholipid Syndrome

The speech was mainly on Pathogenesis of the Antiphospholipid Syndrome. Antiphospholipid Syndrome (known as APS) is a general name for diseases causing autoimmune-related clinical symptoms, especially referring to those of antiphospholipid antibodies. Its clinical symptoms vary, including blood clots, miscarriages, autoimmune failures, heart valve defects, skin diseases, and others. Besides sharing the current research status on blood clot formation mechanism of the medical industry worldwide, Prof. Chen also introduced the reasons why antiphospholipid antibodies (APA) caused the formation of blood clots and its relation with APS. The attending students learned a lot through his comprehensive presentation.

Professor Po-Jen Paul Chen is the 15th class of Tunghai University's Department of Life Science, the 14th class of Tunghai's Outstanding Alumni, as well as a professor in UCLA's Department of Medicine and member of International Advisory Committee for the International Congress of Antiphospholipid Antibodies. He is an expert in phospholipid antibody specialized in the research on immunology, rheumatology, autoimmunity, and systemic lupus erythematosus. Prof. Chen was invited to share his research and findings over the past few years at the Department of Life Science on November 30th, 2016.

Not only does Prof. Chen contribute to the world with his research, as a former student of the department, he also devotes himself into cultivating the young. He has been assisting with the academic and research developments of Tunghai's Department of Life Science. This time, besides supporting his own trip to Taiwan, Prof. Chen even donates his honorarium received from an international conference in Beijing as scholarships for students of the Department. Tunghai students thank him for taking real actions to encourage and to support his juniors to thrive academically.



## EMBA Faculty-led Study Abroad at Dalian University of Technology



Prof. Hwu, Director of the EMBA program of Tunghai University, said that the 4-day program was a success and the students learned both inside and outside the classroom at DUT. In recent years, the Tunghai EMBA program has been conducting faculty-led study abroad tours around various prestigious universities in China, USA, and Japan.

Being long-time partner institutions, Dalian University of Technology and Tunghai University have been actively organizing academic cooperation and exchange activities. The MBA program at DUT was the first program of its kind in China and has been highly praised. In January 2017, a second group of 9 students from THU again went to DUT for a course in Management of Innovation and Organizational Change, conducted by Prof. Su Jingqin, Dean of DUT Faculty of Management and Economics.

A team of 7 EMBA students led by Prof. Chi-Si Hwu from Tunghai University visited Dalian University of Technology (DUT), China on December 14th -18th, 2016. The four-day classes on the subject of human resource management and case studies were hosted by DUT. Students from both Tunghai and DUT not only discussed on the academic subject in class but also built close relationship among their peer students.

# Filipino Chinese School Delegation Visits Tunghai



Filipino Chinese schools delegation visited Luce Chapel



(From Left) Vice Director Mei-Yun Lin, Leader Ting-Ting Huang, Chaplain Yi-Chun Li, Vice Director Hsiu-Yen Yang and Dean of the OIEP Hong-Wei Yen during the welcome orientation

To promote education advancement in Taiwan, the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) organized a trip for some Filipino Chinese schools to visit Tunghai University on December 21, 2016. The visiting group was led by Mrs. Ting Ting Huang from the Grace Christian College. Tunghai's welcoming team included Pastor Wayne Lee, Dean Hong-Wei Yen of the Office of International Education and Programs, Assistant Professor Qiu-Gui Lai and colleagues from the Chinese Language Center, and Tunghai overseas student representatives.

Before the official meeting, the visitors were guided to tour around the campus full of Christmas decorations and to visit the Luce Chapel. Dean Yen then started with welcoming the visitation and thanking the considerate planning of the OCAC. He briefed the guests on Tunghai's educational environment, departments, admissions, and international student activities.

Pastor Lee encouraged the visiting teachers to deliver the education advancement information in the Philippines after getting to know Tunghai's educational purposes and visions. On the other hand, beloved teacher Prof. Qiu-Gui Lai introduced the role of Tunghai's Chinese Language Center (CLC) in assisting international students' adaptation to Taiwan. Besides sharpening students' Chinese language proficiency, the CLC also regularly organizes inspiring cultural experience activities. The diversity of courses has won reputation among international students. To this, the visiting teachers from the Chinese education organizations all showed admiration. To demonstrate Tunghai's educational performances, several Malaysian students shared their experiences studying in Tunghai as references for future visitation of the teachers and their students

## Decoding Christmas at Tunghai

Christmas in Tunghai University has always been one of the most romantic and popular festive attractions in Taiwan. With Christmas decorations that dressed up the entire campus, festive Christmas carnival, music performances and creativity markets, Christmas spirits completely embraced the campus.

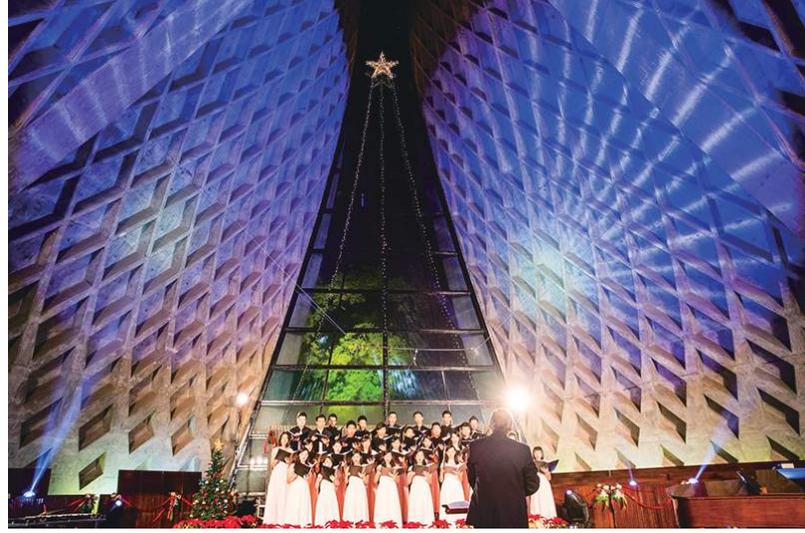
This year's Christmas theme was "Christmas Decoding." Activities and light arts had started days before. In front of the Luce Chapel, a Christmas tree made of piles of gift boxes stood gracefully. The Chaplain's Office designed the Christmas wonderland based on the story of Christmas.



Christmas Deco - Reindeer made by students of Department of landscape architecture

The silent campus grew even more beautiful as the night fell. Students organized many special activities, including the creativity market, Christmas rock music performance, DJ dance floor party, and a concert. Additionally, the Department of Industrial Design held an art and creativity exhibition while many other departments held their own Christmas dancing parties. Students dressed up as moose, snowmen, and Santa Claus to stroll around the campus.

In the Luce Chapel was the midnight worship. Outside on the grass, people gathered and sat together, enjoying the festive and magical atmosphere. As the peak of the concert came, students' screaming and cheering brought the night to its full liveliness.



Christmas choir at Luce Chapel



President Wang and his wife lit up Christmas Candles



Creativity exhibition at department of industrial design



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