

2017 Tunghai University Graduation Ceremony “Keep On Learning to be Yourself! “

The 2017 Tunghai University graduation ceremony was held on May 27th. The founder of Giant Bicycles, Mr. King Liu, delivered a speech during which he encouraged the young graduates to keep on learning to be themselves and to embrace the world with never-ending enthusiasm.

President Mao-Jiun Wang congratulated the graduating students as they became well-prepared for the next phase of their lives through the comprehensive education and training at Tunghai. President Wang further reminded the graduates that life is a journey running no short of difficulties, frustrations, and failures. It would always be important to stand firm with your faith; stay focused on your goals, check the compass in your heart and make sure you are standing at the right location on the map. On the other hand, he advised the students to take a failure as an opportunity for growth and to turn a stumbling stone into a pedestal that lifts you to another height. President Wang also took Mr. Li-An Huang, a graduate from the Institute of Fine Arts this year, as an example. Huang is physically deprived from birth and later diagnosed with cancer. However, he stood against the challenges and fought for his own life. President Wang encouraged the graduating students to soar like an eagle.

The founder of Giant Bicycles Mr. King Liu spoke at Tunghai Graduation Ceremony.



Graduating students in front of the Luce Chapel.

Towards the end of his remarks, President Wang quoted George Bernard Shaw's words "... the true joy in life [is] ... being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one" to encourage the 2017 graduates to devote themselves to the mission of life that will be meaningful and valuable to them. With a humble and grateful heart, proactive attitude, and exploitation of personal talent and potentials, you will be able to approach your goal and to make contributions to the society.

Pastor Chi-Hong Tseng, Chairman of the Tunghai Board of Trustees, quoted from the Bible Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Chairman Tseng encouraged the young graduates to take the chances given by God, enjoy the beauty created by God, and elevate the meaning and value of our lives.

The special guest speaker Mr. King Liu, the founder of world-renowned Giant Bicycles, told the audience that the society itself is a super university in which one will never finish studying. It was not until the age of 38 when he found his passion in the bicycle

Tunghai Chinese Language Center Open House

business and started releasing unlimited enthusiasm and innovation into the brand Giant. Besides making Giant a global brand, Mr. Liu considered his major participation in the creation of Taiwan's YouBike system and bringing it to become one of the best performing public service systems in the world the most meaningful occurrence in his life.

Mr. Liu then said that he did not start his business easy. It was through persistence and the understanding of market demands and future trends that made Giant a successful business. Mr. Liu used the Chinese saying "The duck knows it first when the river water becomes warm in early spring" to illustrate his point that only people who engage themselves seriously with their work can feel the pulse of the business and create real impacts.

Liu went on to share his life story saying that he was not a cyclist before founding Giant. However, at age 73, he rode around Taiwan on a bicycle for the first time, at age 80 he made an island-round cycling for the second time, and he will do it again in four years to fulfill his ambition of cycling throughout his life. This has been how he learned to be himself over the years of life experiences. Mr. Liu encouraged the Tunghai young graduates to continue learning to be themselves.

The Golden Eagle Award recipient Li-An Huang thanked the teachers at Tunghai Institute of Fine Arts for opening up his mind to the world, encouraging him to express himself with powerful paintings, and to restore his confidence and hope after the cancer trauma. Huang was the founding chairman of the Disabled Artists Association of Taichung City and is now a tutor for the disabled painting classes at the Social Affairs Bureau. He has been devoting himself in the art education of the disabled.

The graduation ceremony was full of heart-felt warmth and reluctances for departure. To all the graduates with the best wishes for a brand-new chapter of life!

Graduating students with their "mini Tunghai schoolbag".



The Chinese Language Center held its annual Open House for students to showcase what they have learned throughout the year on June 7.

The students this year came from Japan, Korea, Vietnam, the United States, India, New Zealand, Uganda, and Columbia. They were all dressed up, performed completely in Chinese, and won themselves a great round of applause. The programs were entertaining, including traditional fashion show of each country, Chi-Pao dance of The Paramount of Shanghai, Opera sung in Chinese and Japanese, originally composed Chinese rap song, Okinawa Mandolin, instrumental performances such as metallophone and guitar, originally written Chinese Cross Talk, Chinese word guess with dances and songs, traditional drama, and Peking Opera. The great variety of performances demonstrated the creativity and learning results of the students. The audience barely stopped giving applauses.

The two hosts of the event were Vietnamese students. Their fluent Chinese and smooth collaboration made the show even more successful. The Open House ended with Director Jung-Han Chen singing with the teachers of the Chinese Language Center. After the event, the students brought back their experiences in Tunghai to their countries - unforgettable memories along with everlasting bonds.



2025 Future Issue Hackathon Ended with Success

The largest issue-oriented hackathon in central Taiwan, Tunghai University “2025 Future Issues Hackathon,” ended successfully on June 4, 2017. There were 20 teams of approximately 100 participants in total. Teams “Join A Leg” and “Z Machine” received the first and the second places with their unique and innovative ideas. The two teams were granted the “Future Funds” as their startup funding.

Deputy Mayor of Taichung City Ms. Yi-Ying Lin and Commissioner Yao-Chih Lu of the Economic Development Bureau of Taichung City attended the final presentation session. Deputy Mayor Lin acknowledged that the event demonstrated the creativity and diversity of young students’ innovative thinking. She further pointed out that this momentum should step out of the zone of higher education, involving also the local high-schoolers to experience the creative spirit. Commissioner Lu was happy to see the collaboration between the industry and the university. He promised that the Economic Development Bureau would not only support, but also help to match and guide the collaboration process.

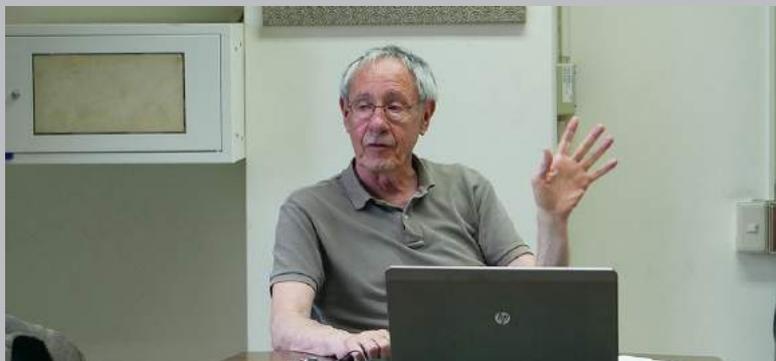
In the 36-hour competition, the participants were able to accelerate development and application of their proposals with training workshops and the guidance of coaches. The event brought together innovators from all over the city, creating an opportunity for participants to establish connections and expand their social perspectives.

The first-place project “Join A Leg” built a platform bridging local farmers, restaurants, and families. On the platform, restaurants and families could purchase agriculture products directly from farmers or farmers produce on-demand, fresh products. This business model would solve the current problem of overproduction and the consequential price-drop of certain crops and products while satisfying the needs of customization of restaurants and families.

The 2025 Future Issue Hackathon is the second phase of Tunghai University’s series of innovation events. The third phase will be activated in July through September this year.



Professor R.-P. Horstmann visits Tunghai



The renowned Hegelian researcher, Professor R.-P. Horstmann of Humboldt University Berlin was invited to Taiwan by Tunghai’s Department of Philosophy. Prof. Horstmann delivered speeches at Soochow University and Tunghai University, followed by an academic discussion with Tunghai teachers and students.

Prof. Horstmann is internationally known for his research on Kantism and German Idealism, especially Hegelianism. Besides serving as a professor for German Idealism in the Department of Philosophy in Humboldt University Berlin since 1995, he has also served as a guest professor in UC Berkeley, Princeton University, The Johns Hopkins University, and Fudan University. He also took on the editorial position in various prestigious international journals, including European Journal of Philosophy and Philosophy Inquiry.

The speech given in Tunghai University was about “The Metaphysics of the Self - Hegel’s Metaphysical Conception of Self-Consciousness.” Prof. Horstmann explained how scholars and supporters of German Idealism, especially Hegelian, inherit and re-define the core concept of Kantism: Self-Consciousness. Through his well-developed and in-depth analysis, the audience and students were greatly inspired.

Tunghai’s Department of Philosophy has been keen about international academic exchanges in recent years. Domestically, the department is also praised for its efforts in spreading knowledge and enhancing exchange. The traditional emphasis on humanities has been the strength of Tunghai’s education. The Department of Philosophy has well-demonstrated such a feature of Tunghai.

Tunghai University organizes science camp in Malaysia



The professors and teaching assistants from Tunghai University guided students for experiments.

During May 28 to June 2, 2017, Chair Ming-Li Hsieh of the Department of Life Science, Chair F.D. Lung of the Department of Chemistry, Chair Ching-Tsorng Tsai of the Department of Computer Science, and Professor Wen-Haw Chen of the Department of Applied Mathematics led a group of assistants and graduate students, together with staff of the Office of International Education and Programs, to organize a science camp in Foon Yew High School (YFHS), Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

According to Principal Tee Bee Tin of Foon Yew High School, the FYHS Science Camp has been held for three consecutive years. This year, with the Tunghai University team on the program, the participant number reached a new high of over 180 students. The Tunghai team designed chemistry-related experiments, life-science-related experiments, as well as experiments in water purification, wireless charging, and others of different academic levels. Students were able to understand the theories of chemical reactions and logics of programming through the intriguing experiments. The three-day program was designed to raise the students' interests towards science and engineering.

Additionally, Prof. Wen-Haw Chen delivered two speeches to a group of teachers and to a student audience respectively by leading the audience to view math from the perspectives of arts and life. The two speeches received great feedbacks.

This first high school educational mission of Tunghai has received high praise from the teachers and students of Foon Yew High School. In the closing ceremony, besides thanking Tunghai for bringing new perspectives and learning experiences to their students and teachers, FYHS Vice Principal Tan Teck Sen expressed his intention to collaborate with Tunghai on a long-term basis, hoping to influence and benefit more Foon Yew students.

Department Chairs Prof. Hsieh and Prof. Lung also mentioned that through the program, Tunghai University had established better understandings of the educational needs of the Foon Yew students. They believed that future collaboration will be greatly beneficial to the students while demonstrating Tunghai's effort and strength in education and in cultivating students to become knowledge-seekers and goal-achievers.



Happy Summer Vacation!
See you again in September!