

8th graders take on the Yuchang Highway 200km Bike Challenge

Junyi Experimental High School

On 18-20 April, eighth-graders at Junyi and their outdoor education teachers embarked on the 3-day, 2-night challenge to complete a challenging bike ride at the Yuchang Highway. The team encountered falls, trying weather and incidents on this journey, which the teachers referred to as a special lesson. The students learnt to prepare, discern, solve problems, communicate and co-operate, perform under pressure and take on crises, at the same time consoling and encouraging one another, looking out for each other and assessing and minimizing risks. With grateful hearts, these young minds and bodies have also been fuelled with positivity and courage.





7 Highly Effective Habits Workshop

Junyi Centre for Teaching & Learning

From 28-30 April, partnering the Paradigm Education group, Junyi Centre for Teaching & Learning conducted the 7 Highly Effective Habits Workshop. Held at Sanmin Elementary in Chenggong District, Taitung, the workshop was attended by 30 participants, including five principals. Skills such as time management, planning and efficiency were taught to the educators who were encouraged to pass on these skills to their students. Dongrong Elementary's principal said the skills taught at the workshop would help him to establish new understanding between the self and the external world, stimulating better habits through self-awareness.

Team training for Indigenous Youth Overseas Study Tour program

On 15-16 April, another training session was conducted for Taiwanese indigenous youths who have been selected to attend the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference held at Denver, Colorado in early July. The training was focused on developing team spirit, camaraderie and consensus among the participants. Teachers leading the team first briefed the students on the origin of the tour program and its intentions to foster a unified sense of mission, before explaining the program details and delegation of tasks. The students then got to know each other better through a body warm-up and dance segment. A self-expression workshop was conducted on the second day.





Music Education Capacity Building Workshop: A cappella

Chishang

As part of the "Music Project" by the Kehua Culture & Education Foundation and Taitung's Aesthetic Education Series, a Music Education Capacity Building Workshop was held. Executed by the Dapo Elementary School, the workshop took place on 15 April and was one of the first workshops to be held at the Dapo Lake Music Appreciation Studio. The series of workshops, which ACF is a partner of, is aimed at exposing local teachers and residents to more genres of music and inspire children's interest in music. Kehua Culture & Education Foundation's Executive Director Chen Wu-ming spoke about A cappella, introducing the classic styles of each era, and the evolution of a cappella from unaccompanied singing to post-processing. Participants were encouraged to sing freely on the spot, in true spirit of music education.

Daniao Elementary's Aiguopu Branch visits Taipei

After last year's English Camp visit, ACF invited the students and teachers of Daniao Elementary's Aiguopu Branch to Taipei. Located in the rural Dawu Township, the school has less than twenty teachers and students. From 25 March to 1 April, ten students and three teachers were in Taipei to learn alongside their counterparts at the National Taipei University of Education Experimental Elementary School. The group also took part in BigByte's English lessons. Over the weekend, the English camp volunteers accompanied the students to the zoo, Maokong, art gallery and the Huashan Cultural Park to look at digital aesthetic exhibits by teamLab. The short but fun and fulfilling week expanded the students' horizons!





Student wins HASSE Space School Scholarship

Junyi Experimental High School

Junyi student, Qiu Shenqi, is bound for the NASA (Houston campus) on the International Scholarship from the Houston Association for Space and Science Education (HASSE) for a 14-day space school course, beginning 17 July. Taitung mayor Huang Jian-ting, HASSE Co-founder Liu Zhuo-yu and ACF Chairman Stanley Yen officiated the award ceremony at Junyi on 19 May. The achievement is a major step for Qiu, who is nicknamed Nasa, and has been aspiring to become an astronaut since childhood. We look forward to his post-space-school sharing with Taitung students, after learning from the world's best professional scientists and astronauts.

Leadership co-learning forum

Junyi Centre for Teaching & Learning

Since 2015, Junyi Centre for Teaching & Learning has been operating education co-learning groups to come up with solutions for issues faced in education. On 29-30 April, principals from various schools in Taitung County convened and established consensus to meet regularly, such as quarterly or bi-annually. It is hoped that the leaders in education get to rejuvenate in this co-learning community and discuss core issues such as educators' training, class management, and teacher-student-parent interaction, by sharing their experiences and discussing strategies, thereby providing steady support for one another.





Students take on Wuling Cycling Challenge & Cultural Journey

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The Wuling Cycling Challenge & Cultural Journey is a rite of passage for students with the Second Specialization at the National Taitung University Affiliated Physical Education Senior High School. On 22-27 May, twenty-four students embarked on the mountain bike route of Hehuan Wuling, with the highest point in the Taiwan's highways at 3,275-meter. The team rode from Taitung to Hualien on the first day and tackled Tianxiang next. During the journey from Dayuling to Wuling, the team persevered through the 700-meter steepness despite foggy rain. With determination, they overcame pain and harsh conditions such as rockfall, focusing on their goal, taking these values for their future journeys in life.

Sustainable Lunch-on-Campus

Ci-Xin Waldorf School

Lunch at the Ci-Xin Waldorf School has always been made with organic ingredients, catering for 850 people currently. To better the preparation process, the school invited alumni and professional Chef Chen Li-xuan to provide advice and join the school's lunch committee meeting. Chen also visited the school's kitchen and held a cookery class for interested students, parents and teachers. They discussed what makes good flavor, allergies, keeping food fresh and nutrition tips, as well as having a seasonal menu, working with community farmers, and allowing children to participate in the kitchen operations, generating much creativity and unity.





Students rediscover their homes through photography

New Taipei City

Lao-mei Elementary, a hundred-year-old school in the northernmost part of Taiwan, joined the community photography program in New Taipei City this school term. Tied in with the school's kite lessons as part of its integrated curriculum, a total of 17 third-to-sixth graders joined the photography program and documented their homes and childhood. Volunteer teachers accompanied them in the coastal area for outdoor photography as the children delighted in capturing the ocean, the clouds, flood control drains and turkeys found in their surroundings. Seeing the children's curiosity in their physical environment being piqued through photography, the school's department head Tsai Hsin-yi said that the camera was akin to the wings of imagination for these children and the shots captured through the eyes of the children amazed the adult viewers.