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## Message from President Ming-Jer Tang, M.D., Ph.D.

Time flies, and I have been serving Tunghai for an entire year by now. In retrospection of the year, Tunghai has made quite a few achievements in many aspects. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight Tunghai's new International College, which will launch its first feature "Global Leadership Honors Program" in Fall 2014. Thanks to collaborations among various departments and the help from the Office of International Education & Programs, Tunghai has attracted more international students and cooperative partnership from all over the world. Dear students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends, together we will see Tunghai continue to shine on the global stage and excel as a top-ranked university. Your continuous support will be much valued and appreciated. May we all carry the progressive spirit of the new Year of the Horse and realize our dreams into action and reality.



## When Tokai Meets Tunghai



On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 113 students from Tokai University, Japan, arrived at Taichung Port in a research and training ship, the Bosei Maru. Tunghai University was the first university they visited in this significant journey. The Office of International Education and Programs organized for the occasion a cultural exchange event "When Tokai meets Tunghai" to celebrate the growing friendship among students from both universities. Students from Tokai took a hands-on Chinese culture workshop in which they learned to make the traditional dough sculpture. Over 40 students from Tunghai's Department of Japanese joined to receive our guests from Japan and had a friendship basketball game. The event was highlighted by dance performances of both universities in the evening at Tunghai's Oberlin Square.

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## The International College

To carry on the internationalized educational endeavor, in 2014 THU established the International College (IC), which offers all-English taught classes, centers on green living and liberal arts education, and embodies humanities and sustaining thinking. Dean of the IC is appointed from among Chair Professors of prestigious American universities, and the high-quality IC faculty is composed of well-established local and foreign scholars and specialists. The IC offers a four-year Bachelor of International Business Administration (IBA) program, and one year Post-Professional Degree of MArch II, which emphasizes globalization, global leadership, and whole-person development. Courses offered by the IBA program encompass current trends and topics in politics, economics, society, and culture as well as art cultivation, ecological change, and global citizenship for the 21st century, etc. Given the all-English learning environment, local students and foreign students are able to team up to learn and live together, experience different cultures, and study issues of mutual concerns, which is the most ideal way to be connected with the global community. Please check our website for more details (<http://ic.thu.edu.tw>).

## Tunghai Extraordinary Alumnus Bestowed the 2014 American Institute of Architects

American Institute of Architects (AIA) based in Washington, D.C., has been the leading professional membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners since 1857. On February 7th, AIA announced the recipients of 2014 Honorary Fellowship of the American Institute of Architects (Hon. FAIA). Tunghai's outstanding alumnus Kris Yao has been bestowed the grant honor. Yao received his Bachelor of Architecture at Tunghai University in 1975, and he is the very first Taiwanese architect that received Hon. FAIA.



Honorary fellowship is bestowed on architects of esteemed character and distinguished achievements. Well-known figures once bestowed in the past including the Pritzker Architecture Prize winner, Renzo Piano, Norman Foster, Rem Koolhaas etc. It's rare to see an Asian architect to receive Hon. FAIA. In 2011, Japanese architect Kengo Kuma was bestowed the honor and in 2014 Yao's talent and achievement in architecture is also recognized by AIA. Yao will talk about his works and his architecture philosophy as he attends the annual meeting held by AIA in Chicago later this June.