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Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan

## The destination for Innovation, Entrepreneurship & International Talent Exchange university Holds Asian Meeting on Costal Resource Management

In order to create a professional environment filled with innovation, entrepreneurship and international communication, Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU) holds annual international summer camps in collaboration with more than 10 overseas universities. This year, our camps attracted the participation of nearly 100 foreign students, who worked together with our local students to combine their knowledge and interests in workshops, field trips and lab work, and to present a final project at the end of the camp. The interaction of different cultures at our camp helps students enrich their international perspective. The Taoyuan Asian Silicon Valley Project is one endeavor in which students cultivated their talents for international research and development ability.

CYCU encourages creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship. Every summer we hold three international summer camps – the International Industrial/Academic Leadership Experience Program, the International Industrial/Entrepreneur Leadership Experience Program, and the Business Camp. More than 10 overseas universities partake in this program. Participating American universities include Iowa State University, San José State University, Wright State University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Middle Tennessee State University, Pittsburg State University, and Mississippi College; participating Asian universities include Mapua Institute of Technology of the Philippines, Japan's Tokyo Denki University, Indonesia's Universitas Sumatera Utara, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Management College, and China's Beijing Institute of Technology and Southeast University.



Both foreign and local students of varying backgrounds and majors collaborated in our three-week cross-cultural program. All courses were taught in English, providing an opportunity for students from various countries to attend the camps together and participate in topic discussions and field trips. These camps were valuable in helping students improve their English proficiency and giving practice for demonstrating their knowledge.

The International Industrial/Academic Leadership Experience Program provides a number of options on interdisciplinary special topics, including chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, biomedical engineering, industrial management, electrical engineering, electronics engineering, information and computer engineering, giving the students an opportunity to choose topics by themselves, leading to a variety of interdisciplinary learning exchanges.

The International Industrial/Entrepreneur Leadership Experience Program includes 90 hours of lectures in English. Special topics, field trips, and a Business Plan Competition provide the students with transnational and interdisciplinary entrepreneurship training. The program teaches the students to set targets through creative thinking, practical assessment and business model planning.

To emphasize business ethics social responsibility, the Business Camp establishes Taiwanese knowledge and innovation management courses. These lectures help students improve their knowledge of issues related to international business management information and innovation knowledge management. Moreover, the Business Ethics Course, one of the features of CYCU, was added for promoting the awareness of ethical issues and for teaching the students ways to create business ethics culture.

Harada Yota and Fukuda Hi-Rokazu are Information Engineering students from Tokyo Denki University, Japan. They said that this is the first time they have been to Taiwan. Working with CYCU graduate students on this special topic, they were allowed by the program to gain more innovative practical experience in the summer before their enrollment in master's degree program back in Japan. Ken L. Yamauchi, a student from the Mapua Institute of Technology, Philippines, felt that CYCU is an international campus without national boundaries. Being able to speak English and a bit of Japanese and Chinese, he felt at home among the international student body. Azchary Aaron Grilliot, a junior student from Wright State University, USA, praised the beauty and convenience of the campus, and was also proud to have an opportunity for interdisciplinary learning in mechanical engineering, a special interest of his, although it is not his major.

CYCU Mechanical Engineering graduate student, Pan Chia-Shen, a teaching assistant in the leadership camp this year, observed that the students were serious and focused in their work. Through communication in a common language, students of differing majors and from various countries cooperated very well together, demonstrating CYCU's ability to cultivate talent. Yueh Hsi-Yang, a CYCU Industrial Engineering graduate student who also worked as teaching assistant in the leadership camp, led the students through a local factory site visit with his advisor Wei-Jung Shiang. This train trip to Jubei to visit the MPI Corporation plant was more than a discussion of professional practice – it was a great local life experience. This trip also provided students with insights into entrepreneurial thinking.

Soegijapranata Catholic University, Indonesia

## Food & Technology Students of Soegijapranata Catholic University (SCU) Conducted a Joint Research with Universities from Three Countries

The Faculty of Food & Technology SCU released 16 students to go overseas: 6 to Taiwan (Fu Jen University), 4 to Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand, 3 to INMU (Institute of Nutrition Mahidol University), Thailand, and 3 from the nutrition and technology of culinary science program to the University of San Carlos, Cebu, the Philippines, on Friday (8 January, 2016). The event was held at the Food & Technology seminar room, Albertus building.

The students were those of semester 6 who were doing researches with current topics relevant to the needs of the universities that have Memorandum of Understanding with the SCU. The Dean of the Faculty, Dr. V. Kristina Ananingsih, ST, M.Sc. said, "The universities have modern facilities and equipments, and professors who have the latest research topics with updated research methods. Thus, the aim of the activity is to strengthen the scientific activities that takes in the form of joint research with the campuses of destination in Taiwan, Thailand, and the Philippines. This could bring in some technology advan-

tage like that found in Taiwan, who is superior in their biotechnology research, or Assumption University in Thailand with its excellence in product development and INMU or functional food, or with San Carlos University known for its expertise in nutrition."



## The SCU's Environment and Urban Studies Master Program Invited Plastic Waste Experts

There are eight million tons of plastic in the ocean every year. The impact of plastic usage has been noticed by many countries. Addressing this environmental problem, SCU's Environment and Urban Studies Master Program held a public lecture and discussion about the environment with Dr. Gijsbert Tweehuysen as President of Waste Free Waters, Netherlands and Ir. Dieke Van der Gugten from The Ocean Clean Up. The invited experts were moderated by Prof. Dr. Y Budi Widianarko, M.Sc. (29/2/2016) in the LPPM seminar room, 4th floor of Mikael Building.

This discussion was attended by representatives of SIMA, PDAM, the government, ESDM, Semarang Environmental Agencies, journalists, and also lecturers as well as students. The main topic in this discussion was the prevention of plastic waste in the sea. It was learnt that the Ocean Clean Up movement was led by Boyan Slat. Despite his young age, he has a great vision in striving plastic waste clean-up in the sea for almost 10 years.

Ir. Dieke Van der Gugten explained, "One of the activities carried out by the Ocean Clean Up which is barrier installation in the ocean, is shaped with the letter V, which functions as the net to block the floating plastics waste in the sea. This is done, so it does not drift into the ocean".

Likewise, Dr. Gijsbert Tweehuysen also shared his knowledge about the impact of the plastic waste reduction for the environment. He explained, "There are three preventive measures, those are Concentrate which means focusing the effort to dump or pick up trash; Isolate which means setting up plastic waste in such a way so it will not spread in various places; and Validate which is actions to reduce the plastics usage, for example, in reducing the plastic bags usage from the supermarket or recycling plastics into new products, or other recycled products".



Soochow University, Taiwan

## SCU Debater Selected Top 100 Individual Oralists of Jessup



Founded in 1959 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the largest and with the longest history of its kind in the world. SCU team won the national championship in Taiwan to take part in the international competition in Washington DC. With 132 teams from 86 countries in the fierce competition, one of SCU team members was selected as Top 100 Individual Oralists.

Under the guidance of Professor Wanjun He and coaching from other professors for nearly a year debaters Fangyu Cai, Boyang Zhang, Yuxiang Huang, Yuzhou Lin and Hongjin Lai performed their best in the international competition. Moreover, from hundreds of debaters Fangyu Cai was honored as one of the Top 100 Individual Oralists. To make it into the top 100 is not an easy task as the difference is often expressed with decimal point. Following the laurels won in 2004 and 2008, and with a gap of eight years, a participant from Taiwan has won the honor for the third time. Fangyu Cai ranked No. 64 among the Top 100 Individual Oralists.

This year has seen the highest number of participating teams ever and therefore toughest competition. Nevertheless fully prepared, SCU team has set a new record of total score since 2010.

Speaking of their one-year preparation, SCU team members expressed their appreciation to professors and staff of SCU School of Law. Thanks are also due to many outstanding alumni who voluntarily offered their advice and support. It was their devotion that helped SCU team to achieve its goal.

## Meet the U9 League: Union of Nine Strong Links, Sharing Resources for Students

### *U9 Intercollegiate League creates a new future for education*

In this ever-changing contemporary environment, only the  $\pi$ -type people with double professional specialties are competitive on the job market. An U9 Intercollegiate League is thus composed by nine universities in Taiwan: Tatung University, Chinese Culture University, Taipei Medical University, Shih Hsin University, Tamkang University, Soochow University, Ming Chuan University, Fu Jen Catholic University, and Shih Chien University.

All these nine universities have been established for over five decades and have acquired in total over \$400 million grant for Teaching Excellence Project in the 2015 academic year from the Ministry of Education. These nine universities also have respectively specialized in various fields: engineering, business, agriculture, medicine, media, law, linguistics, education, environmental protection, art design, etc. The U9 Intercollegiate League hopes to enrich students with in-depth and interdisciplinary acknowledge of different professional fields.

### *Collaborations in Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and General Affairs*

These nine universities have accomplished since 2012 several projects of collaboration in terms of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and General Affairs, by offering open courses and lectures and by sponsoring extracurricular activities for students to attend. With more and more international students coming from Mainland China, these universities have also shouldered up tutoring responsibilities for them. Besides, more atten-

tion is also given to gender issue and equality on campus. These universities have also embarked on joint purchases and student insurance plans to maximize benefits with limited resources.

### *Joint Programs and Double Degrees*

In the future, the nine universities of the U9 Intercollegiate League will offer joint programs and double degrees for students. For instance, students in the Law Department of Soochow University, after taking enough required credits, can obtain diplomas from Department of Catering Management at Shih Chien University.

Besides, these nine universities are going to promote a platform to certify credits students have taken in other universities. Students are also free to take similar courses in other universities or courses jointly offered during summer breaks. The purpose is to allow students to develop diverse interests in learning, and to enable these universities to fully utilize their academic resources.

### *Sharing Education Resources*

Facing the competition of globalization, fighting alone is no longer enough to confront the ever-changing contemporary world. Only by working together with others can we make the best use of limited education resources and take on different types of future challenges. Only through allying with other universities can we hold onto the idea of cross-boundary innovation. The U9 Intercollegiate League enables students to attend one university and share education resources of nine.



Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

## Hong Kong Baptist University Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Founded in 1956, Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) is celebrating its diamond jubilee in 2016. An Opening Ceremony was held in January to kick off a year of celebratory activities with the theme of “Whole Person Education for a Better World”. Over 4,000 members of the University community and the public participated in the ceremony and a full-day Health Festival was held on the same day. Guest of honour Dr. Ko Wing-man, Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR Government, commended HKBU for starting the anniversary celebrations with the Health Festival since it allows the University to share with Hong Kong citizens health knowledge while celebrating this milestone.

Later in the same month, over 100 celebrity and notable alumni from seven faculties/schools and across six generations pooled together their expertise to present the “We are Buddies” Alumni Show as a birthday gift to their alma mater. Presenting the stories of the five presidents of HKBU to an audience of 1,300 at the event and thousands of alumni around the world who watched it live online, the Show prompted collective reminiscing of the important milestones of HKBU.

To showcase its 60 years of excellence, the University also hosted the Founders’ Day Reception and commenced the HKBU 60th Anniversary Shun Hing Distinguished Lecture Series through which renowned scholars and celebrities share their expertise and insights with the public. A gala dinner and gala concert will be held later in 2016.



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HKBU's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders’ Day Reception in March was attended by some 400 guests.

## “Hunger Bank”: A Small Step to Decrease Hunger



One of the current high-profile global issues is hunger. According to the Global Hunger Index of 2015, Indonesia is at a serious level of 22.1 point (ranking 47<sup>th</sup>). Presently, many people still suffer from hunger despite the fact that edible food leftovers are wasted at both the domestic and wider level. Some key factors that play a role in this are people's habit of having the so-called “hungry eyes” (lapar mata), too much taste for food and large food portions, and so on.

Therefore, Hunger Bank (HB) was formed. This is a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Bandung that realizes the fact and tries to solve the issue of hunger. The organization, established by Imam Assovie and Falencia Naoenz, International Relations Study Program, Parahyangan Catholic University (UNPAR)'s alumni of 2012, deals with reducing the number of hungry people and edible leftovers at the same time. Its mission is to distribute edible food leftovers from credible donors to the needy. Current HB donors range from households, restaurants, stalls, to cafes and hotels. HB started operating in March 2016. This organization tries to make sustainable development of the society come true by inviting those with abundance of food to donate it to the poor people who have difficulty in obtaining decent food through the zero waste movement.

The Hunger Bank's operating system is simple. It establishes relationships with several restaurants that have similar vision to directly participate by donating their edible food leftovers for the day. The Hunger Bank will commence operation once donors contact the HB regarding the availability of consumable food leftovers. Then, the HB team packs the food neatly and hygienically. When the packaging process is finished, the HB team directly head to homeless spots scouted by previous surveys to distribute the food. Consequently, the

Hunger Bank does not process ingredients into food. Instead, it takes readily consumable food, that for several reasons become leftovers, which is then packaged and distributed to those in need.

This ease of system cannot instantly eliminate obstacles. Imam reveals several main problems. First, the lack of regular donors and sponsors often hamper the food distribution process. This is mainly due to the lack of trust and the pessimism of the donors on whether their food is really distributed from restaurant owners from the Bandung area. Second, the Hunger Bank still requires volunteers for logistics, IT, publication and marketing. Third, the Hunger Bank still has difficulty in determining the distinction between those who are really in need of food and those who are simply lazy, hence the street roaming.

Ever since its launch, the Hunger Bank has received positive feedbacks from those to whom they distribute food. Happy faces beamed and multiple thanks were uttered during the distributions. “We are so grateful to become a part of this small change and we would like people to see that no matter how meaningless leftovers seem to us, it would mean the world for others who might not have any meals a for whole day. We also received major support from UNPAR lecturers and students who are willing to run with this idea,” said Imam.

With the establishment of this organization, Imam hopes that in the future there will not be anyone left hungry and having to search for food in garbage bins. He also hopes that prospering people will be willing to help the needy. It is hoped that Indonesian people will appreciate the importance of food from this Hunger Bank initiative and will spread the spirit to other areas with similar hunger problems.

## Building The Nation From Rural Areas

Uneven distribution of development often results in people's inability to fulfill their basic living needs. It indicates the lack or the absence of development that touches the local community's needs, especially those in rural areas. In practice, the government has enacted varieties of efforts to enable independent and advanced rural communities. The Indonesian government hopes that rural communities can be prosperous through the fulfillment of their basic needs, infrastructure development, local economic potential development, and the utilization of environmental and natural resources.

### *The Role of Higher Education*

Community service, as the third pillar of "Tri Dharma" of higher education (the three main responsibilities of the universities), is translated into an activity aimed at improving the quality of human resources in terms of broadening insight and knowledge as well as improving skills. Organizing the community service program is a form of "Tri Dharma" as well as a form of the academic community's awareness to play an active role in improving society's welfare and empowerment, especially those of the lower economic classes.

In line with Parahyangan Catholic University (UNPAR)'s motto/vision "Bakuning Hyang Mrih Guna Santyaya Bhakti" which means "Based on divinity, searching for knowledge to be dedicated to the society", UNPAR students have the responsibility to dedicate the knowledge they gained during their university years to the local community through community service programs.

The Bakti Desa program (the rural service) is an option of community service through the empowerment of local potential. In addition to theoretical contribution, there is also a practical aspect of the program by way of concrete acts of creating balance between the continuous element of development such as: economic, social and environmental dimensions.

On the other hand, the issue of development is not only about macro-economics objective, but also the human dimension. This means that the process of 'development' will involve the dimension of community empowerment. The community does not only act as a passive object, but also as the enactor of development that is ready to express its opinion, to take life choices, and to participate in the government's programs.

UNPAR, through its students' body (LKM) is organizing a program entitled TOSAYA (TOSAYA is an acronym for Ngabantos Sadaya (in Sundanese) which literally means helping each

other. Through this program, UNPAR hopes to conduct a longlasting community service program. Based on observations, the village of Tanimulya, Kecamatan Ngamprah, Kabupaten Bandung Barat (in West Bandung) was chosen as the target for TOSAYA 2016.

### *Autonomy*

With the theme "Membangun Bangsa dari Desa" (Building the nation from the rural areas), TOSAYA was enacted due to the phenomenon of the Tanimulya Villagers' inability to process local resources. After seeing such conditions, LKM was moved and decided to conduct several activities guided by the principle of sustainability. At the end of TOSAYA, the local community would not be dependent, but independent as a society developing and utilizing its existing potential.

TOSAYA has been conducted towards the ideas of being educative, informative, attractive, interactive, and conducive. Several activities that have been carried out are familiarization, hydroponics training program, health and nutrition counseling, Dengue Fever counseling as well as teaching of English, Mathematics and traditional dance to the elementary and junior high school students.

Through TOSAYA, the people of Tanimulya village have received socialization and education concerning practices of waste management, designing and budgetting of local village projects. Some collaborative programs that have been conducted are the construction of pos ronda (nightwatch post); renovation of PAUD (Early Childhood Education) facility; collaboration in budgetting and designing the drainage system; 'Futsal' (indoor mini soccer) court and Tanimulya village mushala (Moslem Prayer room); career clinic and donation of educational aids to help students in learning processes. (Source: KOMPAS-Griya Ilmu, Thursday, March 1, 2016).



Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia

## The “MPU 2016”: A Luxurious Presentation and Appreciation to UNPAR Students



On Monday (April 10, 2016), a luxurious and elegant atmosphere was reflected in Malam Penghargaan UNPAR (MPU) / the Parahyangan Catholic University (UNPAR) Night of Awards 2016, that was held at Bumi Sangkuriang, Ciumbuleuit, Bandung.

This annual event hosted by the Students Body (LKM) aims at honoring UNPAR students who attain high academic and non-academic achievements. Taking the garden party concept, the MPU 2016 decoration offered a green and pleasant garden. With this unique concept, the committee provided a photo booth and red carpet inspired by the Grammy Awards.

This year, there are two new categories: Inspiring innovation and ‘Mawapres’. ‘Mawapres’ are students who will represent the university on a national scale coordination of private universities (‘KOPERTIS’). The Inspiring Innovation covers soft-skill achievements such as the ones attained by WISSEMU and from the Unit Kegiatan Mahasiswa / Student Activity Center (UKM) of Mahitala UNPAR. In terms of event, the MPU 2016 provided a Gala Dinner for participants by inviting interesting guest star bands. There was also a motivational speech session delivered by Paulus Winarto. To complete the excitement, there were special performances by the UKM ‘Listra’, Student Choir (PSM), and the UNPAR orchestra.

The number of guests that has increased from previous years indicated the success of this year’s MPU. The committee also invited the rectorate, the deans, bureaus and institutes within UNPAR, sponsors, media partners, the education authorities, youth and sport authorities and other students in general. By inviting a wide range of audience, the committee wished to showcase UNPAR students’ achievements as well as inspire others to be motivated through this event. The reason for inviting sponsors, media partners and representatives of local government is for them to acknowledge the extent of UNPAR students’ potential. Opportunities for cooperation between UNPAR students and these institutions might open up in the future.

Ira F. Aulia as the Chairman of the MPU 2016 organizing committee admitted that she was pleased with this year’s MPU. She then added that the team cooperation and the synergy were the key to the MPU 2016’s success that has promoted new concepts and ideas. “There were many new innovations we prepared for the MPU 2016, and all of them were showcased luxuriously and elegantly. My gratitude to all parties that supported the smooth-running of the MPU 2016,” said Ira. She also hoped that he MPU of the following years would improve in terms of quality and quantity.

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