



## **The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Chair Yen visits the United States to show appreciation**

September 2019, as part of ACF's 10th year anniversary, ACF Chair Yen and three team members visited donors and volunteers in Los Angeles and San Francisco. In each engagement, they shared on ACF and Junyi School of Innovation's endeavors to-date. For ACF, it was the mission to build a future for the people of Huatung, to achieve sustainable growth in the region, youth empowerment, arts and cultural preservation and promotion as well as revolutionizing the education system in Taiwan. For Junyi, it was how education can be different, how the school values teaching youths first to build character and the ability to be independent, then work to discover individual talents; the talks also covered on how at Junyi, we help to find a different path for the youths future by supporting underprivileged youths in Huatung to pursue education at United World College and community colleges to make friends with the world and in hopes to one day be a part of the change that changes the future of their village.



## The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Huatung Sustainability Forum

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September, ACF brought together participants of the 3-year consecutive Hawaii Cultural Sustainability Education Tour and youths who participated in its 6<sup>th</sup> year ongoing Asian Executive Management program. A total of 51 participated in one of the two days.

ACF forums are meant to act as a space to share and a space for peers to support one another. At the forum, which took place in Taitung, participants shared an update on project(s) they are currently involved as well as the challenges and successes they withstood. As the remote villages face three difficulties – job opportunity, elders' caring and quality education, Chair Yen asked each participant to reflect on their own village and communities and to find out the solutions for these problems.



## **Junyi School of Innovation: Somatic Movement Class**

10th graders at Junyi are required to explore courses which fall under the categories of Hospitality, Modern Arts and Sustainable Architecture; in the 11th grade, they are required to select a major from the three. This year, Junyi added the Somatic Movement Class as part of its Modern Arts program. The course aims to re-educate the body to move freely, to express oneself through body movement. It helps students connect with their bodies, its structure and physical understanding. Each movement is meant to awaken a certain body part, connecting the body and mind.



## **Sharestart: Malaysia's first-ever Sharestart Conference.**

Malaysia's first-ever Sharestart Conference took place on 3rd to 4th August. The conference welcomed 170 participants at the Han Chiang University College of Communication. Opening remarks were made by government representative and school Principals. Two lead Sharestart teachers from Taiwan were invited to give lectures. Malaysia's National-type School (Chinese) recognizes the value in the Sharestart method and is now the method used in all 4th grade classrooms, which means all 4th grade teachers in the National-type School (Chinese) undergo Sharestart training. This is a remarkable step forward in spreading the Taiwan-born method worldwide.