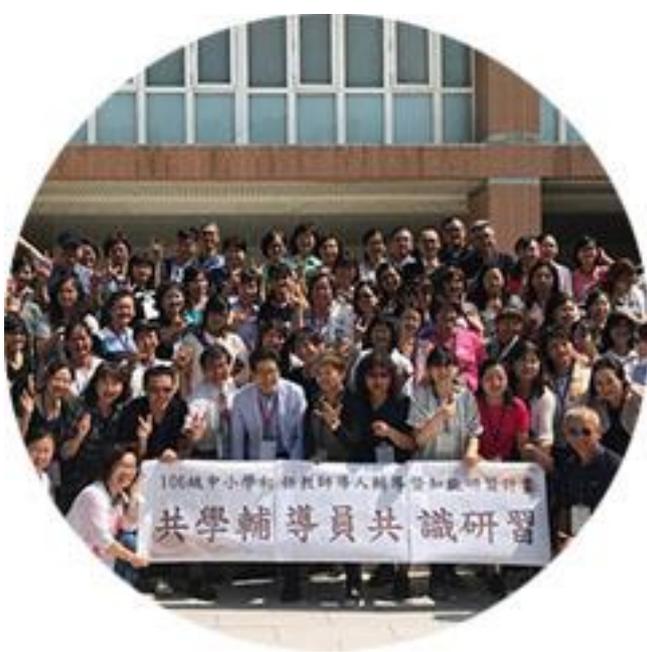


Train the Trainer: Co-learning for New Teachers

On 18 July, a co-learning group forum was held as part of the Train the Trainer Program, a partnership between Ministry of Education with ACF and Junyi Academy to let passionate and experienced teachers serve as mentors to new teachers. The co-learning format was inspired by ACF Chairman Stanley Yen' s involvement with the Young President Organization (YPO). Regular dialogue between eight to ten members in a confidential and open environment generates mutual guidance and learning. Teacher Fu Binhui from Zhongshan Girls' High summarized her experience with the program in her report, "A First-of-its-kind Teachers' Training" . In mid-August, the mentors gathered for a three-day training for newly appointed teachers.



Press Conference on Training for New Teachers

The Ministry of Education has invited professional learning communities such as Sharestart, MAPS, Sci-Flipper to hold four training workshops island-wide from 7-19 August for 2,300 new teachers across Taiwan from kindergartens to high schools. On 25 July, a press conference was held to introduce the training. Sci-Flipper founder Chung Changhong noted the training is based on the new curriculum for the twelve-year formal education system and synergies of professional learning communities. Sharestart founder Chang Hui-cheng commented that such mentorship from the best teachers to new ones serves as a basis for education reform.





Huatung Choir Camp

The twelve-day Huatung Choir Camp culminated in a closing session of laughter and tears on 15 July, with lasting memories for all participants from diverse backgrounds. Thirty students are from social welfare organizations, including the Special Education stream of Guangrong Junior High School. Volunteers taught sign language as part of the camp to allow students from different backgrounds to build new friendships. The students performed the song Happy Paradise in sign language. The students also put up a concert on 14 July, entertaining everyone with their musical skits and warm voices.

Vox Nativa Overseas Study Tour ends with Gratitude

The participants ended their month-long study tour to the United States on 28 July with hearts full of gratitude to those who made the trip possible, and envisioned themselves to be of blessings of sunshine to others in need in future. An Amis student participant, Chang Jia-ling was most touched to witness the torch lighting ceremony at the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference. The participants got to meet indigenous youths from the US, making new connections and reflecting on their experiences in the month-long study tour. As an indigenous elder shared, power and wealth may diminish, but culture persists and never dies.





7 Habits of Highly Effective People Workshop: Influencing through Education

On 1-3 July, forty educators attended the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People at Junyi Centre for Teaching and Learning. Under the facilitation of Paradigm Education lecturers Mai Jian-jia and Wang Ming-hua, workshop participants found the session helpful and enriching. Many participants shared that the Talking Stick activity for the fifth habit “Seek first to understand, then to be understood” , showed the importance of speaking authentically. Kangle Elementary’ s Yan Guan-ming said he is inspired to implement varied forms of effective teaching, combining academic expertise and interdisciplinary knowledge help to cultivate holistic aptitudes and attitudes in students and improve education in Taitung.