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This Year, We Celebrate Christmas at Tunghai

As the trees around Luce Chapel were adorned with fairy lights and Christmas carols were heard everywhere on campus, Christmas was just around the corner. This year the *Oversea Students' Christmas Party* held by the International Student Association was taken place in Oberlin Hall on Dec. 19th, 2014. Although it was raining on that day and the party was therefore relocated to Ming-Xian Tang, a lot of international students, overseas Chinese students, and Chinese students joined the party. President Ming-Jer Tang also made an appearance to celebrate Christmas with all attended students. After the prayer by Chaplain Yi-jun Lee, the affiliated kindergarten of Tunghai Elementary School presented the opening performance titled "Welcome Christmas."



President Tang then gave his Christmas blessings to all the students and faculty members present. To make the party more festive, the International Student Association invited student clubs to join the Christmas party. Tunghai Jazz Club which had won many prizes nationwide performed famous Christmas tunes and the Malaysian Student Association gave a heated dance performance accompanied by POP music. Chinese student Jing-xi Chen sang a romantic song to express her nostalgia during the Christmas Holidays. The party ended after the performance of the Indonesian Student Association's heavenly tune, which won a burst of applause from the audience.



THU President Ming-Jer Tang, hosted a reception party for Chung Hua Middle School No. 1, No. 3 and No. 4 (CHMS 1, 3 & 4), Kuchin, Malaysia, on December 8th at Luce Chapel. Led by Chairman of the Board, Mr. Liang-Jie Huang, this is the first visit to THU for the Teacher's Association members and students from CHMS 1, 3 & 4. He hopes this is the beginning of more frequent communication and cooperation between THU and Kuchin CHMS 1, 3 & 4. In the reception party, Chairman Huang indicated that it was a great honor to visit THU and he was delighted that the reception party was held at Luce Chapel. Chairman Huang continued that THU was an important academic headquarter in central Taiwan. As the first private university in Taiwan, THU has top faculties and students, beautiful campus, and is rich in history and culture. In recent years, Malay students in THU doubled in number. Both THU graduates and current students have high performance in job market as well as in campus activities. Chairman Huang hoped there could be more cooperation opportunities in teacher's training and he looked forward to more frequent academic exchanges between CHMS 1, 3 & 4 and THU. In the reception party, current Malay students were invited to share their study experiences and they highly recommended their lower classmates to come experience university life at THU.

Kuchin Chung Hua Middle Schools Visit THU



The Fifth Cross-Strait Regional Development Forum Comes on Stage at THU



Tunghai University (THU) hosted the Fifth Cross-Strait Regional Development Forum (CSRDF) at THU Mao-Pang Conference Hall on December 16th-17th, 2014. Facing the most critical issue on the globe, "Sustainable development," scholars from mainland China and Taiwan, academia, industry, and policy makers agreed to the necessity of a positive and well-interacted communication platform. The forum further reinforced the expansion of the fields of research and the level of communication. Led by THU President, Dr. Ming-Jer Tang, the CSRDF invited academician, Dr. Chao-Han Liu of Academia Sinica, Director General Wayne Wang of CTSP and 20 key persons from the government, industry and academia. For the Chinese team, Deputy Director-General, Dr. Rongping Mu of the Institute of Policy and Management, Chinese Academy of Science, especially invited vice president of Fuzhou University, Dr. Wang Jian, and founder of CSRDF, Dr. De-Shen Lei to join this grand event. Taichung Mayor, Jason Hu made a personal appearance to the forum to stress on the importance of sustainable development and how it will affect the industries in metropolitan Taichung. Mayor Hu stated that "sustainability is not an optional policy, it is the responsibility of all human beings." Under the joint efforts from cross-strait experts, scholars, and related administrators, the CSRDF looks forward to reaching the goal of a sustainable future with innovative methods.

Malaysia Public Chinese Middle School principals and counseling teachers totaled 66 people joined Inspector Tai-Zhu Ma of Oversea Community Affairs Council (OCAC) and Vice Dean Choong-Leng Peng of Gabungan Persatuan Alumni Universiti Taiwan, Malaysia, to visit THU on December 17th. The main purpose of this visit was to have better understanding of how Malay students apply to study at THU and the on-campus student counseling services. Committee member Director Fu-Ying Lee of Gabungan Persatuan Alumni Universiti Taiwan expressed his gratitude to THU for taking great care of Malay students. Apart from providing students with excellent teaching, THU offers handsome sum of scholarship to students from Malaysia. In the future, the committee will definitely introduce more students to study at THU.



Delegation of Malaysia Public Chinese Middle School Makes an Academic Visit to Tunghai