



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Huatung Choir Camp's First Volunteer Training

20th April marks the first volunteer training for the 2019 Huatung Choir Camp. Camp Director, Howard Chang, led a discussion amongst 75 student volunteers who were selected from across Taiwan universities on the definition and qualities of a good leader. Responses included defining and motivating a group towards achieving a common goal, supporting and guiding peers, and having the charisma to face and solve problems.

Kuang Jen Catholic High School's Special Education teacher was invited to share on how volunteers can best engage with the ten students who will join the camp, as well as each of their developmental disabilities such as intellectual disability, autism, ADHD, and Asperger's syndrome. Other activities on the agenda included role playing. The Huatung Choir Camp values bringing youths from all backgrounds to learn from each other and grow together.



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: 2019 IBM E-Week Trial Run

ACF recruited 18 high school students from Taipei and New Taipei City to partake in IBM's 2019 Engineers Week (E-Week) trial run. The 2019 E-Week is IBM's global annual event in aim to advance science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) awareness and education. This year, IBM Taiwan engineers designed activities focusing on basic concepts of artificial intelligence (AI) data processing, building an AI model, as well as model optimization. The run will allow IBM engineers the opportunity to revise the activities as needed through witnessing live practice. During the E-Week time period IBM engineers will visit high schools across Taiwan to run the activities.

For four years, ACF has assisted IBM with the recruitment of trial run students, as well as the recommendation of high schools in the Hualien-Taitung area.



Junyi School of Innovation: Achieving Highest Student Application

The 2019 academic year marks Junyi School of Innovation's highest student application to date – a total of 29 first grade applicants, and 107 seventh grade applicants. At Junyi's Pre-enrollment, all applicants turned-up for the occasion. For the 2019 academic year, up to 25 first graders, and 50 seventh graders will enroll. Junyi sixth graders advancing to its seventh grade was a 95% enrollment. These figures reflect on parents' growing trust and belief in the Junyi method.

Junyi was established for Huatung underprivileged youths to have an opportunity for quality education in hopes that it will change their futures. The school continues to abide by its founding promise of which one-third of its secondary school allotment will be reserved for underprivileged youths. It also abides by its promise to give one-third of opportunity to youths of Huatung where quality education is lacking, as well as its promise to bring diversity into the school offering one-third to the rest of the world.



Junyi School of Innovation: Speech Contest for Migrant Workers

As part of the Combined Studies Program, for two years and ongoing, Junyi School of Innovation students would visit migrant workers at the Fugang Fishery Harbor. The students bring homemade Southeast Asian foods to the workers who are mainly from Vietnam and Indonesia; they teach Chinese, as well as sing and dance together. Junyi's high schoolers also created a Mobile Library with collection of books from the Southeast Asian region.

May 2019, students organized a mandarin speech contest for the workers. With a total of ten sign-ups, students were able to learn about interesting happenings that workers experienced since their time in Taitung. The positive topic broke the impression of pure hardship while working overseas, and brought light to their positive experiences.