

Preparatory Workshop for Hawaii Cultural Study Tour



A preparatory workshop was held for the third batch of participants to gain a better picture of Hawaii culture, by understanding the reasons of establishment for the Polynesian Cultural Centre (PCC), the diverse cultures in Hawaii and the key learning points from various communities. Chuang Chiao-yun from the previous batch emphasized that connection, trust and co-sharing responsibility are crucial values. The team split into smaller groups to discuss topics such as tourism, marketing design, indigenous education and land conservation, elaborating on observations from their respective communities. The discussion involved brainstorming for solutions, setting the direction for the team' s learning and effective teamwork.

Junyi's Inaugural High School Graduation Ceremony

Junyi' s graduation week was held from 12 to 14 June. The inaugural batch of graduates, along with ninth-graders, presented special interest reports. Themes included artificial intelligence, transitional justice, belonging, to name a few. Chair Yen said the reports represent parting lessons for students to understand themselves better, and letting the teachers enter students' lives. Graduate Wang Shu-yu said the most important thing in life is not to avoid discomfort but to live with it, and turn it into acceptance and enjoyment. Graduates wore formal clothes such as tribal wear, representing their communities, and received well-wishes for their next journey in life.



Ci-xin Waldorf School: Eighth-graders' Special Reports



77 eighth-graders of the Ci-xin Waldorf School presented their special reports over six days beginning 6 June, showcasing artistic works inspired by family relations to self-reflections. Teachers and students of Guangzhou Tianyun Waldorf School made an observation trip. Luodong High' s Teacher Chen Boru brought her students from the mainstream system to be exposed to such reports which they can explore too. Eleven batches of Ci-xin students have benefitted from the experience. A student started learning the Minnan language to communicate with his grandmother. A student with Down Syndrome sang the Moana theme song on stage, hoping that she can be as courageous as the female lead, touching teachers and parents in the audience.

Taiwan Connection: Reunion for Friends of Music

Since its return last year, Taiwan Connection (TC) formed a 'Friends of Music' community under the support of entrepreneurs concerned with arts development. TC 'Friends of Music' community gathered in end-June after TC Music Festival 2018. Entrepreneur Stan Shih advocates the New Eastern Civilization in recent years, emphasizing Taiwan' s achievements in technology, humanities and culture. TC shares this vision for to share its music beyond the confines of concert halls. Nurturing artists and arts groups requires time and relentless spirit. Appreciation goes to the 'Friends of Music' community and music lovers for their faithful support to help TC take its music to the world.



Sharestart Central Region Pedagogical Capacity Building Workshop



On 2 to 3 June, the Sharestart community of educators co-hosted the Sharestart Central Region Pedagogical Capacity Building Workshop with the high school affiliated to National Chung Hsing University. This is Sharestart's third large-scale workshop in Taichung, following collaboration with Yuying Junior High School and Providence University. Many attendees had also attended Founder Chang Hui-cheng and Professor Benson Yeh's Flipped Education Workshop, held with Ming-Der High School in 2014, which saw more than 2000 participants. Chih Shan High's Teacher Tseng Chia-chien said he feels honored to be in the Sharestart community to help the next generation better itself.

Sci-Flipper Inaugural Annual Conference 2018

In the last four years, the Sci-Flipper (SF) community had 22 gatherings in Taipei, Hsinchu, Taichung, Yunlin, Kaohsiung and other counties. 1300 teachers attended co-preparation workshops. On 16 to 18 July, the SF community will hold its first annual conference at Shanlinxi Forest Recreation Area. There will be thematic sharing as well as the use of Shanlinxi's natural environment to facilitate outdoor education workshops, and segments such as Heartbeat 300 and a cookery session to let educators show their expertise. Commonwealth Parenting Chief Editor Chen Ya-hui, DFC Founder Hsu Hsin-wei and Junyi Education Foundation CEO Ray Lu, as well as fellow teachers who have flipped their classrooms will be sharing their experiences to shed light on future possibilities..

