



## The Alliance Cultural Foundation: IBM Taiwan achieves 2018 IBM Volunteer Excellence Award

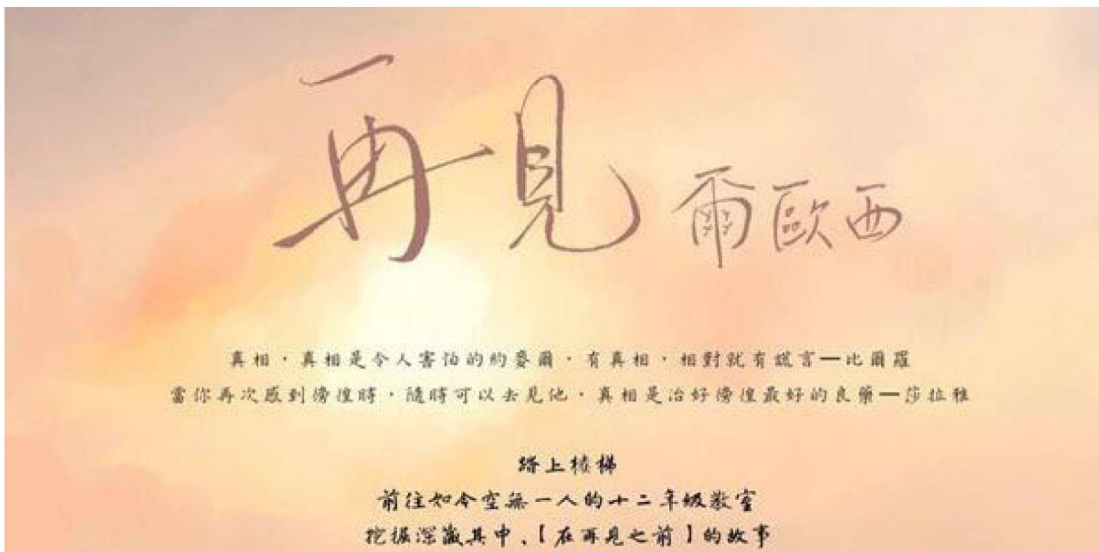
2017 to 2018, in collaboration with ACF, the IBM Taiwan volunteer team developed a mentoring program for ACF youth volunteers who are in college or are new in their post-college job. Out of 250 applications, IBM awarded only 15 – ten teams and five individuals worldwide. Each winner and winning team received a grant of \$10,000 which the IBM Taiwan team donated to ACF to further support its volunteer program nurturing young talents in its field.

Jean-Christophe Knoertzer, Vice-President of IBM Corporate Social Responsibility, paid a visit to Taiwan, and shared a dialogue with ACF Chair Stanley Yen on vocational education and how technology platforms as IBM can help individuals in skills-based learning.



## Junyi School of Innovation: Junyi 2019 Arts Festival

Junyi's first-ever Arts Festival welcomed donors and volunteers to partake in the occasion. 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders participated in presentations which demonstrated their achievements in the school year. The campus, dressed in art installations, was transformed into a space where every classroom or hall was a presentation venue and performance hall. 400 invitations were distributed and slots were confirmed early. Chef Han and kitchen staff of the Hotel Royal Chihpen led 10<sup>th</sup> graders in the International Hospitality Management to prepare a banquet for comers, and taught students to make lemon pound cake for guests to bring home.



## Ci-Xin Waldorf School:

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Performance, *Goodbye Ossie*

As a graduation project, ACF partner Ci-Xin Waldorf School's 2019 graduates were tasked to co-create their own playwright, music, and to perform their own making. In the performance, the graduates hoped to establish perspectives of realism and modernism. From directing to performing or taking on roles backstage, the project was a great journey for all. The class of 2019 completed three performances for parents, teachers, and peers.

In the Chinese language, *goodbye* has two meanings – the first is to *see you again*, the other is to *revisit the past when feeling nostalgic*. Big congratulations to the graduating class, perhaps we will see you again in the future.



## Taiwan Connection:

### 2019 Taiwan Connection Music Festival

2019 marks the third year ACF has worked with Taiwan Connection (TC) to help promote its annual music festival. TC Co-founder and Director Nai-yuan Hu invites a total of 53 musicians from Taiwan and overseas to partake in this year's TC Music Festival. Even more valiant than years prior, the conductorless orchestra selects Johannes Brahms' *Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Divertimento in D major, K. 136/125a*, and Felix Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64*.

Four notable musicians joining the performance include Andrew Bain, principal horn player of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Ole Akahoshi, cellist and Professor of the Yale School of Music, Flutist Göran Marcusson of the GotesborgsMusiken Chamber Ensemble, and Yoda Akinobu, principal bassoonist of the Tokyo Geidai Symphony Orchestra. Hu notes that this year's pieces will be more lighthearted and playful, breaking the serious impression of classical music.

[2019 TC Music Festival performances](#)

Kaohsiung (National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts) | 30 August 2019

Taichung (National Taichung Theatre) | 31 August 2019

Taipei (National Theater & Concert Hall) | 1 September 2019