



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Huatung Choir Camp's Final Performance

The seventh consecutive Huatung Choir Camp took place between 15-26 July welcoming a total of 118 campers. The 2020 themes were *The Phantom of the Opera* and *The Greatest Showman*. This year, campers in the senior high were tasked to discuss the storyline of the musicals, share their feelings as well as analyze the behaviors of lead characters and the purposes behind the behaviors. Debates took place where campers were guided to reason their thoughts.

Each year, the final performance is the highlight of the camp. Campers, in the first part, performed six classic Broadway songs, and four other from *The Phantom of the Opera*. In the second part, they performed music from *The Greatest Showman*. Decorations for the first part were dark, while the second were filled with colours. Most campers started their journey with little or no English ability, unable to read lyrics and were off-tone. At the rehearsal, they sang with fluency demonstrating the challenges they overcame. At the final performance, each camper was even more confident than they were at the rehearsal. The greatest takeaway for campers were the moments of bonding and friendships formed.



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Moderator Training

In collaboration with the National Changhua University of Education, 2020 marks ACF's fourth consecutive-year to head Taiwan's annual induction training for new teachers. Since 2017, over 500 moderators participated in the supporting of new teachers through the *forum*. This year, ACF Chair Stanley Yen and ACF Consultant Shiping Fan passed the baton and created an online Moderator Training course to equip experienced moderators with the knowhow to train future moderators in hopes to create greater and lasting impact for the *forum*.

At the in-person training, Chair Yen stressed how education is society's key foundation in a rapidly changing world. Amid Covid-19, and in adopting Ministry of Education's new curriculum standards, Chair Yen emphasized the core values of first nurturing good character, life competencies, then work ethic and skills. He encouraged experienced moderators to heighten their vision using the core values and to reflect on how to take action. He encouraged moderators to guide new teachers in their first year of teaching to find stability and to help them discover mutual support and peer learning.



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Taiwan Connection Music Salon

With the growing stability of Covid-19 in Taiwan and in spirit of the annual Taiwan Connection (TC) Music Festival which was cancelled, 4th August, TC Founder and Violinist Nai-Yuan Hu and the Tainan String Quartet conducted a Music Salon at the TaipeiEYE and Wonderland Group offices from afternoon to evening. They performed pieces by Joseph Haydn and Felix Mendelssohn. Hu and musicians led the audience to discover the two composers and their life stories correlating with the time periods they lived in. In understanding, audience were able to immerse themselves into the music and its flow.



Junyi School of Innovation: Elementary School Graduation Play

This year, Junyi School of Innovation's elementary school graduation play was *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Sixth grade teacher and students co-prepped for four months, from reading the book to discussing the story, writing their own script to rehearsing and performing the play. Audience were surprised by the immense growth of the students. Each character had a distinct trait and demonstrated key life elements from friendship, trust, courage, dedication to betrayal, greed, and regret. Through the play, students had the opportunity to experience new and old emotions which gave them much fulfillment at the stage of their lives where self-exploration and world learning are prominent. When witnessing students sacrificing leisure time for the play, teachers were touched by their focus, dedication and believed that this was the true takeaway of the project.



Junyi School of Innovation: H2H x Junyi English Camp

The H2H x Junyi English Camp is a collaboration between the Junyi School of Innovation and Heart to Heart International Service Organization (H2H), a youth volunteer organization. In 2020, a total of 64 campers participated. The goal of the camp is for Junyi students to improve English fluency as well as for all campers to have the opportunity to engage with youths of diverse backgrounds and broaden their horizons through a peer learning environment.

The camp took place between 27-31 July. With an English-only policy, mornings were spent on selected subjects – Science, Humanities and Media. Campers participated in thought provoking discussions and science experiments. In the afternoons, activities were hosted in hopes to foster friendships. Youths were mixed and separated into four groups; each group exercised, played board games, made tie-dye shirts together. On the final day, Junyi students presented their learnings from the camp in English.