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FJCU's School of Continuing Education (SOCE), established in 1969, is now 48 years old, and is the largest in scale in all of Taiwan. Currently, the SOCE holds 16 departments and degree programs, and is home for more than 4800 students. To help students facing financial, physical and mental challenges as well as those who did not experience privileged childhoods, the SOCE was established to particularly nurture students "to become citizens with power and influence in the spirit of Jesus Christ." After 48 years, this mission appears even more important today than it was in the past, due to the increasingly huge gap between the wealthy and the poor, and the severe changes we are facing in our climate and environment.

The SOCE covers four main areas. It provides students with comprehensive and diverse courses in domains such as arts and creation, business application, language and culture, and software and information. Also, the SOCE is well equipped and grants students access to all resources on the FJCU campus. Not only that, but the SOCE actively invites experts from local industry to join the teaching faculty. This allows students to apply what they learn in the classroom in practical work situations. In addition, the SOCE has a well-established counseling system that offers valuable assistance to students in their lives on and off campus.

Students in the SOCE enjoy rights equal to those of the day division students. In the application process for the teacher education program, and an assortment of programs in every college, they can even apply for a minor or choose to be a double major in preparation for a second profession. In order to encourage diverse learning and expand students' international experience and horizons, the SOCE offers students exchange opportunities and international dual degree programs. Moreover, students also receive overseas internship opportunities or overseas service-learning opportunities. All in all, the SOCE strives for one thing, and one thing only, which is to create benefits for the life plans of its students, and to sharpen their competitive edge.

In face of the impact of low birthrate in Taiwan, the SOCE is actively pursuing ways to transform and meet societal changes. On a University level, FJCU has set "health, medical service and design" as its major future direction. In working with the University's major goal, some SOCE departments will reorganize in an attempt to become a whole new continuing learning and education institute in the future. ㊦





Sharpen Competitive Edge for the Department of Textiles and Clothing as New College

It has been years since the department of textiles and clothing expressed its desire to become an independent college. Since action taken by the university senate in the recent spring semester of 2016, with 138 approval votes versus 2 disapprovals, the department is about to realize its dream. At a meeting in march 2017, the board of trustees confirmed that fu jen would officially establish its college of textiles and clothing aug 1, 2017. The college is to include the department of textiles and clothing, the graduate institute of museum studies, and an ma program in brand and fashion management.

The Department had been a part of the Department of Home Economics and Nutrition, and became an independent department under the College of Science in 1970. The first Department chair was Sister Maryta Laumann, a member of the religious order founded in Germany, the Sisters, Servants of the Holy Spirit. In 1994, the Department developed three tracks of studies—textile design, fashion design, and textile and fashion marketing. The Department filed applications at the time with the Ministry of Education, and sought approval for an individual entrance exam for the three tracks and the

establishment of the College of Human Ecology.

Professor Cai Shu-li, Dean of the College of Human Ecology, teaches courses in textiles and fashion marketing. Cai remarks that students of the three tracks in the Department acquire very different areas of knowledge. First of all, textiles design training focuses on skills in knitting, tatting, printing and sweater-making in the upper stream of the fashion industry. Secondly, fashion design training centers on fashion design, which includes the design of clothing and accessories in the middle stream of the industry. Finally, textile marketing emphasizes the training of marketing and branding abilities in the lower stream of the industry. It is obvious that students take different classes that equip them with various skills. This is why the Department has been longing to develop these three tracks into three separate departments so that each could search for and utilize resources for its own needs and cultivate its own individuality.

As an institution, FJCU is college-oriented. All resources and development projects need to be specified in order to best allocate resources to where they are



needed most. Cai says that in the past, one and a half years serving as the Dean of the College of Human Ecology, she realized that the Department is very different from the other four departments in the College. For instance, the Department of Child and Family Studies, the Department of Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management, the Department of Food Science and the Department of Nutrition Science all aim at the pursuance of happiness and health. The Department of Textiles and Clothing, on the other hand, pursues design and branding, different directions in comparison with the rest of the College. After the College of Textiles and Clothing is established, both Colleges could focus better, she observes, on their core missions which, in turn, should boost the image and development of both colleges.

It is not uncommon overseas to see an educational institute of textiles or clothing established on the level of a college. There are even schools dedicated entirely to this profession, which gives these institutes clear images and stances. Consider, for example, Beijing Institute of Fashion Design in China, Nihon Bunka University in Japan, Institut Français de la Mode (IFM) in France, and Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in the U.S. Cai adds that the Department of Textiles and Clothing is 47 years old, and has nurtured more than 1100 students. Moreover, the Chinese Textiles and Clothing Culture Center of the Department has housed more than 10,000 pieces of clothing and textile collections. Innovative Center also has

been developing new products for the industry which has in turn shown great respect to the Department.

“But due to the fact that we are just a department, we naturally are inferior to colleges and universities in terms of inter-college or inter-university collaborations. This is because a department does not share equal rights as a college or a university does, so we were placed in an inferior position in the past.”

Cai remarks that after the Department turns into a College, it will be able to develop its own strategies. It will establish a research center that focuses on the study of future development areas. Research will breed production, which will increase opportunities to obtain more industry-university collaborative projects. Also, the College will promote service learning that allows students to display their professional abilities, to cultivate their collective sense of humanistic accomplishment, and to nurture their sense of social responsibility. Cai adds, “the Department has been working very hard, and has been one of the leading departments at FJCU. After it becomes a College, it will attract resources to the University, and share them. We will collaborate with other FJCU colleges. It is our hope that the College will become a true driving force in innovation for the future.”





Social Care Program of the College of Science and Engineering reaches remote schools, Text Books Become Animated Films

To solve the problems of digital divide and resource shortage in remote villages, the FJCU College of Science and Engineering collaborated with the Remote Care Center (偏鄉關懷中心) and Service Learning Center in launching a new program “Technology and Social Care” (科技與社會關懷) in the 105 academic year (2016). The College hopes to realize its professionalism in technology, and manifest the characteristics of technological education for remote areas in Taiwan.

The program for technology and social care is carefully designed. In addition to teaching basic common core areas of knowledge, the program also invites professional animation lecturers to teach students how to make videos. In addition, workshops for education about social care were organized for students so that they can connect “education, service and remote village” in this program. The program also collaborates with the remote care

center, which, in addition to the ordinary curriculum, must offer “distance tutoring” to junior high school students in remote schools. The program is designed in a very diverse manner.

It is worth mentioning that by the end of the program, students need to complete a work of video animation of two to three minutes duration, which addresses the high school curriculum, and presents its material in an interesting manner. In other words, students have to turn hard knowledge into attractive animation films for high school students. College Dean Li Yong-an says that the program of technology and social care aims at caring for remote high school students who have difficulties in experiencing technology education. This is the reason why the College has opened this program. Its aim and reason to exist are to help young people to bridge the digital divide. The program is also very beneficial to students in that they have the chance to put what they learn into practice

by designing appropriate teaching plans and productions of animated film for high school students. Li says, "The teaching material that has to be incorporated in the animation itself is not easy. For this program to be more challenging for students in the program, the producers need to put themselves in the shoes of their viewing audience, the very students at remote schools they want to reach. The animated works must simplify complex ideas so that they are easy for the viewers to absorb."

Furthermore, the College also arranged a one-day field trip for students of the program to meet the students at Jie-shou Junior High School who will benefit from these efforts. Jie-shou is located in the Fu-xing district Taoyuan. Through this field trip, students experienced the shortage of resources and the difficulties facing remote school students. The one-day field trip also included an end of the semester presentation on animation. The aim was to invite constructive comments and feedback from the teachers and students at Jie-shou Junior High school, which in turn helps students to make better animation. What's more,

since Fu-xing district is populated by Atayal people, in the field trip, FJCU students received more understanding of the indigenous culture with which they were dealing. In addition, students also visited the local Catholic parish church for greater knowledge as well.

Dean Li said the students of the program "must engage in difficult missions from planning to plotting, from designing the animation to writing the script. The presentation of their works of animation also serves as another opportunity for students to learn an extra skill." As for the future of this program, Li said that the animation results of the first semester will be provided to teachers of Jie-shou Junior High School. The long-term plan and hope is that the program will accumulate a fair quantity of animation so that a data base can be established for all junior high schools in Taiwan. With this accomplishment, education that serves the remote school students will truly be comprehensive and accessible. ㊦





MGEM Welcome Banquet for the New Cohort

The 11th floor of the Cardinal Shan Medical Building was the venue for a welcoming banquet the Master of Global Entrepreneurial Management (MGEM) Program recently sponsored for the 39 students of Cohort 8. FJCU faculty members and MGEM alumni were among the attendees.

MGEM is a joint-program offered by Fu Jen Catholic University (FJCU in Taiwan), Universitat of Ramon Llull (IQS in Spain) and the University of San Francisco (USF in the U.S.). The program provides one-year intensive courses divided into trimesters. Graduates receive a master's degree accredited jointly by these three schools. MGEM has been ranked in 2015 and 2016 in 77th place among the Best Master's Programs in Management Worldwide by The Financial Times.


Private universities receive relatively fewer resources than public universities. Since FJCU's College of Management enjoys wide international support, and aggressively pursues contacts, it has been able to design a diverse program that attracts students worldwide. With this international spirit, the College is self-financing, and able to welcome the services of an excellent faculty. College of Management programs also benefit from the contributions of regular guest lecturers.

MGEM Director Professor Lin Yao-nan says that FJCU values MGEM greatly. A welcoming dinner is organized every year to show incoming students the enthusiasm and passion of our university. FJCU President Vincent Chiang mentioned in opening remarks at the banquet that MGEM is not only a very special program, but also the most internationalized program in the College of Management. Attendees also included the four FJCU vice presidents

and three Jesuits, the late Father Daniel Ross (1933~2017), Father Yen Ren-ji, and Father Edmund Ryden.

Cohort 8 gathers 39 students from twenty different countries in five continents. The number of countries involved outnumbers previous cohort groups, and makes Cohort 8 exceptional for its diversity. Director Lin says the diverse background of the students is a key characteristic of the program. With such a student composition, MGEM aims to expand students' worldview and increase their global mobility.

Zhang Yü, secretary of MGEM remarked at the banquet that Cohort 8 consisted of 10 tables, with each table sitting at least 1, if not 2 alumni. In words they addressed to the gathering, two alumni shared their experience with the new students. Zhang Bo-yuan, a graduate of Cohort 7, touched on several phenomena related to differences in culture. Taiwanese culture stresses the virtue of respect for the elderly in society, and for teachers as well. Students in Taiwan, said Zhang, often find it impossible to voice their opinions freely. The other student who shared his experience at the dinner was Kim, who is Spanish and a graduate of Cohort 5. Kim is an organizer for the association MGEM graduates. He is also active in arranging for talks on entrepreneurship.

Secretary Zhang said that although students in the program come from every corner of the world, and work with one another daily. Such involvement strengthens personal bonds. Some foreign students say that developing meaningful and deep friendships with their Taiwanese counterparts at FJCU is an unexpected but cherished present that their MGEM experience gives to them. 



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2017 marks the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's revelation, and is being celebrated around the Catholic world with an international procession of blessings. FJCU was the first stop of the Taiwan procession. In the afternoon of February 18th, the university prepared for the arrival of Our Lady, whose procession included the nearly completed Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital. The procession also featured the lighting of Taiwan's largest sized individual cross. It was estimated that over one thousand Catholics joined this holy event.

The day the Our Lady of Fátima procession arrived at FJCU was also the day the university's hospital held its lighting ceremony for the Cross that is displayed high upon the wall of the structure. Ceremony participants

gathered in front of the cross to sing in Chinese "We are Weak," a prayer to Our Lady. The hymn was sung as the 9-floor tall Cross was lit up. The spectacle was both dignified and elegant. President Vincent Chiang said the lighted Cross symbolizes the fact that Jesus brought light to a dark world. In the same manner, Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital will bring peace and hope to those who suffer from sickness and disease.

The cross placed on the wall of the hospital is the largest in scale in all of Taiwan. At 39.8 meters in length and 20.2 meters in width, the cross was made of punched titanium zinc plate, which is both anti-corrosive and environmentally-friendly. Former legislator Yang Yu-xin, also known as an angel with rare disease, said that it is



profound that the lighting ceremony coincides with the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fátima. She expressed her sincerest hope that the hospital will pass the gift of love to patients in the future.

In 1917, a Marian apparition took place in Fátima, Portugal. Since that day, Fátima has become a preferred destination, a veritable holy pilgrimage, for Catholics the world over. This year, Pope Francis was instrumental in processions of 6 statues of Our Lady in every continent to proclaim Mary's messages of peace, benevolence, and love to the world. Taiwan is the third stop of the Fátima procession where FJCU, a well known Catholic University, is the first venue to welcome it.

The Immaculate Conception Chapel at FJCU organized a welcoming mass and vigil dedicated to Our Lady on the night of February 17. Bishop John Hung Shan-chuan, SVD and President of the Chinese Regional Bishop's conference, and the President of FJCU, Dr. Vincent Chiang, greeted the attendees. The chaplain of FJCU, Father John Lai Shou-Chung, TDD remarked that there are over eighty Catholic universities worldwide with the common goal in their mission of education, the sharing of the greatness of knowledge. Since FJCU has over 27,000 students, it is truly a temple that cultivates talent and professionalism.





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Our Lady of Fátima pays tremendous attention to care for the sick and youngest in society, as well as the special needs of families. In the same manner, FJCU hopes that soon-to-open “Hospital with Souls” will provide holistic treatment to patients whose body, mind and spirit will be well cared for. Fu Jen Catholic Hospital is expected to begin its full operations in September 2017. The exterior of the hospital resembles Noah’s Ark, with a very visible cross that symbolizes kindness, inclusiveness, and warmth. ☪

*Facts about FJCU Catholic Hospital:

The Hospital has 19 floors, among which, 4 are in the basement. It was designed by HKS, Inc., an American international architecture firm that specializes in medical architectural design and planning. The large cross at FJCU Hospital is the largest in Taiwan. It is 39.8 meters in length and 20.2 meters in width. The cross is made of elegant and natural punched metal of titanium zinc. The oxidized surface makes the environmental-friendly titanium zinc plate both weather-resistant and anti-corrosive. Also, since the surface of the cross is punched, the LED light shines through at night, which adds to the artistic power of the cross.





School of Continuing Education

Established in 1969, the former night school of FJCU, or today's School of Continuing Education (SOCE), is 48 years old. The SOCE consists of 11 departments and 5 Bachelor's programs. It offers continuing education for senior/ vocational high school graduates and the general public on weekday nights and Saturday mornings.

Missions of the SOCE at FJCU

- (1) To serve financially disadvantaged students
- (2) To serve re-admitting students
- (3) To serve physically and mentally challenged students
- (4) With the love of Jesus, the SOCE at FJCU strives to offer a deep and effective university education for the good of all our local society.

Mission Statement

(1) Aiming at a holistic education that manifests the University mottoes-- truth, goodness, beauty, and holiness - - the SOCE provides a life-long learning environment to serve students and nurture future talents for Taiwan.

(2) The SOCE emphasizes the nurturing of students by expanding their knowledge and sharpening their professional skills. In particular, the SOCE wants to equip



students with enduring humanistic accomplishments, people-oriented thinking abilities, interpersonal communication expertise, and skills in logical thinking and competent judgment.

(3)The SOCE has designed a variety of practical programs that benefit from the guidance of experts in our local industry. In the SOCE, students learn to put theories into practice to meet their needs for future careers.

(4)SOCE students are encouraged to make good use of its diverse learning channels, including participation in curriculums for double major students and students who minor in another SOCE department or enroll in an additional Bachelor's degree program. Students are also allowed to minor in programs or departments that are only available in the day division of the university.

Teaching Facilities

The SOCE buildings consist of Building A, with eight floors, and Building B, with 10 floors above the ground. Classrooms for professional purposes include a computer lab, a lounge for the practice of calligraphy and student relaxation, a graduation project lab, and a room reserved

for student activities. In addition, the SOCE provides a lounge and study area for professors, as well as a student learning center. All these venues offer members of the Fu Jen community a positive environment for learning and research.

Departments and Bachelor's Programs

Department of Chinese Literature

The Department aims at "studying the relationship between the unearthly and the mundane, and looking through changes in the world from the past till the present." It strives to nurture professionals in Chinese Studies who can master words to express their ideas, emotions and practical matters. Another goal of the Department is to develop students' competence in combining physical media and computer expertise for creative writing.

Department of History

The Department helps student to develop a solid historic literacy and skills for a variety of fields.

Department of Philosophy

The Department develops students' individual thinking and



ability for judgment, and increases student competency in logical thinking. The goal of the Department is to help students think with care, to cultivate themselves, and to eventually become excellent leaders in society.

Department of Religious Studies

The Department provides a comprehensive and diverse program for “Theories and Practices of Creation in Religious Culture,” and “Certificate of Religious Rituals.” The Department has an Industry-University Cooperation Center, which organizes creative religious fairs and presents students’ graduation projects on a regular basis.

Department of Japanese Language and Literature

The Department trains students with five language competencies, including listening, speaking, reading, writing and translating. Meanwhile, it expands student views in the field of Studies of Japan. The department actively encourages students to embark on international exchange study at the University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo.

Department of English Language and Literature

The Department is keen on creating internship

opportunities for students. It has established strong networks with the help of alumni in industry, and local government and academia to generate industry-university cooperative opportunities.

Department of Applied Arts

The Department pursues quality of life, and promotes an environment for comfortable learning. It incorporates applied skills and elevates the quality of life so that students and faculty members alike sense the fullness of lives that are full of a sense of the true, the good, the beautiful and the holy in actual experience. The Department also aspires to integrate design knowledge and train design talents with a holistic sense of values.

Bachelor Degree Program of Art and Cultural Creation

This Bachelor Degree Program has gathered renowned lecturers from both academia and the industry to strengthen industrial-university cooperation and to create a seamless continuation of study and work. This Program actively organizes international exchanges with Queensland University of Technology (QUT), which has partnered and signed into a Joint-Dual Degree Program with the Program.



ABOUT COLLEGE



Department of Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management

Among similar academic programs in Taiwan, the Department has an admirably high number of faculty members who are broadly developed and equipped for services in the field of restaurant, hotel and institutional management.

Bachelor Degree Program of Sport Recreation Management

The Program nurtures talents in Sport Recreation Management who are proactive in behavior and thinking, and who cherish physical exercise and recreation. Its faculty is devoted to both the beauty and importance of recreation in human life.

Department of Economics

Economics exists where people exist. No one can afford to overlook the importance of economics. Economics is the philosophy of life and business, and society greatly benefits from a knowledge of business studies.

Bachelor's Degree Program in Business Management

FJCU's Bachelor's Degree Program is the first Program accredited twice by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) between two sides of the Strait. The College has spared no effort in cultivating the Program in the SOCE.

Department of Library and Information Science

The curriculum design of the department centers on library science and information technology. All its classes relate closely to library science and studies of information technology.

Bachelor's Program in Software Creation

Centering on information infrastructure and software

engineering, the program aims to nurture students' competence in developing cross-fields digital creation applications.

Department of Law

The Department nurtures law professionals so that they have a solid legal background and literacy. It aims to train students to respect professional work ethics, practice social justice, and facilitate Taiwan's economy and trade. The department also strives for academic research that contributes to local society.

Bachelor's Program in Mass Communication

This Bachelor's Program centers on radio, TV, video / film, advertisement, PR and internet media. Moreover, it is strengthened with fundamental cores such as journalism and education classes. The Program has its own physical and electronic journals that allow students to develop and sharpen their writing skills. ㊦



SOCE TUG OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP A SHOW OF SPORTSMANSHIP

The SOCE sponsored the 2016 “Herbal Lady” Tug of War Championship on December 14 in the plaza of the SOCE building. The competition had a beautiful conclusion. Director of Sports and Recreation Management (SRM) Professor Yang Han-chen organized the event. Senior students in SRM joined with students from 15 other SOCE departments.

In a highly-spirited competition that required tense minutes of “ferocious” struggle, the English Department emerged as the champion. The Department of Library and Information Science took second place. University authorities invited Vice president for academic affairs Professor Jeng-Tay (J.T.) Yuan and Vice president for Mission Father Leszek Niewdana SVD to offer remarks and award trophies. The ceremony also included performances by the FJCU Choir, which delighted its audience with a collection of inspiring Christmas carols. Not to be outdone, students of SRM performed hip hop dances. The climax of the ceremony was a raffle drawing.

The tug of war championship was sponsored by Junming Biotech Co. Ltd. (駿鳴生化科技有限公司) with promotion of its product, “Herbal Lady.” Students of the Program of SRM had the opportunity to demonstrate some of what they'd learned in their courses. Also noteworthy about the event is that a team of special

friends for the program contributed 28 boxes of oranges to encourage participants. These “special friends” included FJCU President Vincent Chiang, four vice presidents, the director of the SOCE, the dean of academic affairs and dean of student affairs. This gesture added warmth to the event.

Vice President Yuan emphasized in his words after the competition that SOCE students cannot partake in FJCU life until the late afternoon and evening, due mainly to family or work engagements during the day. SOCE students are likely to experience more burdens than their day division counterparts. Professor Yuan spoke in tones that touched his audience in a particular way.

“Many successful people grow the most in life when they must struggle to work and study at the same time. Their special challenges deepen their determination to achieve goals, and help them develop the ability to persevere through times of difficulty.”

Yuan also took the occasion to encourage students to strike a balance between work and study by practicing good time management.

Father Leszek Niewdana said that fewer activities were going on in the years he taught SOCE students in the



past. "I see that today's SOCE has found a new boost in energy." In addition to wishing all a good evening and an enjoyable "fight to win," the vice-president of mission reminded students that after the race, they should return to their usual activities with "renewed spirits for study and service of others."

SOCE Director Kao Yei-fang was an enthusiastic participant in the competition from start to finish. He threw himself into "the fight" from practice tries to the final rings of trial. Professor Kao expressed gratitude to SOCE students for organizing the event. The students showed skills for teamwork and unity of purpose throughout the entire course of the championship, he said. "This is our fourth tug of war championship. It is our joint hope that it will become an SOCE tradition. We hope to carry this on for as long as we can."

Director Yang of SRM told us that the planning and execution of an athletic competition is a great way to strengthen and demonstrate professional skills. Everyone has a chance to practice what they learn in class, to overcome hardship and challenges, and to build beautiful memories in a large-scale activity such as this. Yang added

that the experience could become a vivid memory in the four-year long life of college students.

General coordinator Ma Ping, a senior in SRM, shed tears at the conclusion of the race. She said that as she organized the championship step by step, she bore what she felt was an incredible amount of pressure. Requests from the director and expectations from the participants weighed heavily upon her. Despite the grueling process, however, with the support of faculty members and the assistance of her entire team, the "Herbal Lady Tug of War" was a great success, for which she felt very grateful.

In the tug of war struggle, students from different departments have the chance in the FJCU SOCE to interact with each other and cultivate cohesiveness. This enables them to ultimately manifest the fruits of valuable sportsmanship. As students smiled, laughed, and congratulated one another, they promised to return again to be part of still another tug of war story next year. ㊦



OVER 200 OVERSEAS CHINESE STUDENTS CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR, COMMEMORATING ANCESTORS

FJCU overseas students gathered in Ricci Hall on January 14 for the “Overseas Chinese students’ Chinese New Year Thanksgiving and Offering of Respect for Ancestors Dinner.” Vice-president for mission, Father Leszek Niewdana SVD, education counselor of the Ministry of Education Liu Qing-ren, senior executive officer of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Xū Shi-rong, head of the FJCU Student Affairs Office Wang Ying-zhou, and 201 overseas Chinese students gathered to venerate their ancestors and express their thanksgiving.

The ending of the fall semester marks the arrival of a new lunar year. Overseas students and the Office of Overseas Chinese Students at FJCU gathered to pay careful attention to perform the memorial rites for ancestors with the ceremonies of sacrifice.

Father Leszek Niewdana officiated at the ceremony, and was joined by education counselor Liu Qing-ren, senior

executive officer Xū Shi-rong, representative of the FJCU faculty and students Wang Ying-zhou. Also present in the crowd, paying tribute to the ancestors were Xue Shu-wen, head of the Office of Overseas Students, president of the Overseas Chinese Students Association (OCSA), FJCU ASMC, and student associations of various parts of the world. After Liu Jie-sheng, an overseas Chinese student from Malaysia, finished reading a memorial oration, Father Leszek Niewdana presented incense, flowers, wine and fruit to the ancestors. He then led the entire group of students in bows to show reverence for the ancestral tablets.

Venerating the ancestors aside, students also showed appreciation to their departments, the offices of service for overseas students, and friends. For instance, Cai Qian-wei, an overseas Chinese student from Malaysia and a 2nd year graduate student in psychology, said she considered herself very fortunate to meet great teachers

and wonderful friends who encouraged and supported her in moments of need. This is the reason why Cai stayed at FJCU to continue her graduate study. Cai expressed her wish that all in attendance would be “fortunate in finding their own happiness.” Jin Jia-cheng, a senior in the Department of Landscape Architecture, is from Zhejiang, China. He extended his appreciation to the department that nurtured him since Day One in Taiwan so that he could build his knowledge of landscape architecture from square one. He expressed thanks for the support that the Office of Overseas Students and to his department friends who spent unforgettable nights at the department building, staying awake merely to be able to watch the sun rise. Jin said that he cherished his experience at FJCU and the days he spent here would stay with him forever.

After the ceremony, the crowd moved to the first floor of Ricci Hall for the thanksgiving dinner, which had “circus” as its theme. The thanksgiving dinner included great food and a circus performance given by FJCU alumni who are now professional buskers. Overseas students from different areas also expressed their appreciation for the past year by giving a variety of performances of their own.


The dinner party also had an award ceremony. 8 overseas students who performed outstandingly were awarded scholarships. The ceremony was followed by a raffle draw, which gave away gifts of high value and practicality, which stirred students’ excitement and feelings of anticipation. When drawing the raffle, faculty members also served as entertaining hosts. This shortened the teacher-student distance, and allowed students to enjoy the party even more.

This special veneration ceremony, mixed with a thanksgiving dinner for the community of overseas Chinese students has become a tradition at FJCU. Xü Shu-wen, head of the Office of Overseas Students emphasized that it is the aim of the office to make use of the crucial Chinese New Year to gather FJCU overseas students so that they can have a reunion, as well as a proper chance to say farewell to the old year and march together into a new

year. Participating students all remarked that they were more than happy to attend the ceremony and dinner party.

In fact, Liang Jun-jie (Junior of sociology, Malaysia) said, “I want to thank the Office of Overseas Students for organizing this event. It gives all overseas Chinese students a chance to spend a day together after the Final exam.” Huang Yü-heng (Junior in the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering, Fujian, China) has attended this event three years in succession.

“Both organizers and participants have done their best in making this event successful,” he said afterwards. “Students had a great time regardless of whether or not they won anything. Most importantly, venerating ancestors is so important that it is a must to pay tribute to our ancestors and have a thankful heart.”

Zhong Wei-jie (a sophomore in studies of finance and international business, Macau), president of the HK and Macau student association, said he not only spent one full and happy day with overseas students from all over the world. He also learned from other overseas students’ association on how to bring group members closer together. He would make use of what he learned in the HK and the Macau student association. He hoped this would attract more HK and Macau students in future activities organized by the Association. 

Weekly E-journal The Historian Publishes Paper Edition, Shi Ming (史命) in Response to Popularization of History

The Historian is five years old this year! Established by students of the Department of History, Historian has published more than 200 electronic issues. In December, 2016, a special physical edition Shi Ming (史命 , Mission of History) was published. Shi Ming aimed at promoting the popularization of history, and presenting interpretation of history in an easy and diverse manner. The students hoped for and received the support of professors and students of the Department of History to contribute articles for the project.

Luo Yi-ping, editor-in-chief of Shi Ming, said this edition is not a mere derivative publication of the Historian, but a representative publication of the Department of History. This special edition is made up of four columns, including Christmas, history popularization, Shi Yuan (Garden of History), and call for papers. In the column of call for papers are commentary on historical events, and on fiction related to history.

Hong Zhi-xiang, associate editor of Shi Ming, said that this special edition focuses on the popularization of history. In other words, the team wants readers to know that history is not a form of "hard knowledge." To this end, the team interviewed both professors from the Department of History and one of the founders of "Stories: History written for everyone," Xie Jia-ying. Both professors and Miss Xie shared their views on how history manifests itself in our lives and society.

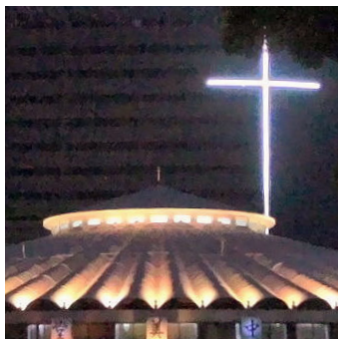
Shi Yuan (Garden of History), one of the four columns in Shi Ming, has an article dedicated to the "Shi Yuan Cultural Creativity Award." Sponsored by Lin Ming-de (class of 1977), an alumnus of the SOCE Department of History, this award was set up to encourage students of the Department of History to engage in creative work and design related to culture in its varied aspects. Hong said that the award shows to us that history can be presented by means of novels, micro movies, bookmarks and so on. The spirit of this Award is in alignment with the ideal of the popularization of history in Shi Ming. This is the reason why this special edition introduced the Shi Yuan Cultural Creativity Award.

Both Luo and Hong joined The Historian in their freshman year, when The Historian was not yet a formal student club. For this reason, it was at that time not possible for the editors to apply for funding from the university. Coupled with the pressure to publish articles on line every week, The Historian was also not considered a journal with a bright future. When the editing team decided to publish a physical edition, its founding editors, now alumni, were all very encouraging. Their encouragement included the view that the current team approach the History Department for support.

After learning about this idea, Department Chair Lin Tong-fa was so supportive that he allotted department funds to help Shi Ming. The Chinese Diocesan Clergy Mission Office, the Student Association and the secretary of the College of Liberal Arts, Yuan Xiao-juan all offered financial assistance to Shi Ming. Professor He Ji-lan, a professor in Chinese Diocesan Clergy Mission Office, said that students of the Department of History carry heavy academic loads on their shoulders. Yet, they were managing to find time to publish such a unique journal. She donated for the printing of Shi Ming because she recognized the students' efforts to produce a journal that was truly unique in introducing the ideals and characteristics of the Department of History at Fu Jen.

Editor Luo says that The Historian has been searching for collaborative opportunities with other departments. The journal hopes to work with the Department of Chinese Literature and the Department of Philology in the future. In the long run, The Historian hopes to call for papers from students in other departments. Associate editor Hong also told us that the Department of History could work with many other departments in the university, such as the Department of Communication Arts. The goal of The Historian is to expand it into a club on a university-wide level that welcomes all faculty members and students to join its efforts. ㊦

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