

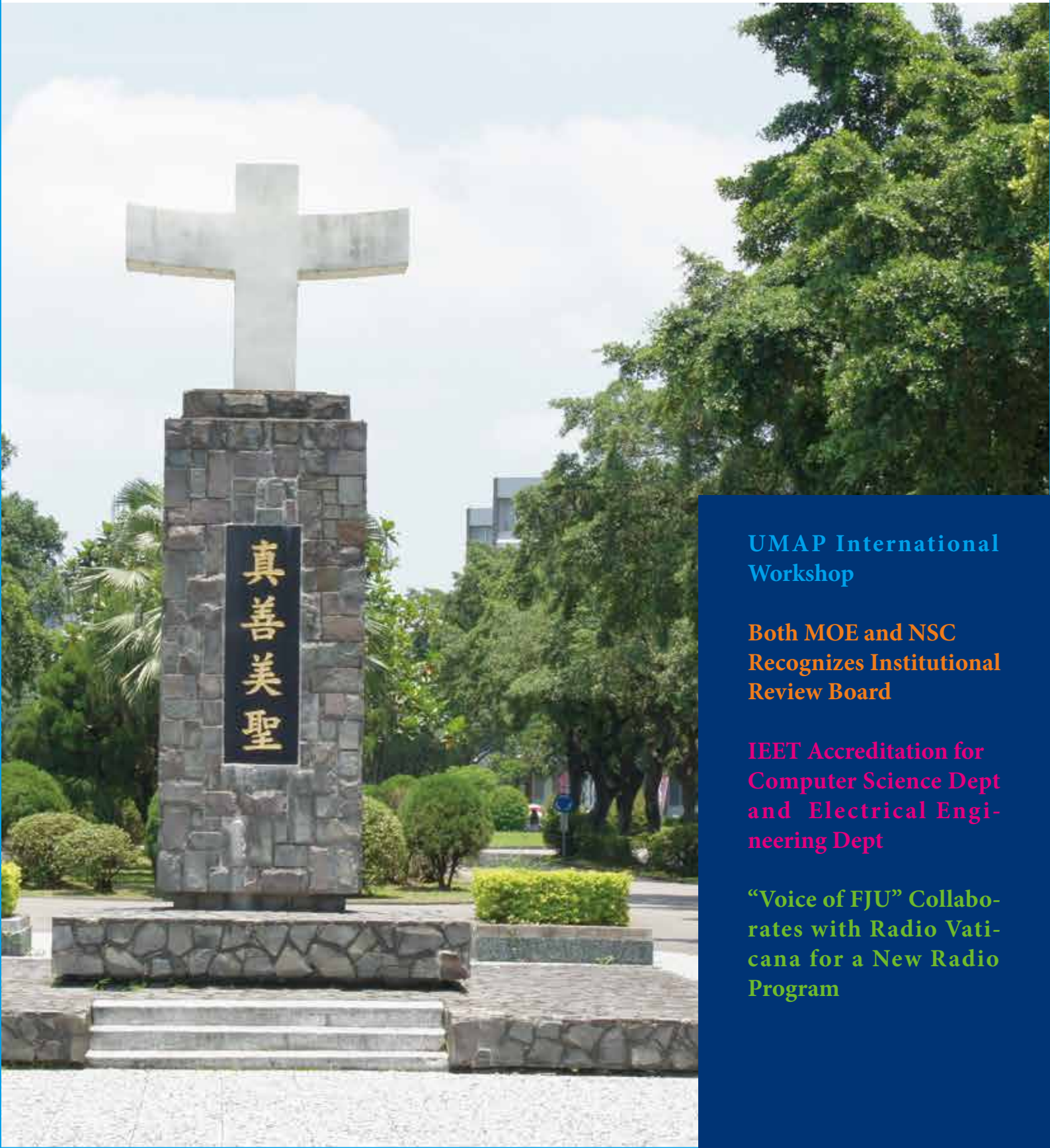


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A link to the world from the center of metropolitan Taipei

Seasonal greetings and prayers from FJCU! It is such a great pleasure to present Issue 2 of "*Fu Jen Life*," the English Newsletter for our international students, alumni and academic partners worldwide.

I am glad to hear that the European Union Centre at Fu Jen won recognition from the European Union in 2008 and in the years that followed coordinated the Fu Jen European Language and Cultural Studies Programme with our well-known academic institutions. Rather than feeling content, Fu Jen continues its efforts to enhance internationalization and quality of education. Participation in UMAP grants Fu Jen students more accesses to its world-wide exchange-programs, while FJCU offers a heart-warming welcome for international students from every corner of the world.

We aspire to promote Catholic teachings as core values of education at Fu Jen and embrace ethnic Chinese traditions as well. One of our goals is to cultivate elites in line with Catholic teaching. Holistic education is the philosophy of education at FJCU. In addition to the delivery of mere knowledge, FJCU always pays careful attention to the personality development of every student on campus.

It is our sincere hope that Issue 2 of *Fu Jen Life* may delight everyone at Fu Jen and our friends from overseas in the new semester. This publication will keep our readers informed of latest news, events, and student activities on our campus.

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Most Rev. Peter Liu,
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Fu Jen Catholic University
Bishop of Kaohsiung



Renowned Photographer Shi-Chi Ko Serves as the Artist-in-Residence

Renowned photographer Shi-Chi Ko recently became official Artist-in-Residence at FJCU. Ko attended a welcome-party at Fu Jen and discussed his work “The Garden of EDEN, return to INNOCENCE” on December 26, 2013.

Ko was born in Tainan in 1929 and studied photographic arts in Japan. His devotion to artistic photography earned him the Wusanlien Award in 2000. This is the highest honour for artists in Taiwan. In addition, the “Presence of Venus,” one of his well-known masterpieces, broke sale records at the 2008 Ravenel Autumn Auction.

At the welcome party, President Vincent Han-Sun Chiang stated that the counsel of a great artist such as Ko could help to brighten the Fu Jen campus and inspire youth. President Chiang added, “FJCU not only pays attention to academic development, but always shows great care for the enhancement of aesthetic education as well.”

Professor Tai-sheng Kang, Dean of the College of Arts at Fu Jen, added that Ko has opened the eyes of most Taiwanese by showing the profound beauty of mental image-photography (心象攝影), a new school of fine arts photography. Professor Kang observed that Ko believes that a photographer should “catch the perfect moment” with his mind, but not with his camera.



2013 UMAP International Workshop Closes with Great Success

The 2013 UMAP International Workshop was held at FJCU on October 23rd, 2013. In the workshop, University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) recognized several innovative education strategies for FJCU. The strategies included joint degree programs, exchange programs, and the international workshop. Professor Angela Yung-Chi Hou presided over the conference. Professor Hou is dean of the International Education Office at Fu Jen, and serves as general secretary of UMAP in the Taiwan National Secretariat.

Established in 1993, University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific is a voluntary regional association which consists of government, non-government and university representatives. The main goal of UMAP is to reinforce collaboration among universities and promote smooth scholarly exchange through mobility in higher education. For example, UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (New-UCTS) and Exchange Program are the most popular UMAP programs. These projects are faithfully implemented by most APEC member countries. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) has officially endorsed UMAP.

Nominated as the International Secretariat of UMAP in 2011, the Ministry of Education commissioned Fu Jen Catholic University to serve as the Taiwan National Secretariat of UMAP. In the October conference, Tony Wun-Tong Lin, current director-general of the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations in the MOE and secretary general of the UMAP International Secretariat, said that 2013 was a milestone for UMAP. The recent enrollment of countries such as South Korea and the Republic of Kazakhstan grant more choice to international students. He added that this will help to reinforce ties between UMAP members and its neighbors.



MOFA Honors Fr. David Yen With Friendship Medal of Diplomacy

The Friendship Medal of Diplomacy was conferred upon Father David Yen by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in honor of his long-term service to improve citizen diplomacy last spring.

Father Yen serves as the Representative of the Jesuit Mission Office at FJCU. In the award ceremony, he expressed his delight at receiving the medal. Father Yen said that he will continue to lead more students in Fu Jen Service-Learning Programs to offer a helping hand for those in need. Father Yen came to FJCU in 1998, and over the years established a framework of service-learning programs and platforms of “servant leadership” at Fu Jen. He has led more than eighteen student-volunteer groups to visit several countries.

The 2013 New Year Friendship Tea Party was held by the MOFA last year. David Lin, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, presided over the party, and acknowledged the faithful service of the nominees in various non-governmental organizations (NGO). President Vincent Han-Sun Chiang and Father Yen were invited to the affair. The Minister thanked Father Yen for his loyal service, and signaled him out as a role model for leadership.

In the ceremony, Father Yen mentioned that Fu Jen students open their eyes and learn much in service-learning programs every year. These experiences help them to be more confident about themselves. Father Yen concluded with an expression of hope that university authorities will spread love and the Catholic spirit to every corner of the world.



Construction of the FJCU Hospital Begins!

Expectations are high for the construction of Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital. The ground breaking ceremony for the hospital was held on June 28, 2013. Chen-Chung Liu, Chair of the Fu Jen Board of Trustees and Bishop of Kaohsiung, presided over the ceremony and offered prayers for a smooth completion of the project. New Taipei City mayor Li-Lun Jhu attended the ceremony with other political officers to offer good wishes.

According to the official timetable, the hospital will open in 2016. The construction will require three years. The FJCU Hospital will provide medical service for more than half a million local residents. University authorities have announced that the hospital will follow the spirit of Catholic teachings and thus be a patient-oriented hospital.

At the ceremony, President Chiang expressed his hearty appreciation for help from university colleagues and alumni from every corner of the world. Professional advice from Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital, Cathay Hospital, and Cardinal Tien Hospital has played an indispensable role in preparations for construction. Application for the Hospital Construction Certificate was approved in 2010 by authorities soon after the preparation team successfully completed architectural review. President Chiang said that the entire process of preparation could not have gone smoothly without the contribution of many people.

University authorities said at the ground-breaking ceremony that they would continue to offer golden a shovel as a token of thanks for patrons who donate \$NT 50,000 per month, and mini shovels for donations of \$NT 20,000.



Students Win Gold in the 2014 World University Cheerleading Championships

FJCU students won a gold medal in the 2014 World University Cheerleading Championships in the United States on January 20. The International Cheer Union (ICU) acknowledged the superior performance of Chia-Ni Tu and Ting-Yun Hu, two senior students in the Physical Education Department, in the Freestyle Pom Doubles Competition. This was the first gold medal for Taiwan in the ICU.

The two young women were ranked in the top 7 competition last year, and went on to triumph in January, 2014. Ming-Yun Guo, cheerleading coach in the PE Department, expressed her delight at hearing the gold medal. She added that although Tu and Hu had won Championships in the National Cheerleading Championships four times in Taiwan, both students soared higher than her expectations in 2014. On behalf of her cheerleading team, Ming-Yun Guo offered special thanks for support from the Chinese Taipei Cheerleading Association (CTCA). Without the helping hand of the CTCA, said Guo, nothing would have gone smoothly.

Chia-Ni Tu and Ting-Yun Hu told *Fu Jen Life* that the criteria of the ICU score sheet focused on performance techniques. It thus took them added effort and time to polish their dance. They felt that their rapport with each other was excellent, because of years of collaboration in improving their dancing skills. As for details about choreography and costume selection, they always seemed to come up with similar ideas.

Professor Jung-Lung Chen, Vice-President of FJCU said to *Fu Jen Life* that he particularly felt proud of their accomplishment. He added that since cheerleading competition has always been a tradition at Fu Jen, “Chia-Ni Tu and Ting-Yun Hu set a superior example to every student.”



MOE and NSC Recognizes Institutional Review Board at Fu Jen

The Institutional Review Board at Fu Jen (IRB) finished its process of qualification last October and has now won recognition from both the MOE and the National Science Council (NSC). Fu Jen Catholic University is the only private school among the other top 4 universities in Taiwan on the list.

The IRB was founded in 2003 and now adheres to guidance in the “Personal Data Protection Law” and the “Human Subject Research Act,” recently passed by the Legislative Yuan. Experienced consultants from relevant fields serve as the IRB committee, which monitors relevant research activities at Fu Jen and provides advice and contract support.

The mission of the Institutional Review Board is to protect the rights of every individual research subject and therefore ensure research ethics. The preparation standard for cutting-edge research in the fields of medicine, bio-medicine and social science must meet the criteria of the IRB. Universality is mandated to protect the rights and privacy of individuals in the practice of academic research. This effort demands intensive inspection of an academic databank and clear documentation of its information flow.

One of the missions of the IRB is to promote ethical sensitivities related to its human and animal subjects in academic research. At an IRB session, President Han-Sun Chiang expressed his gratitude for Fu Jen’s reception of the honor from the MOE and the NSC. He emphasized that the Institutional Review Board would continue to help campus scholars to update access to regulations and by all means reinforce the protection of human subjects.



Fu Jen Innovative Arts Exhibition

The Bachelor's degree in the Arts and Cultural Creation program together with the Computer Science and Information Engineering Department (CSIE Department) held their Innovative Arts Exhibition in the Fu Jen Gallery last summer. The theme of the exhibition was the wildness of youth in college life.

Student director Bu-Yuan Chang said in a Chinese publication that college life is the golden age for everyone. He explained that student artists at Fu Jen were trying to present "the bitter sweet taste of love, and all kinds of daydreams" as sources of innovation. He added that "affection and desire" also played an indispensable role in putting more flesh in drawings and sculptures.

Every member of the Arts and Cultural Creation program worked hand in hand for the preparation of the annual Innovative Arts Exhibition, a big event at Fu Jen. Budget control in the exhibition of every project was a crucial issue. On behalf of his colleagues, Chang offered sincere thanks for the helping hand and guidance the CSIE Department provided for the project. The Department not only approved students' entry to labs, but instructed them in the composition of digital artwork with advanced software such as Adobe Illustrator and ICAD. Chang told Fu Jen Life that he wanted to express his gratitude for the participation of every colleague.

Fu Jen College of Education Fostering Servant-Leaders for Tomorrow

The establishment of the College of Education as a result of changes in the College of Liberal Arts was approved by the Ministry of Education (MOE) in 2010. The mission of the College is to set a superior example of "servant-leadership" and spread Catholic spirit. "Triple L" (love, live, and laugh) is the motto of the College of Education, which consists of the Department of Physical Education, the Department of Library and Information Science, the Graduate School of Educational Leadership and Development, and the Center of Teacher-Education.

Integration of the individual departments of the College will take time due to differences in research focus. In a recent interview, Chih-Hsien Yang, the Dean of the College of Education, said that both the Department of Library and Information Science and the Department of Physical Education play a unique role in research-source integration. In addition, they also greatly help service-learning programs at Fu Jen. The two departments offer strong support to prompt "fun-reading" and other off-campus activities. Professor Yang believes student participation in such activities increases the quality of education at Fu Jen. He expressed further that the combined force of the different departments will offer mutual support for every unit in the College.

In addition, FJUC pays special attention to the underprivileged, and had established special service-learning programs prior to MOE initiatives. While the mission of the College of Medicine and the FJCU Hospital is to save lives with cutting-edge technology, the College of Education at Fu Jen is to serve society by enhancing its quality of education.

The College of Education strives to inspire young minds with the ideas of "servant-leadership" education. Its love, live, and laugh motto is meant to express the spirit of Catholic teachings. Since FJCU aims to provide holistic education, the university considers physical education as an important focus of its education and academic research. As an old adage puts it, "all people are meant to enjoy a sound mind in a sound body."



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IACP in the College of Human Ecology Learning-by-Doing

The Fu Jen College of Human Ecology was founded in 1994. There are five departments and two graduate schools in the college. Its education mission is to improve the quality of daily necessities through scientific research. In addition to its concentration on academic accomplishment, the college always pays careful attention in guiding its students in preparation for future careers. The college authorities have also established its Industry-Academic Collaboration Program (IACP).

Dean of the College of Human Ecology, Bing-Huei Chen, told *Fu Jen Life* that ICAP enables students to practice what they learn. For example, the Sheraton Hotel and several other prominent hotel corporations hold positive opinions of the ICAP and willingly grant its participants internship opportunities.

“Fu Ice-cream,” “Fu Coffee” and “Fu Chocolate” are the most popular Fu Jen Workshops on campus. In a Chinese publication, Professor Chen said that these sweets and drinks are both “tasty and safe.” The College of Human Ecology, he added, is a reliable and wise friend to everyone.

The Fu Jen College of Human Ecology also encourages its students to partake in other service-learning programs on campus in addition to ICAP. Teachers in Fu Jen service-learning programs lead students to weave clothing and collect necessities for elderly and disadvantaged groups in Taipei every winter. More than fifty volunteers eagerly offered time and assistance for persons in need last year. The Fu Jen College of Human Ecology strongly urges its students to “learn-by-doing.” Professor Chen emphasized to *Fu Jen Life* that it is the wish of every professor in the college to help students grow stronger and fly higher.

IEET Accreditation for Department of Computer Science and Department of Electrical Engineering

The Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering (CSIE Department) and the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE Department) received Institute of Engineering Education Taiwan (IEET) Accreditation in April, 2013. The accreditation marked the fruit of three long years of devotion and academic achievement on the part of preparation teams of both departments.

According to the Washington Accord and the Sydney Accord, the Institute of Engineering Education Taiwan is a member of the International Engineering Alliance. Moreover, the IEET is the most prominent accreditation institute in Taiwan. The accreditation is not an end result of a ranking system, but a step in the process of non-governmental peer-review. Continuous effort in the accredited programs to fulfill IEET accreditation criteria requirements is necessary. The accredited program must continuously renew its certification with sufficient evidence that it is meeting the latest IEET Accreditation standards.

The CSIE Department and the EE Department applied for IEET Accreditation in 2011, and hired consultants from both academic and industrial fields. In the end, both departments won international recognition. The Fu Jen College of Science and Engineering will continue to enhance its quality of education, thanks to IEET Accreditation.





“Voice of FJU” Collaborates with Radio Vaticana for a New Radio Program

Voice of FJU collaborated with Radio Vaticana to design and start broadcast of a new radio program for residents in Xinzhuang District last semester. Its content is in Chinese, and focus on relevant international news and important news related to Catholic teachings. The studio session begins at 12 o'clock and lasts 30 minutes.

Ting-Huei Chao, Director of the Fu Jen radio station and associate professor in the Department of Communication Arts, says that cooperation with Radio Vaticana will continue to help expand the horizons of Voice of FJU. According to Professor Chao, it was Professor Guo-Hsiung Chiang, a prominent researcher at Fu Jen, who on behalf of Voice of FJU discussed details of the cooperation with Radio Vaticana, which include radio-broadcasting, access to opportunities for summer internship and approval for downloadable programs.

In addition to the association with Radio Vaticana, Voice of FJU also continues to work hand in hand to coordinate radio programs with Funshion Radio of Nanyang Technological University. Professor Chao believes that Voice of FJU will keep striving to improve its international profile and promote values important to the university.

Master Program of Social Enterprise Building a Society of Justice and Love

Under the unstoppable waves of globalization, the so called M-shaped society phenomenon has become more prevalent, which has led to the exacerbation of a variety of social problems. The Fu Jen Master Program of Social Enterprise (MSE program) strives to offer a wake-up call for private sector industries. MSE ceaselessly combines forces of academia and social enterprises to improve quality of living for minorities.

By definition, “social enterprises” are companies which are devoted to social welfare. For example, “Taiwan People’s Food Bank” collects food and nutritional supplements for minorities, and has attracted the attention of researchers in MSE.

“The world can be better with the big helping hand of intellectuals who reach beyond the ivory tower,” says Professor Jer-San Hu, a professor in the Business Administration Department. Professor Hu and Chung-Shen Wu, Chair of the Sociology Department, are the architects of MSE. They recently organized workshops and continued to keep in contact with successful social enterprises.

MSE originated from a “social enterprise academic society” at FJCU in 2009. Its mission is to reach into every corner of society. Efforts MSE makes ultimately help Taiwanese grassroots social enterprises to develop skills in business management. Proof of job experience is demanded of the applicants before interviews are granted. Strong personal motivation is necessary for admission into the program.

In conclusion, MSE aims to promote the continual evolution of social enterprises and current social welfare system with a more proactive approach. Three development stages challenge participants in projects of MSE, each covering a three-year span. The first stage concentrates on theory development and its dissemination. Courses and training in social entrepreneurship and business consultation follow. In an innovative approach, tertiary stage emphasizes the incubation of social enterprises and construction of social venture frameworks.





The “Ordre des Palmes Academiques” Given to Prof. Hwang

The “Ordre des Palmes Academiques” (Order of Academic Palms, in English) was conferred upon Professor Sheue-Shya Hwang in honor of her devotion to strengthen French-Taiwan relations in 2013. The Ministry of National Education, Youth, and Sport (Ministre de l'Éducation nationale, de la Jeunesse et de la Vie associative) offers the “Ordre des Palmes Academiques” to mark her academic achievement and long-term contributions in spreading French culture every year. This is a rare award for a Taiwanese.

Professor Sheue-Shya Hwang is a professor in the French Department at Fu Jen Catholic University. Her specialties are French literature and French-teaching. President Han-Sun Chiang and several important university officers attended the award ceremony with Professor Hwang. Special guests from Tamkang University, Chinese Culture University and National Central University came to “Bureau Français de Taipei” to join the ceremony.

Professor Hwang is the founder of “Etudes Franco-Chinoises,” the most important French research periodical in Taiwan. Moreover, she once served as president of the Association des Professeurs de Français de Taiwan (APFT). APFT is the most influential French-teaching association in Taiwan. Reception of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques recognized her years of faithful service and contributions to academics.



Prof. Chien-Chang Hsu Receives “Joint-Project of Exceptional Quality Award” from NSCC

Chien-Chang Hsu, associate professor and Director of the Center of Information Technology, received the Joint-Project Exceptional Quality Award (全體計畫績優團隊獎) from the National Science Council (NSC) on August 30. His work, “The Study of Sleep Disorder Diagnosis, Homecare, and Adjuvant Therapy” was considered to be an unusually well-done joint-project. Professor Hsu on behalf of the research team attended the ceremony on October 30.

“The Study of Sleep Disorder Diagnosis, Homecare, and Adjuvant Therapy” was an advanced scientific joint research project, the theme of which was to examine the quality of homecare for patients with sleep disorders. This wider study can be generally categorized into three sub-projects, sleep disorders diagnosis system (SDD), music mate system (MMDB) and responsive cross mobile platform sleep services based on HTML5 (HSS). Professor Hsu offered his special thanks for his colleagues Professor Shin Mei and Professor Chia-Lian Shih, who coordinated these sub-projects with Dr. Chiu and Dr. Lin from the Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital.

Professor Chien-Chang Hsu expressed his delight at receiving the honor. His team surpassed 80 other research groups in the selection. Professor Hsu added that this research required five long years of hard work, and he felt appreciative of the devotion and hard work of every team member.

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Prof. Lin-Liu Receives Medal of Deutsch-Taiwan Friendship from GIT

Professor Hwei-Ann Lin-Liu has received the award, the “Medal of Deutsch-Taiwan Friendship” (original title, Deutsch-Taiwanischen Freundschaftsmedaille) from the German Institute in Taipei (GIT). The award ceremony, “Preisträger der zweiten Verleihung der Deutsch-Taiwanischen Freundschaftsmedaille 2013,” was held on June 24.

Professor Lin-Liu’s specialties are Germany literature and socio-linguistics. She has dedicated herself to the translation of works by Nobel Prize author Günter Grass. Professor Lin-Liu has taught German literature at FJCU for nearly thirty years since her completion of Ph.D. studies in linguistics at Goethe University Frankfurt.

Dr. Michael Zickerick, current Director-General of GIT, stated in the ceremony that the Medal of Deutsch-Taiwan Friendship is not only to honor her years of contribution to the Deutsch-Taiwan alliance, but also the academic achievement of the nominees. He noted that Professor Lin-Liu has prompted a series of exhibitions about the German Nobel laureate, and continues to inspire youth. “A Writer’s Vision: The Poetry and Paintings of Günter Grass” in 2007 and a year later “Agitation Century,” for example, were important events in Taiwan. These exhibitions further enhanced Taiwanese people’s understanding of art and literature in Germany. Dr. Michael Zickerick concluded his remarks by saying that Professor Lin-Liu fully deserved the Medal of Deutsch-Taiwan Friendship.

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2013 Conference on Talent-Development and Competitiveness Enhancement

2013 Conference on Talent-Development and Competitiveness Enhancement Inspires Young Students

The 2013 Conference on Talent-Development and Competitiveness Enhancement at FJCU took place on October 16. Political Deputy of the Ministry of Education Der-Hwa Chen attended the conference and spoke as an honored guest. Several well known managers also participated and shared their career experiences with students.

Shang-Jr Gong, Dean of the Academic Affairs Office, gave good news to the conference participants with his announcement that Fu Jen will establish its own Talent-Development program. Professor Gong said that intensive industry-academic cooperation can help students discern the next steps they should take in life. Courses and training in the Talent-Development Program include areas of study to develop professional skills for students at Fu Jen such as preparation for internships, language proficiency, and essential social etiquette.

In the conference, Professor Gong stressed that with the deterioration of the global economy, talent-development has become a crucial issue. Wider access to internship opportunities will guarantee sufficient exposure to the wider world. To follow Catholic teachings, university authorities and several alumni work hand in hand to provide guidance for every freshman at Fu Jen.



A Rewarding Summer for Volunteers at Paray-le-Monial

To reinforce ties between Taiwan and France, the FJU Rainbow Voluntary Team has developed its exchange program “Summer Vacation Volunteer Work at Paray-le-Monial” with well known French non-profit organization “La Communauté de l’ Emmanuel.” This special program uses service-learning to enhance efforts at cultural exchange, internationalization and understanding of cultural life experiences.

Summer Vacation Volunteer Work at Paray-le-Monial recently marked its 12th year. The FJU Rainbow Voluntary Team conducts an official recruitment drive every year. Only 8 lucky students of the 30 excellent candidates in the French Department gain entry into this exchange opportunity. In addition, the FJU Rainbow Voluntary Team continues to prepare its chef presentation “Starry Night of Taiwan” to introduce Taiwanese cuisine to their French peers. To their surprise, their French friends much prefer jiaozi over bubble tea.

“La Communauté de l’ Emmanuel” provides accommodation in return for Fu Jen assistance. The whole activity is divided into two rounds, each lasting three weeks. The volunteers have opportunities to follow local social workers for visits to remote communities. In a recent report to *Fu Jen Life*, the students reflected that their involvement in “Summer Vacation Volunteer Work at Paray-le-Monial” not only helped them improve their French, but opened their eyes as well. Ren-Huei Liu, a junior and team leader in the French Department, confirmed that it was a grand tour for everyone. She said that every member of the team learned a great lesson about life and France in this program.



Picture provided by Lan-Ya Deng

Outstanding Alumna Helps Lead Health Diplomacy in Saint Lucia

Lan-Ya Deng, a well-known alumna from the Department of Public Health, did much to promote “health diplomacy” in Saint Lucia in 2013. She made significant contributions in a two-year program sponsored by Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF). The mission of the program was to spread health knowledge to the people of Saint Lucia and therefore encouraged them to take better care of their health.

Lan-Ya Deng told *Fu Jen Life* recently that most residents of Saint Lucia are overweight because of an unbalanced diet, and because of a lack of physical fitness. It is widely-known that obesity is among the causes of various chronic diseases. Thus Taiwan ICDF concluded in its first visit that intensive control of blood sugar and blood pressure is a crucial issue. Residents of Saint Lucia were not immediately ready to embrace what Taiwan ICDF taught. Thus Ms. Deng and her colleagues established workshops and sports clinics after an overall survey and series of interviews. The preparation team offered step by step coaching with an emphasis on aerobic exercise and diet.

According to a Chinese publication, Lan-Ya Deng added that most Taiwanese suffer similar problems at home because of a lack of balanced dining habits. She strongly urged more vegetables and fruits in daily diets. An adage “You are what you eat” can best express her notion of a healthier lifestyle.



International Students at Fu Jen Scored Well in Rotary Club Chinese Speech Contest

International students in Fu Jen Language Center scored well in the 2013 Rotary Club Chinese Speech Contest. One student won second place, while other teammates placed fourth and seventh among the eighty remaining contenders.

The Rotary Club of Taipei Evergreen holds its Chinese Speech Contest and offers several other awards for the best speakers every year. One foreign student said to *Fu Jen Life*, “Chinese learning is a great challenge, because a simple word consists of various ways of intonation, while its pronunciation sounds indistinguishably similar.” However, many of these students plan to teach Chinese in their home countries. These students consider Chinese one of the most important international languages.

A Chinese publication reported that Father Victor Carlos Yparraguirre, director of the Language Center at Fu Jen, expressed his delight at hearing such good news, and said that the Fu Jen Language Center will always support overseas students with professional trainings and variety of language courses. He concluded by saying that these students had made great improvement in their language study. Father Yparraguirre offered his special thanks for the devotion of colleagues in the Language Center.

International Corner Offers Access for Language Exchange

The Fu Jen College of Foreign Language and International Corner prepared a wrap-up presentation and series of activities for international students on December 4, 2013. The students shared what they learned during the semester. French majors even surprised their French friends by their presentation of “Les Champs Élysées” at the French Corner.

At the beginning of every semester, the International Corner recruits international students from Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Japan as new blood for tutors. Every student at Fu Jen is welcomed to the Corner for chat and cultural-exchange. International students easily make more local friends there. On the other hand, these Taiwanese students help them learn more about Chinese culture and language. Then these international students have a better understanding of daily life in Taiwan. Foreign students at Fu Jen are thus more able to overcome culture shock with a little help from their good friends.

Current news events, sport news, and music are the most popular topics at International Corner. Activities based on special events in different cultures are held periodically. For example, the Japanese Corner conducts presentations on various topics such as Japanese wedding customs, tourism and handcraft art every semester.

To take different levels of language fluency into account, International Corner has arranged more games and relaxing activities in its future schedule in the hope of planting the seeds of enthusiasm for learning. Most freshmen in Taiwan do not have sufficient exposure to European languages before they attend college. Sources for Japanese and English acquisition remain comparatively more accessible through international corner. This activity-centered approach is needed to boost students’ motivation and helps them master these foreign languages.

The mission of International Corner is to provide a communication platform as ideal as possible for students from every corner of the world. While Taiwanese students learn about foreign cultures, their foreign tutors enjoy the helpful warmth and hospitality of Taiwan. Fu Jen authorities hope International Corner will continue to reinforce and strengthen the ties between students on campus.





27th Taiwan Fashion Design Award Given to Textile and Clothing Department at Fu Jen

Three student fashion designers in the Department of Textile and Clothing won the Taiwan Fashion Design Award and two excellent-design awards in the 27th Taiwan Fashion Design Competition in Taipei City last October. Reception of three awards in the competition was a great encouragement to the Department of Textile and Clothing.

The Industrial Development Bureau (IDB) holds its Taiwan Fashion Design Competition and offers abundant award every year. It is an important annual event for gifted young designers in Taiwan. The 27th competition became more challenging because IDB strongly encouraged to international competitors.

Pei-Rung Lian won the best design award soon after her graduation. She expressed delight at receiving such an honor and happily claimed a prize of US \$10,000. The Fu Jen students were nominated for honors in “most unusual-well done design” among several hundreds of other candidates. Lian said that the nomination was an unexpected surprise.

Lian said to *Fu Jen Life* that Mother Nature was her Muse. The theme of her design was about “environment-friendliness.” She adapted wool and other materials to symbolize the geometry of mountains-and-rivers. Lian once traveled around Taiwan with her father when she was a child. Lian added that she would save her reward for future study abroad.



2014 Fu Jen Life Education Winter Camps

The Fu Jen Corps of Rural Areas Education Service (CORAES) and the Yuanta Cultural & Educational Foundation (Yuanta Foundation) concluded its 2014 Fu Jen Life Education Winter Camps on January 24. The Vice-President for Mission at Fu Jen, Father Leszek Niewdana, and Yuanta Foundation Chair Li-Chung Du attended the Honour Day ceremony together and presented scholarships to students from remote villages to recognize their impressive academic performance.

The theme of courses and outdoor activities of the Winter Camp was “Life Education.” FJCU led students from Jieshou Junior High School and St. Anne’ s Church to visit the Genesis Social Welfare Foundation. The participants’ service for the Genesis Social Welfare Foundation not only helped visually-impaired people there but also enabled every teammate to understand more about life.

Teaching materials for the winter camp included picture books and other outdoor activities. The staff of CORAES also prepared special presentations about the traditions of the Atayal tribe to enhance the students’ understanding of indigenous people.

The Corps of Rural Areas Education Service established “Remote FJU,” an online-tutoring program in 2007, and provided online instruction for children in remote communities. Volunteers in Remote FJU prepare various activities and courses for its pupils every year. Tze-Han Lu, Director of CORAES told *Fu Jen Life* that the spirit and values of Catholic teachings at FJCU are a second home and loyal companion for the individual pupils with CORAES. She added that university authorities hope to express more care and warmth for underprivileged students who do not just learn knowledge, but wisdom as well.

The 2014 Fu Jen Life Education Winter Camp was an important event for students from remote villages, because “Grandma Du,” Chair of the Yuanta Foundation, prepares different surprises for these students every year. Nearly a hundred volunteers participated in the January party. In addition to scholarships, Grandma Du gave chocolate, sweets and red-envelopes to the students as farewell gifts at the end of party.



Fu Jen Carnival and Its Starry Christmas Marathon

Fu Jen Catholic University held its Fu Jen Carnival and 2013 Starry Christmas Marathon last Christmas. In the spirit of Catholic, the preparation team helped to collect receipts to make a donation to the Institute for the Blind in Taiwan. Several influential alumni attended the carnival to offer their best wishes on December 7.

The theme of Fu Jen Carnival was "Love: the light of life, the salt of living," while Starry Xmas Marathon adopted "Exercise is Elixir" as its slogan this year. University authorities always pay their attention to the overall development of students at Fu Jen.

Two visually-impaired student athletes took on the mission of the torch relay in the opening ceremony, and impressed the audience with their unbendable strength of life. Fu Jen Carnival offered various outdoor activities for every member in the university and for its neighbors in Xinzhuang City.

The marathon preparation staff distributed a timing-chip to every participant who immediately receives an accurate record once he or she arrived at the finish line. A special team, "The light of life," consisted of visually-impaired students also smoothly finished the Starry Christmas Marathon. The marathon brought a happy ending for Fu Jen Carnival.



Monsters University Best Design Award Is Conferred Upon Fu Jen Students

Pixar Animation Studios has given Fu Jen Department of Applied Arts (AART Department) students its Best-Design Award in the "Monster University Character Design Competition." Two Taiwanese American animators from Pixar Studios attended a press conference at Fu Jen Catholic University on June 11, 2013. To mark the occasion, the company representatives at the ceremony conferred the award and shared their career experiences in the hope of inspiring promising youth.

For its latest film, Pixar Animation Studios held its popular Monster University Character Design Competition last March. Thousands of students in Taiwan participated in the competition, and presented projects with great enthusiasm. After various stages of evaluation and selection, the Fu Jen AART team eventually won the coveted Best-Design Award among nine other top candidates. The team from National Taiwan University of Arts placed second for its well-done design, with National Chengchi University taking third place.

Fu Jen senior Chun-Cheng Wang on behalf of his team expressed his delight at receiving the honor from Pixar Studios. Wang said that, in retrospect, he and his teammates once sorely suffered from a tight schedule because the AART Graduate Exhibition was pressing at that time. He expressed great surprise at winning the award, which included individually designed MU Student ID Cards and MU Coats.

University officers consider this to be a great encouragement for the AART Department. Professor Shang-Shing Chou, Vice-President of the university, expressed his appreciation for the achievement. He offered special congratulations and best wishes for the students at the award ceremony.





Taking Care of the Earth on New Year's Eve

The opening ceremony of No Trash to the Smiling 101, an environmental-cleaning project, was held at Fu Jen Catholic University on December 31, 2013. "Smile Union" gathers thousands of voluntary college students every year to work with personal garbage for pick-up after New Year's Eve countdown parties in Taipei 101. In the opening ceremony, Ying-Chou Wang, associate professor and Dean of the Student Affairs Office at Fu Jen, expressed his commendation to the students for their service.

According to statistics of the Department of Environmental Protection (DOEP, 台北市環保局), revelers at downtown leave tens tons of trash in countdown parties every year, because hundreds of thousands of revelers attend the New Year's Eve festivities. According to a Chinese publication, officers of DOEP offered their special thanks for Smile Union, saying "Cleaning would be more troublesome without the help of voluntary students."

Dung-Yan Wu, a junior in the Fu Jen Bachelor Program of Business Management, said to Fu Jen Life, "We can do something more for the environment rather than just watching a breath-taking fireworks display." She added that this is the most important reason she urges her friends to join the march of "Smile Union" every year.

FJCU Renews Online Tutoring Project Contract with CHT Foundation

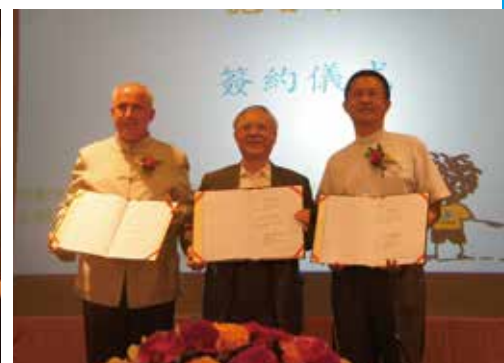
Yan-Sung Li, president of Chunghwa Telecom (CHT) and the CHT Foundation, and Father Jih-Liang Chang, representative of FJCU and principal of Fu Jen High School, announced the contract renewal for Fu Jen's Online Tutoring project at a press conference on October 6. This was the sixth time that contract was renewed.

FJCU and the CHT Foundation have been cooperating on its "Digital Good Neighbor Online-Tutoring" project (數位好鄰居) since 2006. Further integration of the preparation team "Remote FJU" with professional assistance from the Ministry of Education (MOE) began later. The Online-Tutoring Project combines technology and academic sources, and enables volunteers to conduct online instruction for children in remote communities. Its main purpose is to grant the children more access to learning and step by step bridge the digital divide.

On behalf of the CHT Foundation, President Li attended the October 6 ceremony. He expressed appreciation for professional guidance from FJCU. President Li offered his special thanks for two colleagues at Fu Jen, Hung-Yen Lin, a lecturer in the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering, and Tze-Han Lu, consultant in the College of Foreign Language. Presently, the project services nine areas. Most of the tutors involved instruct pupils from rural villages which suffered the worst damage from Typhoon Morakot in 2009.

In a Chinese publication, Ms. Lu said that she was delighted to behold the fruit "Online Tutoring." She was particularly happy for an indigenous student who was able to enter the Sociology Department at National Taiwan University. "She wanted to do the right thing. She made her own decision, not for reasons of profit, but because she wanted to assist underprivileged people hiding in shadowy corners," said Ms. Lu. The main aim of the Digital Good Neighbor Online-Tutoring Project is to offer care and wisdom in addition to technical knowledge for the pupils.

In the ceremony, university authorities declared that FJCU would continuously improve the project and work with the combined force of the MOE, the CHT Foundation, and the Yuanta Cultural and Educational Foundation for the good of underprivileged students. Their smooth cooperation should brighten prospects for youth in the remote villages.



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