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A faculty and student delegation of 102 members from Tokai University took a school cruise, Bosei Maru, to Taiwan and had a joyful academic and cultural exchange with students from Tunghai University (THU) on March 16-17. The delegation starting out from Tokyo had visited several Asian countries before their arrival in Taiwan. As the delegation's only stop in Taiwan, THU felt great honor and received the guests with delight and hospitality. Since the signing of the MOU in 2003, THU and Tokai University have remained active on student exchange and short-term summer activities. Tokai University's visit this time strengthened the academic collaboration between the two universities and also signed another MOU regarding student exchange. THU especially invited Director General Zhi-Zheng Luo of the Chinese Traditional Folk arts to demonstrate to the Tokai delegation how to make dough figurines. With exquisite skills, Director General Luo made vivid dough pandas, parrots, and cartoon characters with his fingertips in the twinkling of an eye and won ceaseless applause from all the participating teachers and students. A goodwill basketball game, joined by boys and girls from both universities, was also arranged. THU hoped that through this sports event, long-lasting bonding and rapport would be naturally and effectively built between the two parties.

## 當東海遇見東海 When Tunghai Meets Tokai

### A Festive Celebration of Friendship

On March 17th, teachers and volunteer students from the Dept. of Japanese Language and Culture at THU joined Tokai delegation on a trip to Lukang, Changhua to experience the exclusive temple culture in Taiwan. Upon their return to THU, a farewell dinner party was awaiting them at Ming-Shen Auditorium. President Ming-Jer Tang of THU expressed his gratitude to Tokai University for this goodwill visit. He stated that Tunghai and Tokai, though pronounced differently, shared the same Chinese characters. It was a beautiful coincidence. He hoped that the two parties would always cherish this precious friendship and strengthen it through various exchanges and activities. Following the speech was a fantastic dance performance from THU's Dance Club. Then, Tokai students gave an amazing and creative musical performance with chopping boards, pans, and buckets. After the dinner buffet, Tokai students performed an impressive traditional Japanese folk dance and invited THU teachers and students to join them. Everyone had a wonderful time dancing to the beat. As the music faded, this annual visit came to an end. THU students and their new friends from Tokai reluctantly waved goodbye to each other. This two-day visit has greatly strengthened the bonding between Tokai University and THU. We already look forward to their next visit!



Professor Shao-Jen Weng of the Dept. of Industrial Engineering and Enterprise Information at THU, collaboratively developed an Emergency Healthcare Network Available Bed Forecasting (EHNABF) system with Professor Yeong-Yuh Xu of the Dept. of Computer Science and Information Engineering, HungKuang University, and Dr. Lee-Ming Wang of Taichung Veterans General Hospital. With great honor, the EHNABF system won the bronze medal of the first Open Data Open Source Competition, which is a national competition that promotes the development of advanced disaster-prevention system using cloud technology. This accomplishment resulted from the joint efforts of the Optimal Decision Systems Research Team in combining the figure data of medical care and the development of Taiwan's Open Data Open Source system. The mechanism of the system can provide disaster relief in a more time-efficient way. Simply put, this hi-tech system will be able to greatly help emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to transport patients and victims to hospitals that are comparatively abundant in medical resources in the nick of time. Vice Premier Shan-Cheng Chang of the Executive Yuan earnestly look forward to seeing the system in profound use in the future.



### EHNABF System, a Time-Efficient Approach to Provide Emergency Rescue Efforts

The Ministry of Examination (MOEX) announced the results of the 2014 Professional and Technical Qualification Examination for architects in February. Among the 216 novel architects were 22 of THU architecture graduates, which accounted for 10.18% of the total number of qualifiers. This great accomplishment was due to the highest quality of teaching staff, small and fine curriculum design and excellent teaching. The Dept. of Architecture cultivates students' creativity and critical thinking, solidifying these abilities on students' integral performances on architectural spatial aestheticism. Under long-term training of oral expression and debate, with versatile humanity and culture courses and small-size teaching THU provides, students gradually develop rich humanity and cultural senses and artistic temperament, exceeding the training students normally receive from architecture education, which is solely about engineering and construction techniques. Not only that, THU architecture students are able to illustrate ideas and present perceptions towards social issues and living environment, which are the qualities of true "architects" of the society. The stunning results of the 2014 Professional and Technical Examination again reflects THU architecture students' enthusiasm and perseverance towards architecture design from which,

a thousand words are said about the successful and outstanding teaching of THU Department of Architecture.



### THU Architecture Graduates Take the Stage of Professional and Technical Examination