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2014 Conference on the Development of Scholarships Network for Indigenous Students: Fu Jen Promotes the "Fulfill the Dream" Project

The 2014 Conference on the Development of Scholarships Network for Indigenous Students was held at Fu Jen Catholic University on August 28, 2014. The conference invited universities in Taiwan to attend and discuss how to improve the "Fulfill the Dream" project and consolidate its intercollegiate network for scholarships. To help indigenous students in remote communities accomplish advanced study, the "Fulfill the Dream" project raises funds from both the Ministry of Education and renowned corporations.



Professor I-Kon Lee, Deputy-Dean for Academic Affairs at Da-Yeh University, led faculty members in the Taichung branch of the network, who came to Fu Jen as honored guests. The name list included Professor Hsiu-Ling Laio, Chair of the Da-Yeh Department of Plastic Arts, Director Jenn-Yueh Wu, and Director Hsu, a professor at Ming Dao University. Professor I-Kon Lee and other speakers shared their experience in helping their indigenous students aim higher with the "Fulfill the Dream" project.

The Fu Jen "Lumah Club" enchanted "The Song of Rukai" and shared a video clip to introduce the fruits of its cultural exchange program in the Philippines before the discussion of the conference began. A staff member in the club explained that "lumah" means "home" to indigenous people in Taiwan. The club representative Zih-Syuan Chao said that the Government in Taiwan sets a good example by offering constant care and sufficient help for residents in mountain areas. She added that exchange tour applicants have to undergo special training every year. Within these efforts, the "Lumah Club" can help to record the mother language of an individual tribe and compose materials for language-teaching.

Professor Ying-Chou Wang, Dean of the Office of Student Affairs, shared details about his visit to remote tribes during Fu Jen Cycling Tour this summer. In addition, Professor Wang explained that 2014 marked the third year of work for the Fu Jen Indigenous Student Resource Center. To protect the rights and improve the welfare of indigenous students, the Council of Indigenous Peoples in the Executive Yuan commissioned Fu Jen to recruit a team of determined specialists and found the Student Resource Center in 2011. Vice-President for Mission Father Leszek Niewdana stressed that the mission of the scholarship network and its "Fulfill the Dream" project is to ensure opportunities of social mobility for indigenous elites who deserve both equal and better treatment.

Professor Pei-Lu Chen Zhang (Professor Tunkan Tansikian), who currently serves as the Political Deputy Minister for the Council of Indigenous Peoples, and is a faculty member at National Dong-Hwa University as well, spoke at the end of the conference. As a prominent indigenous intellectual, Professor Chen Zhang not only encouraged students to strive to achieve their personal goals by sharing life stories, but also emphasized that the government will continuously provide more resources and assistance for promising indigenous students.



Fu Jen Community Offers Warm Greetings for Freshmen in Door-Knocking Ritual

As the new academic year began this September, the Fu Jen community held an opening ceremony for Academic Year 103 and warmly greeted freshmen. The ceremony took place on September 12, 2014. This year 6600 freshmen, including 185 students from the Greater China area, attended the ceremony. The event marked a new milestone in the life of every individual. Most Reserved Peter Liu, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Fu Jen Catholic University and Archbishop of Kaohsiung, offered his best wishes for students and said, "College life and learning at Fu Jen will be more fruitful than you expect. Thus you should strive hard to enrich both your life and mind."

Student representatives of the "Lumah Club" processed with banners of Fu Jen colleges and important academic institutions such as the School of Continuing Education, the Holistic Education Center and Fu Jen Academia Catholica, to lead participants to enter the Chung-Mei Auditorium. By definition, "Lumah" stands for "home" in one of the indigenous languages of Taiwan. In addition, the door-knocking ritual was featured in the September ceremony. The ritual adopted the teaching of the Bible, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). The college deans offered their special prayers and conferred student ID cards upon the freshman representatives. A faculty member of the College of Communication shared an inspiring story about a special student who suffers from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Regardless of her physical limits, she has fulfilled her dreams to study in the Fu Jen Department of Communication Arts. Vice

President for Academic Affairs Professor Shang-Shing P. Chou spoke at the ceremony and expressed his admiration for her courage and perseverance. Professor Chou added that she set a good example for every youth and strongly urged freshmen to treasure the opportunity to study at Fu Jen.



The Fu Jen Student Association (FJSA) did not only supply refreshment to cheer the spirit of the new arrivals but also prepared an introductory clip entitled "Enjoy Your Life" to help the freshmen to better understand the Fu Jen community. Freshman representative Je-Chiuan Fan expressed his excitement at participating in the event. He really appreciated the efforts of the Student Association in their preparations. A series of unique performances was presented by various student clubs on campus.

At the end of the ceremony, the Fu Jen Philharmonic Youth Choir led the audience to sing the university anthem. Fu Jen Chaplain Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai presided over the closing ceremony, and lit candles as symbols of the illumination of life for the student representatives.

A Two-day Workshop on the Contribution of Chinese Women to the Church

The Monumenta Serica Sinological Research Center (MSSRC), Fu Jen Academia Catholica, Monumenta Serica Institute, China-Zentrum, and the Philosophical-Theological Faculty SVD Sankt Augustin held a two-day workshop in Germany under the theme: "I have called you by name: Contribution of Chinese Women to the Church." More than 60 participants from Europe, Asia, and America were invited to join the workshop. The role of women and their contributions to the Christian Churches in China have been explored. This workshop took place on the campus of the Divine Word Missionaries in Sankt Augustin. It set a precedent and paid special tribute to the efforts of female faithful believers to spread the teachings of the Catholic, Protestant, and even Orthodox Churches in China.

At the opening ceremony, the organizers have given their addresses and their expectation to this workshop. Professor Bernd Werle, SVD, President of the Philosophical-Theological Faculty SVD St. Augustin, spoke at the conference. He told the audience, "The question about the role of women is highly typical in the Catholic Church as a whole. Pope Francis emphasized that we have to deepen the theology of womanhood and to achieve a new perception of it."

Katharina Feith, a member of the China-Zentrum Sankt Augustin, which is an organization to help Chinese priests and nuns study in Germany, praised and hoped that more attention could be paid to the contribution of women to the Church.

Dr. Mei-Tin Huang, the Director of the Fu Jen Monumenta Serica Sinological Research Center expressed her hope that more scholars could cooperate in the future to deepen the research on Chinese women's contribution to the Church. She said that the faithful devotion of Chinese women had been underestimated and even ignored in the patriarchal society of ancient China. Therefore, this workshop especially tried to mark the role of women in the contemporary society in addition to the discussion of history.

Dr. Piotr Adamek, Director of the Monumenta Serica Institute in Sankt Augustin (MSI), said that researchers should pay more attention and care to the indispensable role of women who constantly offer strong support to the Church. He emphasized, "The awareness of the importance of women

has to be raised, especially inside of the Chinese Church. Unfortunately, the problems of Chinese women nowadays remain often unheard by the men in the Church. We definitely have to campaign for awareness."

The conference organizers aspired to enable both genders to better understand the importance of Chinese women's involvement in the Christian Churches. In addition, the most challenging task to researchers was lack of sources and documents about Christian women in China since the seventeenth century. At the conference, some scholars added that "There were not many documents or names left, particularly because Christianity was forbidden in the past of Chinese history." Nowadays, more and more scholars acknowledge the fact that "women have made a major contribution to preserve the Christian faith and pass it on to younger generations." Female believers "overcome the traditional role models" and dedicate their lifetime to the Christian faith with a whole heart.

The workshop began with the Keynote speech "Women in the Church According to *Mulieris Dignitatem*" by Ana Cristina Villa Betancourt. The two-day workshop contained diverse topics: Women at the Cradle of the Chinese Church (17 c.), Women in the 18–19 centuries, The Role of Women in the History of the Chinese Church, Women in the 20 century and Women in the Church Today and Perspectives for the Future. A special topic "What Happened to Half the Sky? Women in Socialist and Post-socialist China" was also given on the second day after the workshop ended. This workshop was the first attempt of the organizers to explore and deepen the contribution of Chinese women to the Church in the academic field. All discussions and academic efforts have made the role of Chinese women to the Church more visible. A further step on it is highly expected in the near future.



Establishment of the Center of Rural Areas Education Service to Serve Minorities

To provide better support and service for children in remote areas, Fu Jen Catholic University established the Center of Rural Areas Education Service (CORAES) on February 1, 2014. The Ministry of Education (MOE) has commissioned CORAES to coordinate several important online-teaching projects with influential social-welfare organizations in Taiwan.

With assistance from the MOE, university authorities are developing the "Fu Jen Corps of Rural Areas Education Service" into a formal institution. The Corps of Rural Areas Education Service was founded in 2007 to recruit college students to provide one-by-one tutoring for pupils from remote communities. Staff members of the Center continue to steadily expand the service coverage of the "Digital Good Neighbor Online-Tutoring" project (數位好鄰居) so that it may reach as many students as possible.

The Center of Rural Areas Education Service is commissioned to lead its teaching team from the institutes of 23 other universities to promote a series of tutoring programs for more than 85 local schools. The integration of resources from different organizations and volunteer teams is expected to provide better care for thousands of students.

The training of apprentice teachers took place at Fu Jen on March 8, 2014. Its opening ceremony was also held on March 8. Mike Lin, CEO of the Chunghwa Telecom Foundation, was invited to Fu Jen as an honored guest, and spoke before hundreds of volunteers. Vice-President for Mission Father Leszek Niewdana attended the event with Tze-Han Lu, who serves as the Director of the Center of Rural Areas Education Service, and two other influential counselors, Professor Lih-Juan Chan Lin, Director of the university libraries, and Professor Kuo-Hua Wang, Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering.

The March training session included the segment of the "12-Year Basic Education" (十二年國教) and tactics for digital-learning. In a Chinese publication, Director Lu added that CORAES adopts a

double-mentoring-system and also authorizes experienced mentors to guide and perfect the teaching skills of individual apprentices. She said that double-mentoring can smoothly reinforce the ties between tutors and students. Director Lu said that CORAES is striving hard to solve problems of urban-rural divide with the enhancement of quality education in remote villages. "According to statistics, malfunction of our education system causes 65% of juvenile delinquency cases," she stressed.

In the spirit of Catholic teaching, university authorities hope that students at Fu Jen can serve as role models for pupils who have a sore need for more wisdom and care. At the end of the ceremony, Vice-President for Mission Father Niewdana stated that FJCU authorities will continuously link Catholic institutions and every social-welfare organization possible for service of those in need.



Social Enterprise Research Center Spreads Catholic Love for Northern Vietnam with Integrated Irrigation-Improvement Project

With the help of the Hon-Hai Precision Industry Company, Fu Jen Social Enterprise Research Center (SERC) has planned to establish an integrated irrigation-improvement project for remote villages in northern Vietnam. Faculty members of SERC will periodically visit the targeted communities and then reveal more details about their facility improvement project to local residents. Professor Jer-San Hu, Director of the Fu Jen Master Program of Social Enterprise (MSE program) and SERC, stated that SERC strongly aspires to lead its students to involve themselves in improving society rather than only learning theories without action.

Professor Jer-San Hu said that during his visit to northern Vietnam, he discovered that local residents greatly suffer from the poor quality of water caused by the lack of a decent purification facility. As a result, he and members of the faculty of SERC composed a proposal to the Hon-Hai Precision Industry Company and won its sponsorship for an irrigation-improvement project which aims at enhancing water facility and agriculture for remote communities.

Currently, the integrated irrigation-improvement project has been mainly powered by small donations and the support of SERC. As for the water purification facility, Professor Hu added that an expert at Tzu Chi University will help to design and continue to establish ecological ponds. In addition, SERC provides for blueprints and a series of professional training sessions for their Vietnamese friends. "They will know how to build and maintain ecological ponds and related facilities," said Professor Hu.

The SERC has founded six branches in Yunnan, Qinghai, the Philippines, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, and Vietnam. In a Chinese publication, Professor Hu added that SERC in the long run hopes to expand the service coverage of this program into both Catholic and non-Catholic communities in remote areas in South-East Asia.



Second from the left, Professor Jer-San Hu, who currently serves as professor in the Business Administration Department and Director of the Master Program of Social Enterprise, takes group pictures with local friends.



Wenzao Advocates Power Saving and Becomes a Member of GUUT

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages made a big step on becoming a member of Green University! Wenzao was recently approved as a formal member by Green University of Union of Taiwan (GUUT). GUUT, a branch of Green University of Union, is a non-profit organization aiming to enhance sustainable development. As a member, Wenzao connects itself to the world to promote a green university in Taiwan.

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages has valued recycling and sustainability by educating its faculty and students to respect for the nature and cherish object. Specifically, Wenzao has advocated for campus sustainability. In addition to undertaking electricity and water saving initiatives, Wenzao makes an effort on curriculum integration and activities such as Sustainable Earth Month. Furthermore, Wenzao is committed to undertaking its environmental policies to reduce the possibilities of generating giant garbage and toxic water, including recycling and reducing the total amount.

Wenzao has continuously advocating power saving and carbon dioxide reduction by controlling the consumption of electric power and water. The consumption of electricity in 2013 was 19.72% less than that in 2008. On the other hand, the consumption of water in 2014 was 31.2% less than that in 2008. The achievement has been recognized by the Kaohsiung City Government's Best Fuel-saving Award and twice approved as one of the excellent (non-profit) organization for its initial inspection by the Bureau of Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs. Wenzao's efforts on campus sustainability have been recognized by GUUT to be invited as a formal member. In the future, Wenzao will continue to be an advocate by taking actions to promote environmental sustainability through integrations of curriculums that reflect the value of a university.



Wenzao students participating in sea and beach purification



Solar Power Board in student dorms

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To strengthen the academic collaboration with Southeast Asia, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages extended its partnerships by signing academic agreements with three Indonesian universities, including Widya Mandala Catholic University of Surabaya (WIMA), Preta Christian University (PCU) and Soegijapranata Catholic University (SCU) in October. Both sides are committed to various forms of collaboration, including faculty and student visits, curriculum planning, resources of teaching and research in exchange and course materials in design.

Held on Oct. 23, the signing ceremony was simple but of great significance. Acting President Ching-Hwa Tsai and the school administrators participated in the meeting. Prof. Ir. Rolly Intan, the Rector of PCU sincerely hoped that Chinese Department of Petra could collaborate with the Chinese Language Center and the Department of Applied Chinese of Wenzao in the near future. To make partnership sustainable, he proposed that a short-term Chinese or Indonesian cultural program can be designed and implemented.

On the other hand, Prof. Y. Budi Widianarko, Rector of SCU, pointed out that SCU is establishing a Chinese language program to cultivate qualified Chinese language speakers. With the partnership with Wenzao, he was hoping that Wenzao graduate students can teach Chinese to the students taking Chinese in SCU. Meanwhile, SCU is planning to send their students to Wenzao to learn Chinese.

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages tries its best to expand international academic partnerships, and the partner universities have grown to 173 in total. Eliezer Kartika, an Indonesian student, who is also a senior of the Department of English, mentioned that the agreements with Indonesian universities are certainly a great opportunity for students of both Wenzao and Indonesia.

On Oct. 23, the Office of International and Cross-strait Cooperation (OICC) also arranged a campus tour for both delegations of Petra and SCU. The sites include the Archives Center, Spiritual Center, Chapel in Praise of Jesus, Language Diagnostic and Consulting Center, European Union Center, Chinese Language Center, the Library and Center for

Faculty Development. The OICC also arranged Wenzaoians who joined the camp in Indonesia this summer to meet with the Rector of Petra Christian University.

Petra Christian University (PCU) is a university located in Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia with its strong focus on science and engineering. Founded in 1961, PCU is known as one of the top private universities in Indonesia by its achievement from both national and international recognitions. Currently, 80 percent of PCU students are Chinese-Indonesian. PCU students actively participate in study abroad and this year (2014) more than five hundred students have participated in study abroad programs. It is estimated that an increase of up to 2000 students abroad will be reached in 2016. On the other hand, located in Semarang, Central Java with nearly 7000 students, SCU has its strongest program in science and engineering.

Widya Mandala Catholic University is a well-known private university, founded on Jan. 4, 1960. In 2012, it was named as one of the best five private universities in East Java. The total of student population is approximately 4500, with its departments of Chemical Engineering, Industrial Engineering and Business and Nursing. A majority of students are Chinese-Indonesian descendants. The first-rate students of WIMA are no inferior to undergraduate students from the Top 2 national universities. WIMA is indeed one of the key partner universities for Taiwan universities which are seeking opportunities to expand international collaboration and recruitment of foreign students.



Ching-Hua Tsai, the acting president of Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages (left)

Former Minister without Portfolio Xue Qi is cordially invited to serve as Chair Professor of Finance and Economics to teach the functions and applications of the theory of Economics for economic policies for the great benefit of students

Former Minister without Portfolio Xue Qi has been cordially invited by Soochow University to serve as Chair Professor of Finance and Economics in 2014 academic year to provide instruction in the course, "Globalization, Economic Integration, and International Trade." On Monday, September 15, 2014, a welcoming tea party and ceremony in honor of the hiring of the chair professor was held at the university's downtown campus with many honorable guests from different fields in attendance.

President Pan Wei-Ta thanked Professor Xue Qi for accepting the invitation to teach at the university and praised Professor Xue for his sterling reputation as a scholar in economics both in Taiwan and abroad and as one of the few professors with experience as a high-ranking official. Professor Xue has been the Chair of the Department of Economics of National Taiwan University, Dean of the College of Science of National Central University, Deputy Chair Councilor of the Council for Economic Planning and Development of the Executive Yuan, Director of the Taiwan Academy of Banking and Finance, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation, and Minister without Portfolio of the Executive Yuan. In addition to being conferred an outstanding research award by the National Science Council for his distinguished academic performance, Mr. Xue Qi was responsible for the planning of Taiwan's financial and economic policies and the promotion of the liberalization and internationalization of its economy; he has carried the heavy burden of overseeing the healthy development of Taiwan's financial markets in the past few decades. His understanding of Taiwan's financial and economic policies and practice over the past few decades can hardly be overestimated. In honor of Professor Xue Qi's the outstanding academic achievement and reputation, Soochow University established the Fellowship of Finance and Economics. By inviting Dr. Xue Qi to serve as chair professor of the fellowship, the university hopes its students will greatly benefit by his excellent research and abundant experience in the planning and practice of economic policies.

Mr. Chen Chong, former President of the Executive Yuan and presently Chair Professor of Law and Business of Soochow University, was invited to give a speech at the ceremony. He stated that Soochow University would greatly benefit from having an outstanding scholar with such abundant practical experience as Professor Xue Qi has acquired. Mr. Chen Hong-Zhi, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Foundation of the Department of Economics of Soochow University, praised Professor Xue's contributions to Taiwan's financial system, its healthy market, its planning and promotion of financial and economic policies, and his efforts on behalf of the revitalization of Taiwan's economy.

Professor Zhan Qian-Log, Dean of the College of Business, underscored the importance of Soochow University's efforts to invite excellent lecturers to teach in the university. He stated that the College of Business was honored to invite Professor Xue Qi to serve as the Chair Professor of Finance and Economics. He hoped that Professor Xue would share his expertise on the research project concerning cross-strait finances conducted by the College of Business so as to raise the research level and practical value of the project.

Professor Fu Zu-Tan, Chair of the Department of Economics, welcomed Professor Xue to the department's faculty and students and thanked the sponsor of the Alumni Foundation of the Department of Economics.

After the speeches, President Pan presented the contract to Professor Xue Qi the highlight of the ceremony. This was followed by the presentation to the guest of honor of a bouquet by Professor Fan Qin-Ping of the Department of Economics. In this cordial atmosphere, Professor Xue declared this to be the happiest event of the year for him. He noted that the university's motto, "Unto a full-grown man," was based on the classical education of the six arts of the Ancients. He encouraged students to give heed to the life-time pursuit of truth, beauty, and virtue. He praised Soochow University for its excellent record in the social sciences and its cultivation of many talented individuals. He thanked the university for holding such a warm and magnificent ceremony on his behalf and hoped that he would work with all concerned parties in a congenial atmosphere and that he would merit the university's trust.



President Pan Wei-Ta of Soochow University gives a speech.



President Pan Wei-Ta of Soochow University presents the contract to Chair Professor Xue Qi.



Professor Xue Qi, Chair Professor of Finance and Economic, gives a speech.



A group picture of all participants (fourth from left) Chair Professor Gao Kong-Lian, Chair Professor Chen Chong, Chair Professor Xue Qi, and President Pan Wei-Ta

AU's International Volunteers Improve Kids' Lives and Futures with Play

Aletheia University (AU) has academic partnerships with over 50 sister universities in countries around the world. In the past years, AU has been actively participating in Youth Cares Clinic in remote areas of China. For instance, in August 2014, Prof. Ji Zong Heng who is in the Department of Information Management at AU, led 16 students went to Beifang University of Nationalities that has a partnership with AU in China to teach underprivileged youth how to speak English, use computers, operate machines to produce music, and make kites. Furthermore, the program also included activities to teach life skills in the areas of education. The AU Youth Cares Clinic will provide a great platform constantly for underprivileged children across the country to showcase and nurture their talent. AU' s professor and students will follow Dr. Mackay' s teachings with enthusiasm to be a useful man and contribute to the society.



Christian University of Thailand, Thailand

Christian University: the Host of the 13th Asian University Presidents Forum

Christian University of Thailand successfully hosted the 13th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) on the topic of "Transcultural Challenges with Transdisciplinary Approaches for Innovation in Higher Education" during 22nd - 25th October 2014 at Christian University of Thailand In Nakhon Pathom Province. As the resolution of the 12th AUPF Steering Committee meeting held at Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) in Republic of Malaysia on October 9, 2013. The AUPF has continually held annually in a rotational basis to interchange the information and experiences among Presidents and University administrators. The 13th AUPF aimed to promote the research and innovation in diverse cultures and multidisciplinary approaches as well as strengthening and expanding academic collaboration among Higher Education institutions in Asia and other regions.

In this 13th AUPF, There were 50 Presidents among 146 participants including administrators and academicians from 64 universities and 17 countries participating in the forum. On this occasion, Associate Professor Kamjorn Tatiyakavee, M.D., Secretary-General, Office of the Higher Education Commission of Thailand presided over the opening. There

were prominent keynote speakers from Thailand and other countries in Asia to present various topics related to research and innovation. Dr. Suvit Maesincee, Director of Sasin Institute for Global Affairs (SIGA) and co-author of the Prof. Dr. Philip Kotler writing textbook titled "Marketing Moves : An Intergrated Approach for Profit, Growth and Market Renewal " delivered the speech. "Advancing Education in the 21th Century; the Quest for the New Educational Paradigm Principles and Practices" and Professor Dr. Pavit Thongroj, former Secretary General of Office of the Higher Education Commission of Thailand, former President of Mahasarakham University and Chancellor of Kalasin Rajabhat University Council gave the second keynote speech on the topic "Transcultural Research for Innovation."

President of Dongseo University, South Korea gave a lecture on the topic "Global Access Asia" , and Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) gave a talk on the topic "Innovative Approach to World Class University" and the last speech was delivered by President of Guangdong University of Foreign studies, P.R. China on the topic of "Internationalization of Education."

Assistant Professor Dr. Janjira Wongkhomthong, President of Christian University of Thailand also presented her research paper on "The Competencies of Strategic-Innovation Leadership Competencies of Chief Nurse Executives in Private Hospitals in Bangkok Metropolitan."

"The innovation is the heart of Higher Education and the beginning of intellectual knowledge to prepare graduates to become global manpower. English language used in curriculum is not sufficient, the designed curriculum with transcultural and trandisciplinary should be implemented in the universities. There is a challenge for Higher Education institutions to create innovative curriculum and conduct research based on the need of industries and society" stated Assistant Professor Dr. Janjira.

On the final day of the 13th AUPF, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing session was held to enhance the academic collaboration among Higher Education institutions in Thailand and foreign countries. There are the total of 50 institutions participated in the MOU signing session.



Lingua-Cultural Exchange Program at Providence University

The Chinese Language Education Center (CLEC) of Providence University (PU) initially launched in October 2014, "Lingua-Cultural Exchange," an outreach program sponsored by the Ministry of Education. CLEC International students visited Grade VI students of Taichung Bei-Shi Elementary School (BSES) and had a meaningful and exciting exchange and sharing of their cultures and languages with BSES students. A total of 25 International students from countries, such as, USA, Brazil, Sweden, Honduras, Japan, Korea, India, Swaziland and Kiribati participated in this program through a variety of exciting and stimulating activities that generate positive learning outcome.

This "Lingua-Cultural Exchange Program" consists of two parts:

1. Language Application

Three classes from CLEC who have studied Chinese Mandarin for only 2 months (120 hours) have been chosen as participants. They have been learning Chinese in PU CLEC for only two months but they can already speak on the following daily topics, such as; self-introduction, hobbies, favorite foods, etc. Their ample knowledge on these daily life topics has given them the confidence to communicate with the BSES students who excitedly participated in the discussion by asking practical questions such as, "How much is the food? What's your favorite hobby?" BSES students and CLEC International students enthusiastically communicated with each other in English, their only common language. (All CLEC International students can speak English though they come from different parts of the globe).

2. Multi-Cultural Exchange and Sharing

CLEC International students prepared different topics and questions to share with the BSES students. They talked about their own country's geography, architecture, food and drink, costume, folk songs, and table manners. They also performed a variety show such as, folk dancing of

Kiribati, story telling of the USA, table manners of the Korean, architecture of Swaziland, and tea ceremony of Japan.

This outreach program has been an eye-opener for both the CLEC International students and BSES students as they are able to understand each other's culture and language better. They have become more aware of the differences that divide them in terms of culture but at the same time they have also realized the value of having a common language through which they were able to communicate effectively with each other. This experience will be forever embedded in the minds of the youngsters of BSES as it has made them aware of the importance of having a common language, the most important factor in understanding the world, and its people and to be globally competitive in the International market.

As the first university to do this kind of program also called "mobile teaching," Providence University, a Catholic University, dedicates itself to reaching out to the young ones from local schools in order to give them a chance to learn about the culture of others using English as a medium which hopes to bridge the gap and make them more aware of the world outside their school.

Providence University commits itself to continue this program in the years to come through the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education.



Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan

Chang Jung Christian University-Sustainability and Community Service

Once it was the most polluted river in Taiwan. With the toxic waste discharged from the many factories and farms located upriver, the Er-ren River was deemed one of the most polluted rivers in the world. With the tireless efforts of some teachers leading students and volunteers working toward its rehabilitation, the Er-ren River is now once again teeming with life and vitality. Chang Jung Christian University, situated by the river bank, feels honored and proud to have been a part of the re-vitalization of this notorious river. As the one of the few, if not the only, riverside universities in Taiwan, CJCU has the duty and responsibility to protect and ensure the sustainability of the river.

In order to ensure the sustainability and development of Er-ren River, CJCU has taken more actions to that effect, including more teacher and student involvement and community environmental protection programs. Courses have been designed in recent years to work in tandem with volunteer programs to allow participants to learn valuable lessons in environmental protection through hands-on practice and to pass on the experiences to others. Thus, CJCU is designing a series of curriculum, along with community volunteer programs, to make the CJCU community, as well as others working toward environmental protection and sustainability everywhere, realize the importance of river and the environment. The goals of the new project CJCU is embarking are to be close and treasure the river; to construct a leisure and educational university campus; to realize the concept of a "green" university; and to promote and educate about environmental protection.

To make CJCU into an environmental protection education campus, the school is utilizing the existing assets on the campus, such as the Er-ren River bank, a mango orchard, waste water treatment plant, alstonia woods, and river restoration center, to create a five-acre environmental protection educational area for individu-



Pic 1 & Pic 2 Students experiencing canoeing at the environmental protection educational area on campus

als' and organizations' learning purposes. A path to the riverside dock, where a temporary quay has been built out of plastic tubings for docking patrolling boats, has been created. More rafts and canoes for patrolling, testing, and ecoguides have been purchased. Along the river, a 2 km path has been created by linking the path along the river bank and the path in the alstonia woods to provide a pleasant walk for those who wish a leisurely stroll.

Moreover, a new curriculum has been designed to educate the students and the public on the importance of river protection. More courses on environmental protection have been added to the general elective curriculum. Programs to train river patrol volunteers have also been designed. There are also clubs and camps to teach junior high and high school students about environmental protection. Also, in order to have community involvement, there are community outreach programs with elementary school students to get them involved as well.

Being situated next to Er-ren River gives CJCU a unique gift and a special responsibility. The faculty, staff, and students at CJCU would like to share our experiences in rehabilitating the river and keeping it healthy. The river culture makes CJCU different and green. It has a part of the river's past as well as future at the edge of the campus. We are inviting all of you to come and experience it with us.



Pic 3 Briefing and training for using water monitoring kit

The 2014 Convention of USA Episcopal Church House of Bishops in Taiwan

After 6 years' hardworking preparation, the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Taiwan Bishop David Jung-Hsin Lai has successfully invited over 200 bishops to Taiwan. The Fall meeting started Sept. 17th to 24th, 2014. During the a-week visit, the bishops will explore the missions and ministry of the Diocese of Taiwan. Sixty eight bishops were being invited to visit the campus of St. John's University, New Taipei City, Taiwan. The 68 visiting bishops were being given of a welcome ceremony including a campus tour, a briefing of the university establishment, the current development, and the missionaries of Advent Church at SJU Taiwan. This momentous event is considered to be historic and most significant for the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Taiwan, which it involved more than 200 bishops attending the convention held in Taiwan.

The Taiwan Episcopal Church was established in 1954, which it is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Today, there are more than three million Christians worldwide claimed to the USA Episcopal Church; Taiwan Episcopal Church is one of the eighth dioceses. In Taiwan, there are 18 Episcopal churches, which they are aggressively devoting to charity, and social cares, such as building new church and ministry, social-care stations, child-care centers, and St. John's University, Taiwan.

St. John's University, Taiwan is the only Chinese Episcopal-Church University in Asia. It originated from St. John's University, Shanghai, China established in 1879. The USA Episcopal Church donates USD\$20,000 annually to the library of St. John's University, Taiwan for expanding the book collections and facilities since 1991. The bishops were given a tour of visiting the Advent Church of SJU, Life-Caring Center, Digital Art Center, University Library, College of Business and Management, and Archives and Research Center for St. John's University, Shanghai, China.

Eugene Taylor Sutton, the Bishop in Maryland State, expressed they accepted the invitation by the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Taiwan Bishop David Jung-Hsin Lai to hold the Fall meeting of the House of Bishops in Taiwan. After the campus visit, he understood how the university church and life-care center will operate in the future. He will urge the exchange activities between his community and Taiwan, which he hopes to bring more opportunities to learn from each other.

Peter Ng, the Asia-Pacific Director of US Episcopal Church, said the Taiwan Episcopal Church is the only diocese in Asia. Bishop David Jung-Hsin Lai had worked so hard to invite the hold the meeting in Taiwan six years ago, and this is the day to make the dream come true.

President of SJU Taiwan, Dr. Jean-Lien Chen welcomed all the visiting bishops at the luncheon on Sept. 18th, 2014. Upon the visit, University Present Chen hoped to make the bishops more well understand how the university developed through presenting educational achievements.



68 bishops from the USA Episcopal Church visited St. John's University.



The bishops visited the Advent Church.

Dr. Jean-Lien Chen, the university president of SJU Taiwan, gave a briefing of the university to the bishops.

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