

Junyi's elementary moved into its new Wonderland Campus

“Let my home give warmth and shelter to my family, especially when in need” – a line from the housewarming

poem. On 19 January morning, the elementary section of Junyi shifted to its new Wonderland Campus! Over fifty parent volunteers helped to move the classroom furniture; teachers led students to reassemble the classrooms in their new ground. The next evening, students in the lower levels took part in the housewarming ceremony, singing with candlelight to convey appreciation and well wishes to the donors and individuals who made the move possible.



Co-prep Workshop: Getting to the core of each subject



To better prepare our children for the future, we have to first begin with equipping our educators. Each summer and winter vacation, Teacher Lan Wei-ying and the co-prep team will be in Taitung to brainstorm with teachers from across Taiwan. On the 28th and 29th January, a two-day workshop was held to examine and co-inspire how best to put the 2019 curriculum frameworks into practice. This helps teachers to get to the core of each subject and guide their students accordingly. Each subject has a different worldview and teachers can guide students to see beyond words to understand contexts of each academic subject, becoming civic-minded lifelong learners, to analyze and apply large amounts of information.

Taiwan Connection launches In-School Music Tours

Taiwan Connection launches its latest initiative, introducing classical music to youths beginning with Laomei Elementary and Pingding Elementary. On 23 January, Oboist Hsieh Wan-chen, Clarinetist Liu Kai-ni and Bassoonist Chien Kai-yu of the Sen Triod'anches visited these schools to play the works of contemporary French musicians J. Ibert, G. Auric and E. Bozza. In the 90-minute recital and interaction, the musicians shared stories behind the repertoires, answered questions and talked about playing their woodwind instruments. With laughter and energy, they are confident that the love of music has been sown on the campuses.



Photography Talk for Volunteers



ACF will be holding a series of photography talks for its volunteers this year. On 13 January, award-winning travel photographer and former business magazine columnist John Tao gave the first of such talks. He spoke on using photography to better the world, on traveling, photography and writing. He also shared on solving problems on the road and using eyes to capture people, objects and events. To photograph is to see, and seeing entails the discovery of small and ordinary beauty all around us. He reminded everyone to return to their original love for photography to capture ordinary beauty even photographing majestic scenes.

IBM Mentoring Program: Lessons on leadership and communication

To nurture the ability of youth volunteers to uncover and solve problems, ACF partnered IBM last year to start the Mentoring Program. Ten career advisors from IBM and sixteen ACF youth volunteers are on board. Prior gatherings held last year covered macro trend, how to best invest oneself including one's finances and capabilities. On the 26th January, the mentors and mentees met for the third time to discuss leadership and communication. The mentors used the TED video, "Negotiation expert: Lessons from my horse" to illustrate leadership of how when the horse resists control, the key of leadership is to show support and build trust flexibly and slowly.

[Lessons from my horse](#)

