

In search of roots - “Tunghai Bikers” bike through China

Through thirty days of biking, 21 students of Tunghai University travelled over mountains and rivers in China to fulfill the “Bai-Ke Shiun-Ta” Project.

The Project “Bai-Ke Shiun-Ta”, literally “hundred-moment decade-step,” was launched by Tunghai students in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the University. “Bai-Ke” (a homophone of ‘biker’) means hundreds of moments connecting history, symbolizing the journey the students took to track back the history of the University. The journey was arranged to visit and interact with faculties and students of the 13 precedent universities of Tunghai in China; “Shiun” symbolizes the spirit of reincarnation, corresponding to the University motto of ‘pioneering as our watchword’. Finally, through the practice of “Ta” (the steps taken in exploring China by bike) the project members learned to admire the power of nature while experiencing the spirit of realizing a dream with steady steps.

The 21 THU students, including 6 originated from China, started the project ad-libitum and gained supports from the THU faculty over a year-long preparation. In order to complete a journey of an average of over 100 kilometer ride per day, the students took strenuous trainings before the journey and helped each other with encouragement along the way. Team members described the project experience as rebuilding of personality, reinforcement of self-esteem, dream-fulfilling and appreciation.

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Academic collaboration between Chiba Institute of Technology and Tunghai University



(From left to right) Mr. Toru Doteuchi, Prof. Kazuhito Komiya, Dr. Cheng-Tung Lin, Dr. Tao-Ming Wang, Dr. Yao-Tsung Ko and Dr. Ming Shih Chen

A Memorandum of Understanding and a Student Exchange Agreement were signed by Chiba Institute of Technology Japan and Tunghai University on September 17, represented by President Professor Kazuhito Komiya of Chiba Institute of Technology (CIT) and President Proxy Dr. Cheng-Tung Lin of Tunghai University. President Komiya and Section Chief of the International Relations Section Mr. Toru Doteuchi of CIT visited Tunghai for the signing.

The two universities have come to the agreement of entering into a formal cooperative relationship through collaboration in industrial design projects in the past years. President Komiya indicated that after the establishment of formal partnership, the promotion of student exchange program in different academic fields will expand collaboration scope and benefit students from both universities. It is the common goal of the two universities to educate their students to become global citizens with international prospects.

2015 Freshmen Night welcomes New THU Students

The year 2015 marks the 60th anniversary of THU, a memorable year for all members of the university. The Freshmen were warmly welcomed and encouraged to carry on the pioneering spirit and lead the university to a glorious future.

The three-day orientation program included units “The 14 credits must to be taken”, “Our backyard”, “Big adventure in THU”, “Their stories”, “Thematic Workshop” and ended with “The Freshmen Night”. The 14 must-take credits were delivered by THU faculty members sharing their life experiences, followed by a tree-planting activity. Each new student planted a tree on campus in the THU backyard to signify the beginning of their new stage in life.

In the unit “Their stories” speakers in various special domains including performing art, dream practitioner, environment protector and life fighter were invited to share their observations and ideas. Students were highly motivated by the stories shared by the great speakers. In “Thematic Workshop”, the core values of higher education in the university were designed into activity groups to immerse the students into the THU philosophy.

The Freshmen Night started with Deans and Heads of THU departments igniting “The Light of Wish”, followed by a band playing “What faith can do” and chorus singing the song “Growing Up”. Amongst the touching sound of choir, the students received gift cards prepared by the Chaplain’s Office delivering the greeting from the university and the wish for them to enjoy their school days at THU.

After the heart-felt program, the new students become a genuine member of the Tunghai University, sharing a common set of attitude, doctrines, belief and ideal of the university.



2015 Tunghai Freshmen Night Highlight - Freshmen paintings combine into a tree.

Welcome to Tunghai, 2015 International Exchange Students!

With the collaboration of volunteer students from the International Buddy Program and Office of International Education and Programs, Tunghai University welcomed 283 exchange students from sister institutions around 13 countries over the world.

International students arrived at the beautiful campus of Tunghai University on September 10th and 11th. They were arranged to stay in on-campus dormitory building and had a guided tour through the 350-acre campus during orientation.

International Buddy Program has become a gateway to connect Tunghai students and international exchange students, familiarizing them with school life, study environment and Taiwan’s culture. The volunteer students (the ‘Buddies’) actually get in touch with the exchange students before they leave for Taiwan. Once an exchange student lands on Taiwan, the THU Buddy greet him/her in the airport, take him/her to the campus and assist all the way through settling down. Tunghai University, through the effort of the Office of International Education and Programs together with a lively International Buddy Program, is committed to guarantee our exchange students a fruitful and unforgettable stay in Taiwan.

International exchange students and their buddies in front of Campus Mall during campus tour



東海大學 2015 年新生大學入門課程



「2015 Future Innovator International Design Workshop」 Concludes with Flying Colors



The Department of Industrial Design of Tunghai University and Chiba University have built a solid cooperation relationship in industrial design since 2008. The two universities take turn in organizing an international design workshop each year. This summer Tunghai University hosted the 「2015 Future Innovator International Design Workshop」 in Taichung.



Group discussion during the workshop

In order to expand the scope and diversity of the workshop, faculty members and students from other universities were invited to join the 6-day event, including Chiba Institute of Technology (Japan), National Taipei University of Technology and National Yunlin University of Science and Technology from Taiwan. The workshop provided the participating lecturers and students with intensive brainstorming and team learning model and stimulated innovative ideas.

Environment concern was the theme of the workshop, exploring sustainable concept on “How to satisfy the need of the current generation without prejudicing the development of future generations”. Together with a business site visit to Corning Taiwan, the workshop participants generated many creative projects and decide to join the 2015 Corning Design Contest. Totally there are 24 excellent design projects including digital life, green design, orange design and sustainable city development, etc.



Business site visit to Corning Taiwan



THU Faculty Visits Papar Middle School in Sabah Malaysia

For years, Associate Professor Shu-yau Tsau of Center for General Education in Tunghai University has devoted herself in overseas Chinese studies. She has visited Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia often to engage in academic activities and is highly respected by the respective overseas Chinese societies. This summer Profesor Tsau was invited to participate in the 50th anniversary of Papar Middle School in Sabah, Malaysia. Papar is a small Hakka town near the capital of Sabah. The school has been steadily growing upon the support of local Chinese society and Sabah Hakka association.



President Cho of Papar Middle School and Prof. Tsau



Papar Middle School Student performance celebrating 50th anniversary

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, students of Papar Middle School demonstrated the result of a successful education inheriting Chinese Culture with combination of blending three local languages (Chinese, English and Malaysian) into a harmonious balance.

During the trip, Professor Tsau especially visited Pei Tsin High School and met with Dato Pien-Chung Wang the board chairman of Pei Tsin High School and its president Pi-Yu Chang. Pei Tsin High School was found in 1969, with the spirit of balancing education on Malaysian, Chinese and English while also focusing on the development of students' diversified characteristics through “education of appreciation”. Professor Tsau shared her teaching experience in Tunghai University with these devoting educators in the overseas Chinese community.



3-week Study Program Tunghai University, **TAIWAN**

Program Period: February 18 to March 9, 2016

2016 Spring Language and Culture Program at THU

Registration Information

Students have to apply through the international office of home institution.
First come First served basis.
(Maximum 40 students)

Program Fee

USD 1,600 (on-campus accommodation)

Including

Chinese Language Class,
Culture Class, and Special Lecture
Accommodation Fee
Airport Pick-up/See off Service

Excluding

Airfare and Meals



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