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2013 ACUCA Management Conference: International Focus on Community Engagement

The 2013 ACUCA Management Conference opened with sacred hymns and was successfully held from November 1 to 3. Organized by Fu Jen Catholic University (FJCU), this year's conference focused on Community Engagement. Scholars and experts from Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia, India, Korea, Philippines, and Thailand were invited to the conference to share and exchange their experiences and wisdom.

The ACUCA Management Conference is a biennial event held by the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA). The president of FJCU, Dr. Han-Sun Chiang, said that FJCU was honored to host the 2013 ACUCA Management Conference. He also praised the special role of ACUCA in creating a community among Asian countries to share the fundamental values of Christianity and provide opportunities for discussions and exchanges to enhance communication within the community.

ACUCA holds an important position among international non-governmental organizations. With the mission of promoting the spirit of service based on Christian beliefs in higher education, ACUCA provides an important platform for Christian educational institutions in Asia to support each other and exchange experiences. Currently, ACUCA has 55 member institutions from 8 countries, including Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines and Thailand. In 2012, FJCU began serving as the ACUCA Secretariat, took responsibility for the hosting of the 2013 Management Conference and the 2014 Student Camp. Currently, FJCU's president Dr. Chiang is serving as the ACUCA president, and vice president for mission Fr. Leszek Niewdana is serving as the general secretary.

The main theme for this year's conference was "University Community Engagement and Cooperation in the Asian context." There were also continued discussions over previous themes such as "holistic education" and "service learning." "We hope that students will be able to connect at a better and deeper level with communities," Fr. Niewdana said, noting that teachers can offer their expertise and students give their passion to join forces with organizations that provide social services for communities. He believes that these experiences will be greatly beneficial for the development of students. He further emphasized that promoting interaction between students and communities will further support students in becoming important members in the international community as well as create more justice, equality, and sustainability in the world.

Two keynote presentations were featured in the conference. "God Becomes Real: Engaging Students to Know and Love God" was the first keynote speech, delivered by the president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services in the US, Dr. Carolyn Woo. In her presentation, Dr. Woo explored how the work and service of students can take root through the experiential witness of God. The other keynote speech was delivered by Rev. Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo, the director of the Institute for Continuing Theological Education in Vatican City State. His speech, which was entitled "How True Knowledge is Gained: Helping our Students Turn Knowledge into Praxis," focused on the importance of the communication of knowledge in institutions for higher education.

In addition, the conference invited Mr. Glen Vivian Gerard Chatelier from the Office of International Affairs at Assumption University in Thailand, Prof. Akihiro Nezu and Dr. Maria Domoto from J.F. Oberlin University in Japan, and Prof. Dr. Felix Kasim, M. Kes from Maranatha Christian University in Indonesia to lead parallel sessions on community engagement and practice from the three perspectives of research enforcement, curriculum design, and governance and cooperation.

Fr. Niewdana also presented the results of the Ministry of Education's Project of Online Tutoring for After School Learning executed by FJCU's distance tutoring team. The team gives tutoring lessons through the Internet to junior high school and elementary school students living in Taiwan's rural areas in order to enhance the local students' learning experience and promote the equality of learning opportunities. In addition to providing educational, cultural, and informational support to close the gap of learning opportunities between students in the city and students in rural areas, the project further increases the quality of local education and creates a better online learning environment through the integration of e-learning resources.

"We hope that FJCU serving as Secretariat will support ACUCA and help it become more open and multicultural," expressed Fr. Niewdana. He also said that FJCU bears great responsibilities as the current ACUCA Secretariat, and attracting more educational institutions and organizations to join the association is one of its goals. Having great expectations for the future development of ACUCA, Fr. Niewdana said that "as ACUCA is an Asian association, we hope that Indian and Chinese organizations researching on Christianity will also join our events." He also pointed out that two educational institutions from India have become ACUCA members last year, and he hopes that more schools and organizations from India will join.

For this reason, FJCU also invited several non-member institutions to attend this year's conference as observers, hoping to foster more cooperation between various institutions. For example, Dr. Sadhan K. Ghosh, the head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Jadavpur University in India, attended the event as an observer and gave a presentation on the global waste of resources. In his presentation, he took India as an example and shared the possibilities of facing globalization from the point of view of a developing country in Asia.

Apart from annual conferences, ACUCA also organizes other projects such as Student Mobility Schemes, which provide opportunities for students of ACUCA member institutions to visit other schools as exchange students. The number of applications for the scholarship has increased over the years, and Fr. Niewdana hopes for more funds to support students to study abroad. ACUCA is also planning a five-day Student Camp to be held in 2014 at FJCU, and it is expected that many students from ACUCA member institutions will participate in it.



A group picture of the attendees at the 2013 ACUCA Management Conference.

Cycling Tour around Taiwan with Visually Impaired Students



On a hot afternoon, the fourth annual "Fu Jen Catholic University-Cycling Tour around Taiwan" activity came to an end with the cyclists arriving at Fu Jen University having completed a 9-day trip around Taiwan. 80 students and teachers embarked from Taipei on the 5th of August and travelled counter-clockwise around Taiwan, mainly visiting churches, corporations, and alumni around the island. After the 9-day and 8-night trip, they successfully came back to Fu Jen on the 13th. A blessing ceremony and reception party were held to celebrate their return as another case of glorious

achievement for Fu Jen University.

The most special feature is that the cyclists rode a tandem bicycle on shift to help two blind students finish a very meaningful trip that enabled them to really feel, smell and hear the beauty of Taiwan. They spread the seeds of love everywhere with their pedals on bicycles and realized the dream of "Goodness, Beauty and Holiness" which is the motto of Fu Jen University.

The Dean of the Office of Student Affairs, Mr. Wang Ying-Zhou led the students himself on the trip over those few days and encouraged the students to ignore the pain and labor during the trip and to focus on the hope that it brings. He made all the participating students understand the value of needing each other's help, including from/for physically handicapped people. This was one of the objectives he envisioned for the trip—asking for funds to help

physically-impaired students realize their dreams, and making the campus a friendly environment for more physically-impaired learners.

This "Cycling Tour around Taiwan" did not only satisfy the students in helping them realize their dreams by visiting alumni's companies such as Hsien Chi Textile Industry Co., Ltd., Taiwan Mirror Glass Enterprise Ltd., and Ta Chen International, Inc. in Chang Hua. The travelers also received a warm welcome from alumni committees in Tainan and Kaohsiung. The students couldn't help but exclaim how friendly and passionate our alumni were. They were warmly welcomed and treated by the FJU alumni. Mr. Liu Jing-Biao, the president of Giant Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Based in Hsinchu, rode with the cyclists in person. In addition, the cyclists received a warm welcome from "Shr-Dz" Township Fenglin Elementary School students, together with Distance Learning Service volunteers from Fu Jen University who assist in activities in the remote countryside of Pingtung. They danced and sang for the cyclists making the trip more exhilarating. Show of such mutual support deepened the relationship between Fu Jen University and the local region.

The visually-impaired member, Bai Yu-Xiang was grateful for the university giving him the opportunity to fulfill his dream which he never thought could happen. Although the whole journey was during hot weather, the cyclists were dripping wet with sweat and their will power was tested, but with the help of other participants who were like little angels, and his determination was greatly enhanced. He was very grateful to finish the trip.

The first Fu Jen Catholic University Cycling Tour was a simple attempt to go around the island by bicycle. In its second year, FJU's sister schools in Mainland China joined the tour. The third year aimed for a special project, to support a training program for talented and well deserving aborigines. This year's project aimed for physically impaired students ("Handicapped Students Dreams Project"). The Funds so far have reached one million dollars, to the surprise of the alumni and drew the attention, concern and care of people from all walks of life.



Yung-Lung Lee Assumes Presidency of CJCU

On August 1, 2013, Dr. Yung-Lung (Alex) Lee succeeded Dr. C.S. Chin-Seng Chen to become the fifth president of Chang Jung Christian University. Dr. Lee is a professor in CJCU's Department of Land Economics and has been a strong contributor to administrative affairs since he joined the faculty of CJCU in 1996. He has served as Dean of the Department of Land Management and Development (1996-2000), Dean of Student Affairs (2000-2003), Director of Research and Development (2005-2007), and Dean of Academic Affairs/ Vice President (2007-2013). Since February 2013, he has also served as the Dean of the University's new College of Sustainability Education.



Cultural Exchange among Indigenous Students in Taiwan and Philippines

A member of the Office of Indigenous Students' Affairs, Ms. Du Yi-Han, along with Fr. Daniel Bauer, Associate Professor of the English Department, led 13 indigenous students to participate in a project called "Cultivating Outstanding Indigenous People" to visit Holy Name University and Tugdaan Mangyan Center for Learning and Development in Bohol, Philippines from June 28th to July 18th. The students engaged in cultural exchange activities such as English courses, talks and demonstrations about indigenous culture during a 3-week period. The Vice President for Mission, Fr. Niewdana Leszek, also experienced such culture exchange in person. He gave students a lot of strength and encouragement.

Few universities have a center for taking care of the indigenous students, and Fu Jen Catholic University is one of them. In August 2012, Fu Jen University had promoted an activity of "Cycling Tour around Taiwan" to keep the heart of Taiwan's Indigenous people in motion. This activity linked with the project of "Cultivating the Outstanding Indigenous" in order to raise funds. The money collected from the fund-raising finally contributed to the enrichment of the learning resources, language equipment and tools to enliven the cultural roots of Indigenous students at Fu Jen. The center also recruited Indigenous students to begin learning English, developing their own tribal language, appreciating their culture, practicing tribal dances, and cultivating willingness to serve others. In October of 2012, the center recruited Indigenous students to go to the Philippines on a cultural exchange program and the results of the training enriched everyone involved with program.

"Many participants who came in contact with the indigenous people in the Philippines were first-timers in traveling abroad," revealed Ms. Du Yi-Han. "During the first two weeks, we spent time at Holy Name University. The students from Fu Jen University were welcomed warmly. The indigenous people of both countries come from the same language background of the Austronesian family. During the community building activity, the participants surprisingly discovered that their handicrafts such as cross-stitches, beads in a chain, and wreaths are very similar.

Some of the aboriginal dances and social cultural customs are similar as well. Therefore, the two groups of students felt very close to each other, a bit like they were meeting their own family overseas.

The second stop during their visit was to go and see the Indigenous tribes at the "Tugdaan Mangyan Center for learning and development." The students got to understand better the culture and life of the Philippine indigenous.

A third-year student from the Department of Social Work, Li Tin-Xuan with a Paiwan indigenous background said that the most impressive part of the trip was to participate in the Eucharist and the special blessing ceremony. Being a Christian, she was deeply moved and felt the omnipresent existence of God Almighty while seeing the purity and piety of the children who attended the Mass. What impressed her most is that the indigenous people there think that pigs are a blessing from God and regard them as an animal of gratitude. The local people all came out in a hurry to see and touch the chosen pig for the blessing ritual. It left a very deep imprint on her mind.

A fourth-year student from the Department of Nursing, Lai Xiu-Hui (from the Tao tribe) said that whether it is in Taiwan or the Philippines, the core question for the indigenous people is to identify with the land and strengthen their cultural identity. Conflict against modern civilization and environmental protection stood out as their major concern. She deeply felt that they are all alike. The day before their return to Taiwan, the indigenous students from Fu Jen University put on a show and danced for the local people and received a huge amount of applause. "Although we only stayed together for one week, I really appreciated the local life there. In addition, the beautiful environment and friendly inhabitants also made me unwilling to say goodbye to them," said Lai. The group brought back not only a full packet of memories, but also a determination derived from the trip to preserve and sustain the culture of indigenous people of Taiwan. Lai Xiu-Hui revealed that even though the students on the team came from different departments, they have the same goal which is to utilize what they are learning at Fu Jen to support the indigenous cultural legacy of Taiwan.



Tunghai University, Taiwan

The Night of Hope at Tunghai

This is the fourth year of Tunghai's Freshman Orientation. "The Night of Hope" being the last activity of the four-day orientation, the Chaplain's office strove to sum up the spirit of our school motto, "Truth attained through faith, expressed by deeds". This year, the theme for "The Night of Hope" was "Above the Sky of Tunghai." With the intention to reflect on the orientation theme: "I & We," the event planted questions in all the performances, leading the freshmen students to ponder on the foundation of individual or public choices of value and faith. Along with short videos, dances, music, and live-interview, the Night of Hope concluded with the release of sparkling balloons, entrusting our values, faith, and hope, and lives in the higher divine care, where the spirit of this university was found. The chairperson of each department stood at the entrance of Arts and Science Road, welcoming all the students with high-fives and encouragement, celebrating the fresh start of their life at Tunghai.



Tunghai Inaugurates New Chaplain and Departmental Chief Executives

On August 1st, the inauguration of the Chaplain and Chief Executives was hosted in the Luce Chapel. The chaplains of Fu Jen Catholic University and Soochow University both attended the inauguration to give their sincere blessings. For half a century, Luce Chapel has been witnessing God's providence and grace towards Tunghai. This year, the school will be celebrating its 50th birthday. Under this ceremonial and grateful atmosphere, the new chaplain, Pastor Samuel Li, and all the new chief executives solemnly promised to devote their hearts and strength for the good of the students within their term. The school president, Dr. Ming Jer Tang especially thanked all the former executives for their hard work, and encouraged the new executives to continue in

cultivating liberal arts education, rendering students a unified body of knowledge, with cross-field and international vision to see the world in which they stand.



Hemei Experimental School wins Soochow University Wheelchair Basketball Game

Wheelchair basketball players from National Hemei Experimental School overpowered their peers from two other teams to win the 2013 Soochow University Wheelchair Basketball Game held on May 25, 2013 on Soochow University's Waishuanghsi Campus. Soochow University President Pan Wei-da said organizing the basketball game was aimed at inspiring students through the basketball players' passion for life and perseverance.

Hemei based in central Taiwan's Changhua County beat the Taipei-based Love Warriors 34-20 and the Kaohsiung Giants 32-16, while the Giants came in second with 31-25 against the Warriors.

Soochow University faculty members and students expressed their admiration for these basketball players as they saw them make their moves smoothly in fast-moving wheelchairs despite their physical disabilities.

Yang Ying-hsi, one of the audience members and head of Soochow University's female basketball team, said she was touched by how these basketball players managed to overcome their physical barriers and enjoy the game.

Lai Fou-hwan, president of the Chinese Taipei Sports Federation for the Disabled, thanked Soochow University for hosting the event. He also encouraged the athletes who are on the national team to "make



Soochow University proud" when they compete overseas. On the same day, Soochow University also organized a friendly wheelchair basketball game, in which Pan teamed up with Taiwan's former national basketball players -- Lee Yun-kuang, Lo Shin-liang, Chiu Tsung-chih and Dong Fang Lih-der -- against a team of selected members from the Warriors, Hemei and the Giants. The university team won 14-10, with Pan contributing 10 points.

Students of Soochow University's Department of Economics and the female basketball team members also took part in another friendly game to experience wheelchair basketball. The students said after the game that by experiencing physical disability, they came to realize how much effort these wheelchair basketball players have put in. Many also said they believe people would better treasure what they have after seeing the wheelchair basketball players do their utmost to realize their dreams.



CJCU Students Join International Exchange Students in a Celebration of Holidays around the World

On June 6, CJCU's Office of International Affairs hosted "Celebration of Holidays around the World" to encourage cultural exchange between its local students and international exchange students. During the event, exchange students from Austria, the Czech Republic, and Japan shared holiday customs from their respective countries and joined CJCU students in making sachets and eating sticky rice dumplings (zongzi), two activities traditionally associated with Taiwan's Dragon Boat festival.

The event's 130 participants were taken on an imaginary tour that set out from Taiwan, where travelers were introduced to the customs of Dragon Boat Day, celebrated on June 12th this year. The next stop of the tour of holidays was Austria, where exchange students Dien Thanh Ly and Romana Kyselka shared about their country's most important spring festival, the erection of the Maibaum or maypole. From Austria, the tour continued to the Czech Republic, where Czech exchange students Zdenek Klika and Milan Kuba informed the travelers about an unusual Czech Easter tradition in which young men collect willow branches to use in the friendly whipping of women. The whipping is alleged to keep women healthy and youthful, and the women reciprocate by giving decorated eggs to the men. The last stop of the journey was Japan, where exchange student Sora Enomoto described the Daimonji (大文字, or large written character) festival, held annually on August 16th in Kyoto. During this festival, bonfires in the form of literary characters are lit on five mountains of the city in order to guide the spirits of ancestors back to the spirit world. Because Sora was completing a full year of exchange in Taiwan, he was also able to comment on some of the cultural differences between Japan and Taiwan.

According to Ms. Hung Wan-Chin (Winnie Hung), Administrative Assistant in the Office of International Affairs, the celebration was also partly a send-off for exchange students, and the Dragon Boat sachets were intended to serve as souvenirs of Taiwan. Hung noted that many teachers turned out for the event because they were eager to give their farewell wishes to the soon-departing exchange students.

Vice President Huang Po-Ho congratulated his colleagues in the Office of International Affairs on the success of the celebration, expressing his hope that students would not confine their learning to classrooms, but would gain a real-life experience of their own culture and society as well as other cultures and societies of the world.

Wenzao Officially Becomes University

After years of unremitting efforts and through a long process of government examination and verification, Wenzao's excellent academic performance has been approved by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan and had its status upgraded from College to University. Wenzao has been preparing for the promotion by completing the construction of several multi-purpose teaching and research buildings in 2006 and implementing campus digitalization. On August 1st 2013, Wenzao has formally changed its title to "Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages" and has now become the first and only University of languages in Taiwan.

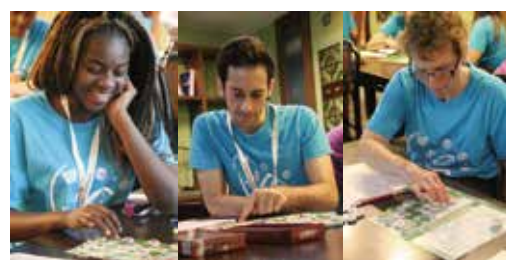
On the same day, we also celebrated the inauguration of our new President, Dr. Lucia S. Lin, the former vice president of Fu Jen Catholic University. We believe that her profound experiences and expertise will certainly take Wenzao closer to its goals of Life, Language, and Leadership. Under the new president's leadership, Wenzao will continue to uphold its motto: "Revere the Divine and Love the Human" and the ideals of whole person education under its everlasting endeavor to serve society. Also, Wenzao will continue to develop itself to become a multicultural university by promoting cooperation and exchange programs with other institutions, governments, and industries, both near and abroad. Students in Wenzao will not only gain professional knowledge but also learn to become a better person with a humanistic personality and global vision.



2013 Wenzao Chinese Summer School

Wenzao has again hosted the Chinese Summer School from July 8 to 26 this year. We were delighted to welcome 43 participants from 16 sister universities in 8 different countries, including 5 faculty members from US, Spain, Vietnam and Thailand. The program consisted of more than 35 hours of intensive Mandarin classes at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Classes were scheduled in afternoon and focused on daily-life application and communication. To provide more learning experiences, oral tutoring sessions were provided by our Chinese language teaching student interns from Department of Applied Chinese at Wenzao. Each week, the interns provided 6 hours of oral tutoring sessions, a total of 18 hours in three weeks. Through the tutoring sessions, students were encouraged to practice what they have learned at the Center of Chinese Language during the afternoon mandarin classes, in which they could also request discussion topics of their own interest.

The "Culture Night" activities were designed for international participants to present their own culture and tradition through dancing, singing, acting and such, which provided a wonderful platform for the international students around the world to learn different culture, tradition, and creativity from each other. Furthermore, the school recruited and trained 30 enthusiastic Wenzao students as volunteers to assist international participants for the most popular and welcomed homestay program to give them an unforgettable and valuable Taiwan family experience. Lastly, all participants including faculty members presented final projects before receiving their official summer school certificates. Those projects contained different contents, such as demonstration of their progress in the Chinese language learning or several topics of their interest relating to Taiwan or Asia in general.



Payap University, Thailand

Payap Celebrates ASEAN Day

Payap University (Chiang Mai, Thailand) conducted its annual ASEAN Day, along with a Study Abroad Exhibition, on the 7th and 8th of August, 2013, to celebrate its commitment to diversity and internationalization. These events included cultural exhibitions, talent and costume contests, as well as an ASEAN Quiz to test the students' knowledge of regional geography and history. Payap's Office of International Affairs, the sponsor for this event, has been at the center of Payap's internationalization efforts. One of Payap's top strategic initiatives has been "internationalization." Payap's International College, established in 2003, has long welcomed students from all over the world to study in its fully accredited, all-English, undergraduate and graduate programs. And through its many collaborative efforts with outside international institutions and universities, the Office of International Affairs and Payap's Office of Institutional Advancement have been successful in forging longstanding relationships which continue to benefit the university. Payap is also committed to making English Proficiency a top priority and has created an English Language Enhancement Center to train students, faculty, and staff. With the upcoming AEC (ASEAN Economic Community) set to begin in 2015, Payap University is well positioned to move forward in a truly globalized world.



The President of Payap University, Dr. Penpilai Rithakananone (center, in traditional Thai white top) enjoys the ASEAN Day festivities with faculty, staff, and students of Payap.

Hong Kong Baptist University receives approval to establish Partner State Key Laboratory

Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) was recently granted approval by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China to establish the "Partner State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Biological Analysis (Hong Kong Baptist University)". As the first of its kind for the University, the Partner State Key Laboratory (PSKL) will play a significant role in enhancing scientific and technological exchange and cooperation between HKBU and the Mainland.

Over the years, HKBU has attached great value and importance to innovative scientific research. With the recommendation of the Innovation and Technology Commission of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the University applied to establish a PSKL. The Ministry of Science and Technology was of the view that HKBU has reached the required research standard in environmental and biological analysis in terms of research talent, equipment quality and academic achievements and thus granted approval to HKBU to establish the "Partner State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Biological Analysis (HKBU)" as a partner laboratory to the "State Key Laboratory of Environmental Chemistry and Eco-toxicology" on the Mainland.

Professor Albert Chan, HKBU's President and Vice-Chancellor, was delighted that the University was granted PSKL status. He said: "The Ministry's decision signifies that our research standard has been affirmed and recognized. It is not only an honor for HKBU, but also a great encouragement to the University community. We will continue to pursue excellence and creativity in our scientific research and make use of this new platform to enhance academic exchange and research collaboration with the Mainland to make a contribution to the nation and the world in the areas of environmental and biological analysis."

The PSKL provides a platform for interdisciplinary research focusing

on environmental science, biological science and material science. The laboratory will promote novel analytical fundamental research and develop new analytical instruments/facilities and methods for life science research, with persistent organic pollutants (POPs), which affect environment, food safety and public health, as the first targeted research object. The major research areas are environmental analysis, toxicology and human health; integration of proteomics and metabolomics for POPs-related disease and human health protection; and bio-sensing, bio-imaging and their applications in POPs-associated diseases and human health protection.

Under the leadership of its director, Professor Cai Zongwei, Distinguished Young Scholar and Chair Professor of HKBU, the PSKL will strive to carry out frontier environmental and biological research and analysis with a view to protect and promote human health in China and the world at large. The PSKL has a multi-disciplinary research team from the environmental, biological and material sciences. The team consists of Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, awardees under the national "Thousand-Talent Plan", chair professors from the national Chang-Jiang Scholar Programme, Distinguished Young Scientists selected by the National Science Foundation, chair professors and professors of HKBU.



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Assumption University, Thailand

Assumption University's Rector decorated seventeen senior Assumption University Administrators and Lecturers with Academic palms and Laurels

Assumption University's Rector Magnificus Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, FSG and Rector Emeritus Rev. Brother Dr. Pathip Martin Komolmas, FSG, decorated seventeen senior Assumption University Administrators and Lecturers with academic palms and laurels on April 26, 2013 at the ornate Grand Salon at Assumption University's Suvarnabhumi campus. The recipients of the decoration have been serving Assumption University for well over 25 years, entrenching through their loyalty and expertise the reputed service of the university. Countries such as Thailand, France, Iraq, Madagascar, Philippines, Taiwan were represented among the recipients. In his message to the decorated faculty and administrators, the Rector reminded the recipients, "I sincerely hope that the academic laurels and palms you receive will help to augment the many selfless efforts you all have put in for the students primarily and for each other in general. It is said: 'the good that we do in this life, is best rewarded, in the next life.'"

Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan

Constructing a CJCUCloud: Computer Center Director Wu Yung-Gi Looks Forward to a Day of "Seamless Learning" When Students Can Access the Cloud from Cell Phones

With the rapid development of information technology and the expanding power of the Internet, the extent of campus computerization has become a key indicator of competitiveness. In a recent interview with IT HOME magazine, Wu Yung-Gi, Director of CJCUC's Computer and Network Center, discussed issues involved in campus computerization. According to Wu, campus computerization is not a goal that can be achieved overnight. The construction of the CJCUC's present campus network system was achieved through many years of hard work by the Computer and Network Center and encountered obstacles such as staff shortages and lack of funds that had to be overcome one by one with assistance from the university.

The persistent efforts of the Computer and Network Center have yielded impressive achievements: an integrated database for basic faculty-student information, an integrated university information system, and a student information system. In recent years, the Center has continued to upgrade university systems by promoting the "e-portfolio system" for faculty, constructing an improved e-learning platform, and linking faculty and student ID cards to the EasyCard system, a "touch-and-go" IC system for ticketing and other small transactions. However, "cloud computing" is now at the forefront of developments in the IT industry. Three years ago, the Computer Center initiated a step-by-step plan for the construction of a university cloud computing system, "the CJCUC

Cloud." It is hoped that the cloud system will permit the rapid construction of a teaching system, giving students easy access to learning software, and provide a platform with unlimited data storage. According to Director Wu, the cloud system will enhance the effectiveness of both teaching and learning. Student records will be integrated into the campus cloud system and, in the future, through a system currently being developed, students will be able to convert their academic records into resumes.

Director Wu stressed that, although the cloud computing system is already in place, more work is necessary to expand storage space and shore up backup mechanisms in order to provide users with a safer, more convenient IT environment. At present, the Computer and Network Center is actively developing plans for the "M- (mobile device) campus." The goal of the "M-campus" is "seamless learning" in an environment that allows students to log on quickly to a cloud system by means of handheld devices. At present, 90% of the University's teaching areas have wireless network coverage, and progress is being made toward the goal of 100% coverage in the future. In the M-campus, however, personal data security is a critical issue. In accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act of 2012, the Computer and Network Center is planning a system to protect personal information, as well as conducting activities to raise student-faculty awareness about the protection of personal data.

Lingnan University Appoints Professor Leonard K. Cheng as New President

On the 1st of September 2013, Professor Leonard K Cheng succeeded Professor Chan Yuk-Shee as President of Lingnan University in Hong Kong.

"The Council is very pleased to have such a strong candidate both in terms of academic standing, research achievements, leadership in higher education and management experience to lead Lingnan to forge ahead," said the Honourable Bernard Charnwut Chan, Chairman of the University Council.

Professor Cheng has the vision to distinguish Lingnan's liberal arts education with the best of Chinese and Western cultures. He hopes to make Lingnan the preferred university for students who wish to get a whole-person education in a closely-knit and supportive environment. "With a broad-based curriculum, a residential campus, an integrated living and learning environment, as well as substantial extra-curricular programmes such as international exchanges, internships and community services, Lingnan is well positioned to become a premier liberal arts university in Asia," he said.

Professor Cheng graduated with first-class honours with the degree Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1975, and was awarded an MA and a PhD in economics by the University of California (Berkeley). After teaching at the University of Florida for 12 years, he joined the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) Business School in 1992, where he served as Head of Economics, Associate Dean, and Director of PhD and MBA programmes before taking up the deanship from 2009 to 2013. The Financial Times ranked the School's joint EMBA Programme with the Kellogg School of Management of North Western

University as the best EMBA programme in the world for four consecutive years from 2009 to 2012, and the School's own full-time MBA programme among the world's top ten for four consecutive years from 2010 to 2013.

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ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme Report

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Host University: Providence Catholic University, Taiwan

When I received the acceptance letter from Providence University, I was really happy. However, at first, I was extremely nervous about studying abroad because it was my first time and I can't speak Chinese. After I arrived Taiwan, all of the fears suddenly disappeared because I had a lot of fun and made a lot of friends. During the first time, my friends always helped me order food because the entire menu was written in Chinese characters. The orientation also was fun. We were divided into groups (each group had 2 learning partners who would help us if we faced problems in Taiwan) and we had some events like BBQ party and a trip to Sun Moon Lake. Aside from those events, we also had dinner or hanging out together. Those events made us get closer and closer like a family. I made a lot of friends here. It is always nice and interesting to know a lot of people from many different countries.

I learned a lot of things in Taiwan about culture, friendship and lifestyles. I was not just learning about Taiwanese culture but also about

the cultures of America, France, Japan, Germany, Puerto Rico and Hong Kong. I took one class named "Multicultural Class" and it was really great because we came from different countries and we could share each other's cultures. We did not just share with our friends, but also shared with the children from an Elementary School. Once a week, we went to the Elementary School to share and play with the children. From this exchange experience, I realized I became a better person. I became more independent, active and confident. My English and Chinese also improved.

I really love Taiwan food, especially bubble milk tea and ji pai (Fried chicken). When I arrived in Indonesia, I was shocked to see the weighing scale. I gained 4 kilograms. I have become so fat now. >.< Thank you Taiwan for giving me unforgettable memories and making me feel at home until I become so fat. LOL! Thanks a lot International Office - UNIKA Soegijapranata who was always there to help me prepare until I was accepted into the Exchange program.

It was hard to leave Taiwan. I had a short stay, but it was enough to say I love Taiwan!! Thanks a lot, ACUCA for giving me a chance to study abroad. I will never forget this experience. I hope I may have another chance to study abroad, and I hope there will be more students to join the program. Don't hesitate to apply!!!



~ An Executive Report on "Digital Learning with a Partner: Tutoring via Internet" and Teams' Service in Summer Courses

The No. 527 edition of Common Wealth magazine, reports on the near-crumbling condition of education in Taiwan. There are over 160,000 students who are facing long-term trouble because of low willingness to study. There is an unbalanced state of mental and physical development results. Moreover, there is a discrepancy of teachers in Taiwan; one out of every 6 elementary or junior high school teachers is actually a temporary staff member without a permanent position. For these reasons, how could the quality of our children's education under such circumstances be secured? Out of a concern to the needs of young students, Fu Jen University's volunteer teams for rural education have contributed in serving the needs of more than 200 rural junior high schools and 800 elementary schools. Since 2007, the teams have been involved in and worked proactively in the "Plan for Serving Rural Junior and Elementary Schools" which is actually a one-on-one tutorship via the Internet. It also incorporated the annual summer camp, which started in 2006 and combined the activities into a service that has been going on for 8 years up to this date. The central goal is saving the best for those in most need and by doing so, it is hoped that the team members are able to understand what "social responsibility" really means, while participating in the growth of these children. We hope this message can be passed on gradually all over Taiwan.

Since 2008, Fu Jen has been working on a learning partnership via the Internet administered by the Ministry of Education. There are already 27 universities which participate in this program, working in a vast range of 85 rural schools or with DOC (Digitally-Operated Center). Even though this program is on the midst of facing many changes, some annual activities keep on, such as "Tutors' Recruitment Seminar," and "Participants Training for Elementary, Secondary and Collegiate Level in Northern Taiwan" which opens again each new semester. The program invites enthusiastic college students and trains them to teach. It is very optimistic to expect that those students who start 12-week tutoring for rural students via the Internet can continue to bring about success.

In 2013, the summer school is entering its fourth year of teaching. The team has expanded range of service they offer to children in need with special concerns for mental and physical development. The teams help the children to develop a positive value in life. On the basis of themes including "Happiness, Respect and Sharing," the program keeps on planning new topics regarding life education and reading activities. The essence of the program revolves around the theme to "accompany life with life," hoping the seeds of the future can be sown in rural areas such as Chung-Hsiao High School in Taitung, Jie-Shou High School in Taoyuan, Shang-Lin Tai-Ai Summer School in Kaohsiung, Liu-Guei Catholic Church, Feng-Lin Catholic Church in Pingtung, Wugu Junior High School and St. Anne Catholic Church in New Taipei City, a summer reading camp held in Fu-Xing Elementary School in Hualien. Ms. Ye, one of the volunteers in the project said: "I have always intended to serve the rural area, but only through real practice did I begin to realize the real meaning of service. Knowing the lack of resources in the rural area, I realized that the most important thing is to empathize, not to sympathize with them."

The establishment of "Scholarship Grants for Rural Areas" can continually encourage students who want to join service teams to care for students in the rural vocational high school or five-year colleges. Jie-Shou Junior High School student, Chen, represented the alumni this year to go back to the mother school to serve and was happy to say, "When I was an elementary pupil, I admired those big brothers and sisters from Fu Jen who brought us so much happiness during winter break. I continued to join many activities held by Fu Jen teams in junior high school where I've decided to follow the path of my team members. In Senior High school, I had chances to organize and lead a camp which was comprised by my own junior fellows. I savored a great sense of achievement. Therefore, I was always grateful for Fu Jen and Yuan Ze University for helping me realize my dreams to serve back my hometown. In the future, I want to devote myself to voluntary work to help others enthusiastically." The responses from the children served as an impetus for the students in the Volunteers Team to keep on learning and taking responsibility to care for those in need in rural elementary schools.

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