



## The Alliance Cultural Foundation's 10th Year Reflection: Rural Education

As the gap between the urban and rural increase, with lack of resources, it becomes growingly challenging for the rural to change for the better. ACF Chair Stanley Yen's initial vision to establish a school was in hopes to develop talent and potential through quality education for the financially underprivileged youths in Taiwan's remote Hualien-Taitung (Huatung) region to change the future of the region and its villages. [Read more.](#)



## The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Gosh Creative Arts Camp

2020 marks the first-ever GOSH! and ACF collaboration in the Gosh Creative Arts Camp designed for senior high schoolers. From 1st August for 8-days, 7-nights, the camp will be hosted at Junyi School of Innovation. This year, Gosh Creative Arts Camp will engage local Taitung artists to co-create the camp curriculum with the theme 'telling a story through creativity'. Key elements of its programs will include theatrics, somatic movement, sound, and visual. Campers will also visit artist studios and arts organizations. Through art, GOSH! and ACF hopes to inspire creative spirits and to help discover future directions.



## Junyi School of Innovation: Prevention of the Coronavirus

At the start of February, Taiwan's Ministry of Education announced the delay of the spring semester. In response, Junyi formed a prevention team to enforce measures according to government regulations. Additionally, the team seeks out areas on campus that may need added prevention. With help from Junyi parents, body temperatures are taken at the school entry; those who are coughing or have body temperatures exceeding 37.5°C are denied entry.

In order to prevent a cluster of people being infected by the virus, recent events such as the spring opening ceremony, parent-teacher meeting, and Junyi's student recruitment day were all conducted online. Teachers were also encouraged to utilize online learning resources for students to continue their learning.

*A special thank you to Junyi parents, volunteers and donors who donated their time as well as supplies such as surgical masks and sanitizers to help keep the Junyi family safe. Junyi is pleased to announce that school has now began, and will continue to take strict measures to look after the health of the students and faculty.*



## Junyi School of Innovation: Student Internship Reflections

Over the winter holidays, 12<sup>th</sup> grader Deng Xiangsheng took on an internship at Flowing Films. Deng was inspired by the team's passion for creativity, the level of expectation and discipline each team member had for themselves. He learnt the value in knowledge as well as networking and how, as a form of wealth, it requires continued accumulation. When filming documentaries, Deng noticed how gaining the trust of those participating was a key element to collaboration; he saw the importance of honing communication and social skills. The internship inspired him a new learning attitude, to read more to gain knowledge and resources to nurture his creativity and self-discipline.

*Deng accepted an early invitation to pursue higher education at the Tsinghua University, with college eight months away, he continues to be proactive to nurture his personal growth.*



## Taiwan Connection: Promoting Classical Music Initiative

On the Christmas Eve of 2019, Taiwan Connection's (TC) Sen Trio d'anches went to Taroko National Park's Si Pao Primary School to conduct a classical music introductory session. Traveling to remote schools need a considerable amount of time, but each time the trio witnesses the level of concentration and appreciation from students, the distance is worthwhile.

Promoting classical music across Taiwan was an initiative that started in the fall of 2017. To date, TC has conducted sessions in 30 schools, 11 corporations as well as three sessions open to the public, traveling to 13 cities across Taiwan. The sessions combine live performance and storytelling in hopes that the audience can discover a new way to enjoy classical music.

*TC's promoting classical music initiative is in collaboration with ACF*