

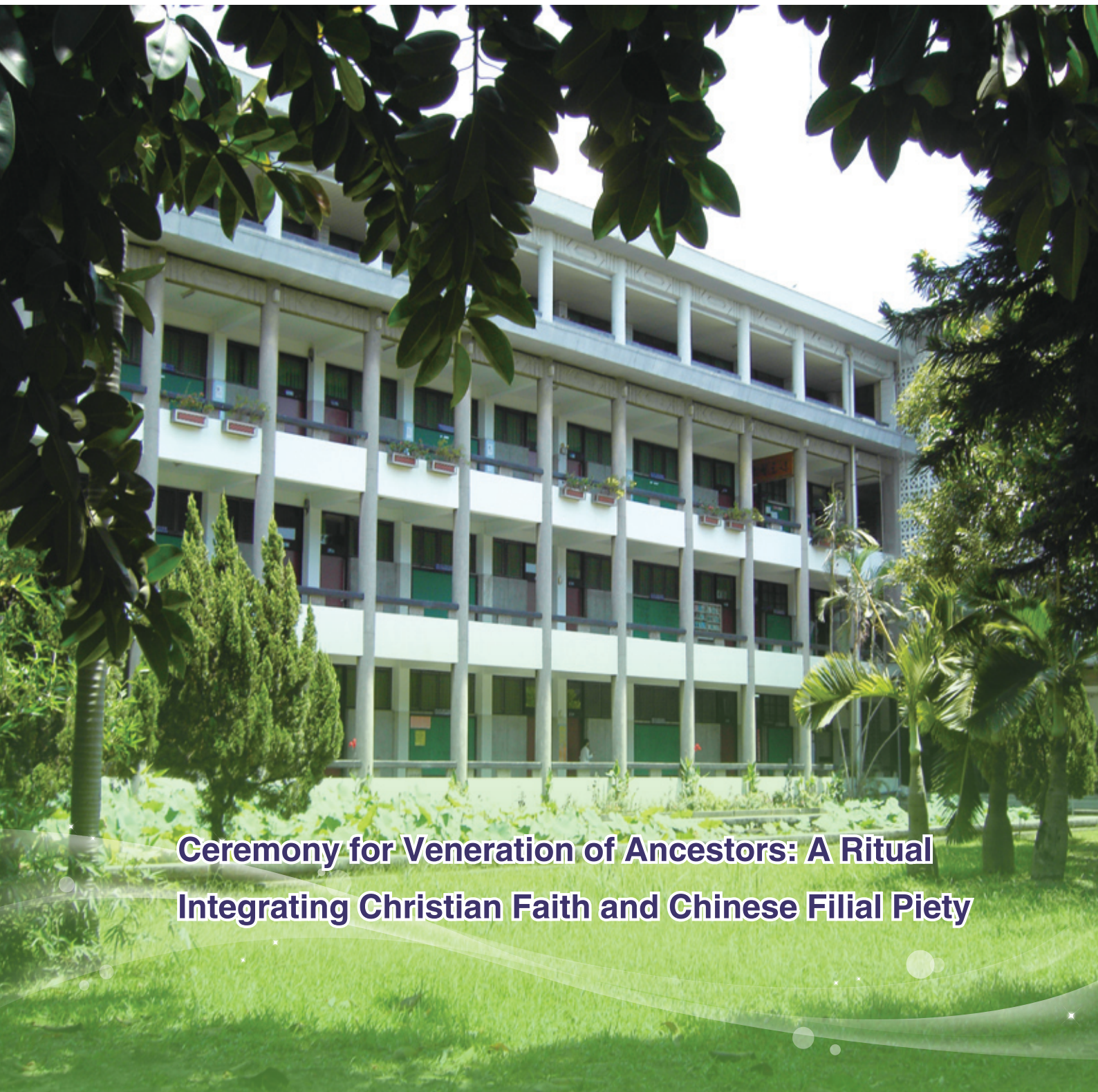


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MESSAGE OF THE CHAPLAIN



**Fu Jen University: Basking under His Divine Mercy
A University Religious Group Blessed with the Grace of the Lord**

From the day of its foundation, Fu Jen University has been enveloped in an air of religious serenity. In its early years, the combined forces of three administrative bodies endowed Fu Jen University with a multicultural religious spirit that prospered with the grace and blessings of the Lord.

Fu Jen University serves as a home for numerous of priests, sisters, and lay missionary groups that have dedicated themselves to religious service and studies. It also hosts scores of priests and sisters coming from various provinces of China who have come to pursue further studies at Fu Jen or the neighboring St. Robert Bellarmine Fu Jen school of Theology, an opportunity rare in Taiwan. Fu Jen probably has the largest Theology faculty in the Taiwan region.

Although only a small percentage of the Fu Jen faculty and student population is Catholic, regular religious activities are quite abundant at the university. For instance, the Immaculate Conception Chapel holds a daily mass every noon and sunset. In addition to the small group gatherings and religious offerings for the various religious organizations on campus, a variety of prayer meetings or bible studies, Christian seminars, faith sharing and discussion forums are also popular.

Fu Jen provides not only an assembly ground for Catholics in Taiwan, but also a home for religious civic organizations dedicated to the service of the Lord. We are more than grateful and we treasure the blessings the Lord has given us. On the university campus, we encourage all to be faithful followers of the Lord and witnesses to the Faith.

Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai, TDD
Chaplain of Fu Jen Catholic University

Ceremony for Veneration of Ancestors: A Ritual Integrating Christian Faith and Chinese Filial Piety

The 2014 Ancestors-Veneration Ceremony (祭天敬祖感恩大典) took place in the Chung-Mei Auditorium on March 26, 2014. The purpose of the Veneration Ceremony was to spread the teachings of Catholicism and Confucianism to honor ancestors. Vice President for Academic Affairs Professor Shang-Shing Chou, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Professor Jung-Lung Chen, and Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai attended this great event to pay their respect with student representatives from every department.

Fu Jen Catholic University holds the Ancestors-Veneration Ceremony every spring shortly before the Tomb-Sweeping Festival (清明節). By definition “祭天敬祖” is an ancient Chinese custom in which every family member demonstrates his or her gratitude and love for God and ancestors.

At the opening ceremony, university authorities prepared a short video about the Book of Genesis in the Bible and encouraged participants to express their care for their family and ancestry. Professor Shang-Shing Chou emphasized that people cannot live and grow without love from family, friends and the Lord. He said, “We should be thankful for everything we gain in life. This is a life-long lesson.”

Lecturer Chen-Hsing Tsai, a representative of the Fu Jen Campus Ministry Center, shared two cases which highlighted suffering and death in life, both involving the passing of a parent. He emphasized that the Ancestors-Veneration Ceremony aims at reminding students to “appreciate what we have and those who love us. We never know how much they mean to us until they no longer stand beside us.” Counselor Tsai added that the Ancestors-Veneration Ceremony is not a mere formality, but a spiritual rite “to remember who we are and whom we love.” He explained that the ancient Chinese slogans “天恩永沐” (blessing from Heaven) and “祖德長承” (reverence for ancestry) printed on the banners in the hall are clear reminders for every participant in the Chung-Mei Auditorium. At the end of the prayer ceremony, Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai led prayers and expressed sincere condolences for the deaths, while Professor Shang-Shing Chou placed flowers at the altar.



Fu Jen Chaplain Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai



Vice President for Academic Affairs Prof. Shang-Shing P. Chou



Chaplain and the student representatives



Opening ceremony of the 2014 Fu Jen Blood Donation Drive



Fu Jen Blood Donation Drive Spreads the Christian Love in the Season of Lent

To answer a summons from the Taiwan Christian Universities and Colleges Alliance (TaiCUCA) and the Taiwan Blood Services Foundation (TBSF), Fu Jen Catholic University held its “2014 Fu Jen Blood Donation Drive” on April 8 and 9. The purpose of the “2014 Fu Jen Blood Donation Drive” was to remind every member of the Fu Jen community of the Season of Lent (Quadragesima), a period of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Several TBSF bloodmobiles parked at the Fu Jen Square (真善美聖廣場) and offered comfortable blood-collection venues for donors. University authorities hoped in the timing of the event to offer a better understanding of the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and the spirit of Catholicism.

The April opening ceremony for the Fu Jen Blood Donation Drive was held at 9:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. President Vincent Han-Sun Chiang volunteered to be the first donor for the Drive this year.

According to statistics from TBSF, Professor Jung-Fu Yeh, a faculty member in the Fu Jen Chaplain’s office and spokesperson of the Drive, stated that the quantity of blood donations in Taiwan has been gradually decreasing since 2007. To cope with the shortage problem, the TBSF collaborated with FJCU and its academic partners in the TaiCUCA to promote blood donations. Professor Yeh emphasized, “We should learn to share our blood with those in need.” He added that FJCU also prepared secret gifts for volunteers. Professor Yeh also felt glad to know there were more volunteers this year than the previous year. Waves of students came to TBSF bloodmobiles regardless of poor weather. Yi Lee, a junior in the Department of Law, told a Chinese publication that this was her first blood donation and she felt happy to be able to help those in need.

At the ceremony, university authorities said that the ceremony marked the second year of the Fu Jen Blood Donation Drive. President Chiang noted that FJCU will continue to invite local communities, schools and companies to support the Taiwan Blood Services Foundation.





Fu Jen Chaplain Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai carries a cross

Fu Jen Commemorates the Passion of Christ with Via Crucis

To celebrate the Season of Lent and commemorate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Fu Jen Catholic University held “the Way of the Cross,” a three-day ceremony from April 18 to 20, 2014. Fu Jen Chaplain Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai bore a cross and led students, teachers and members of the faithful to walk the long path of the Way of the Cross stations on campus. The participants attended the Friday ceremony. Every Year on Holy Friday, Catholic believers participate in services at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. Nine people were baptized on Holy Saturday night this year.

As a Catholic university, “the Way of the Cross” is an important event. University authorities aspire to spread the Catholic spirit and mark the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The fourteen stations on the Way of Cross follow this sequence:

(1) Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane; (2) Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested; (3) the Sanhedrin condemns Jesus; (4) Peter denies he knows Jesus; (5) Pilate judges Jesus; (6) Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns; (7) Jesus takes up his cross; (8) Simon helps Jesus to carry his cross; (9) Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem; (10) Jesus is crucified; (11) Jesus promises his kingdom to the repentant thief; (12) Jesus entrusts Mary and John to each other; (13) Jesus dies on the cross; (14) Jesus is laid in the tomb.

A series of activities are held to celebrate the Season of Lent at Fu Jen every year. Vice-President for Mission Father Leszek Niewdana accompanied by twelve members of the Fu Jen community conducted the washing of feet ceremony in commemoration of “The Last Supper” on Holy Thursday. Those whose feet were washed included teachers, staff members, students, and service workers on campus. At the “Way of the Cross” ceremony, Father Niewdana offered his best wishes and prayers for everyone.





From left to right, Dr. Chi-Huey Wong and President Vincent Han-Sun Chiang

Master Lecture Series Features Star-studded Cast of Speakers

For the Spring Semester of 2014, President Vincent Han-Sun Chiang offered a class entitled, “Medicine, Science, Humanity and Justice: the Nobel Prize Laureates.” President Chiang invited noted researchers and academicians in Taiwan to speak in the class about the achievement of Nobel Prize laureates, their own scholarly work, as well as their paths of study. The cavalcade of speakers included Dr. Chi-Huey Wong, President of Academia Sinica, Hsing-Jien Kung, President of the National Health Research Institute, Dr. Chien-Jen Chen, Vice-President of Academia Sinica, Dr. Ovid Tseng, Distinguished Research Fellow at the Academia Sinica, Dr. Ou Chin-der, former president of Taiwan High-speed Rail, and others. The class was offered as a general elective for the Holistic Education curriculum with a full-registration of 70 students, but more often than not, the lecture hall which seats some 150, were packed as if pilgrims were visiting a shrine of knowledge.

On March 26, Dr. Chi-Huey Wong lectured on “The Development of Glycobiology.” Currently, his research team focuses on the synthesis of complex oligosaccharides and glycoarrays, and results may shed new light on our understanding of cancer, infectious diseases and the immune system. He told the students that the study on oligosaccharides and glycoarrays was not popular when he first began. Certain authorities gave him a cold shoulder back then. He used his own experience to encourage students not to be afraid of failures and frustrations because these experiences may pave the way to success in the long run.

Dr. Wong was awarded the 2014 Wolf Prize in Chemistry in recognition of his academic achievement in the development of the synthesis of complex carbohydrates and glycoproteins. His previous experiences include professorships at Texas A & M University and Scripps Research Institute in California.

The Master Lecture Series is sponsored by a grant from OBI Pharma, which allows the university to invite top-notch professors and scholars in Taiwan and abroad to be guest professors at Fu Jen. The interdisciplinary approach inspires both students from medical school and other colleges with new directions for learning and research.

Office of International Education Helps to Enhance the Quality and Internationalization of Education at FJCU

Fu Jen Catholic University established the Office of International Education (OIE) to enhance the quality and internationalization of its education. The Office of International Education consists of the Fu Jen Language Center and five other academic affiliates: the Academic Exchange Center, the International Student Center, the European Union Centre, the Preparatory Office of the International College and the International Secretariat of the UMAP. The Ministry of Education commissioned the OIE to serve as the International Secretariat of the UMAP in 2011.

The OIE Academic Exchange Center supports FJCU in promoting academic exchange with a growing number of institutions of higher education. Constant efforts are made to expand its alliance with more higher-education institutions in academic fields. 284 universities around the world officially recognize Fu Jen’s efforts in enhancing its quality of education. They serve as global partners for FJCU. In addition to scholarly exchange programs, the OIE also provides scholarships for promising students and outstanding researchers at Fu Jen.

The Fu Jen Language Center was founded in 1964 and has a long history in language-teaching, as do National Taiwan University and National Taiwan Normal University. In the early 1960s, missionaries improved their Mandarin with the aid of the above-mentioned universities. Today the Fu Jen Language Center also provides non-degree programs to help overseas students learn Chinese. Father Victor Carlos C. Yparraguirre, Director of the Language Center, says that FJCU decided to offer more language lessons for foreigners in the 1970s. Father Yparraguirre said that more than 200 international students participate in advanced Chinese courses at Fu Jen every semester. The ultimate goal of the OIE is to shape FJCU into a bridge between China, Taiwan and western communities.





Group photos of International Cultural Exhibition

Fu Jen Language Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary with International Cultural Exhibition

Fu Jen Catholic University held an International Cultural Exhibition to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Fu Jen Language Center on April 22 and 23, 2014. The exhibition focused on the various cultures of Fu Jen's academic partners around the world. Hundreds of international students attended this festive event.

Senior officials from the Hungarian Trade Office in Taipei (HTO) also attended the April Opening Ceremony as honored guests. Levente Székely, Representative of the HTO, and his wife prepared a special Hungarian dance for participants at the International Cultural Exhibition. Director of the Language Center Father Victor Carlos C. Yparraguirre expressed his admiration for the Representative's performance. Father Yparraguirre told a Chinese publication that he greatly appreciates the generosity and friendship of the Hungarian Trade Office. Father Yparraguirre added that the Fu Jen Language Center will continue to enhance the quality of its curriculum and teaching and provide a better platform for international students and their local friends.

Dean of International Education Professor Angela Yung-Chi Hou also spoke for the 50th Anniversary. Professor Hou offered her best wishes for foreign students and welcomed them to study Chinese at Fu Jen. She added that various activities such as mini-plays, conferences and a lecture series will be held in the future to help our international friends better understand the socio-cultural features of Taiwan.



Japanese Geisha at Fu Jen: Spring Dance of Kaga

Fu Jen Catholic University and the Radium Life Technology Group (RLTG) welcomed Kanazawa Geisha House, a famous artist group in Japan, to Taiwan on March 22, 2014. Three experienced Geishas presented “The Spring Dance of Kaga” (嬉春-加賀の舞) at the Fu Jen Conference Hall. This performance marked the second year of the friendship between Fu Jen and the Kanazawa Geisha House. Professor Shang-Shing P. Chou, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Deputy Executive Officer of the Radium Life Technology Group who has accomplished much to reinforce ties between Taiwan and Japan

Geisha have been an important part of Japanese culture since the seventeen century. Geishas are women entertainers who act as hostesses and perform various Japanese arts such as classical music, dance and games for honored guests. A traditional geisha receives a series of strenuous training sessions beginning from the age of 3 to 5 years. The early shikomi and minarai (server and apprentice) stages of geisha training last for several years to help young girls develop into well-cultivated women. Not until the National Diet of Japan enforced its Children Welfare Act and Labor Standards Act in 1947 did geisha houses lower certain requirements to recruit new blood. Nowadays Japanese consider geisha to be an honorable profession, but not an easy one.

The three renowned geishas Yui, Mitsuha and Sayaka have more than 20 years of experience. “The Spring Dance of Kaga” they presented at Fu Jen consisted of six masterpieces, “Moonlight,” (月光) “Six High Gardens” (兼六園), “Four Seasons in Kanazawa” (金沢の四季), “Beauty of Kanazawa” (金沢風雅), “Genroku Flora-Dance” (元禄花お見舞い) and “Prosperous Tokyo” (さわぎ). In a Chinese publication, the RLTG Deputy Executive Officer expressed his admiration for these Japanese artists who performed Japanese music and demonstrated aesthetics perfectly for their Taiwanese friends. Professor Qiong-Hui Huang, Chair of the Fu Jen Japanese Department, said that “Spring Dance of Kaga” was a precious opportunity for the audience to appreciate the act of dance and music in Japanese culture.



From center left to center right, the Deputy Executive Officer of the Radium Life Technology Group and the Vice President for Academic Affairs Prof. Shang-Shing P. Chou



2014 IEEE SMC Society Celebration Lecture Series

The 2014 IEEE Systems, Man and Cybernetics Society Celebration Lecture Series (IEEE-SMC-CLS 2014) was hosted by the College of Science and Engineering at Fu Jen Catholic University on April 14, 2014. The IEEE SMC Taipei Chapter was the co-sponsor of the Celebration Lecture Series. This was the first time for Fu Jen Catholic University to cooperate with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers to sponsor an international conference.

The IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society (SMC) is one of the academic communities in the IEEE. SMC grants its members access to cutting-edge theories of communication, control, cybernetics, systems, and human-factors engineering. The SMC Celebration Lecture Series is an important annual event for researchers and elites of relevant fields. In addition, IEEE publications have been extremely helpful to faculty members and students at Fu Jen. Twenty professors in the College of Science and Engineering have received the honor of IEEE membership.

The theme of IEEE-SMC-CLS 2014 was “The Making of an Academic.” Topics such as excellence and innovation in teaching, reinforcement of a professional network, presentation of breakthrough research and the quest for creative research were presented at the conference. Seven distinguished scholars, who serve as current IEEE Fellows, shared their experiences with students, practitioners, and scholars at Fu Jen. These speakers encouraged students and young researchers to enroll in the IEEE SMC society.

The list of honored guests included Dr. Ljiljana Trajkovic (Simon Fraser University, Canada), Dr. William Gruver (Simon Fraser University, Canada), Dr. Loi-Lei Lai (State Grid Energy Research Institute in Beijing, China), Dr. Lawrence Hall (the University of South Florida, USA), Dr. Daniel Yeung (South China University of Technology, China), Dr. Hong Yan (City University of Hong Kong, China), and Dr. Chih-Min Lin (Yuan Ze University, Taiwan).

According to statistics from Dr. Jenq-Tay Yuan, who serves as a senior member for IEEE and Dean of the Fu Jen College of Science and Engineering, more than 140 participants attended the Celebration Lecture Series at Fu Jen. About 30% came from 18 other prominent universities in the world. Two-thirds of the participants were students and the remaining third renowned practitioners and scholars. Eighteen percent of audience majored in different fields. Most participants said to the news agency that they find the IEEE-SMC Celebration Lecture Series quite inspiring. Dean Yuan said that the IEEE-SMC Lecture Series is truly helpful to scholars. He added that some participants were eager to ask these IEEE fellows for speech materials. Faculty members in the College of Science and Engineering said that the IEEE-SMC Lecture Series reminded them of their role as academics whose important mission is to inspire more young minds, in addition to concentrate on the development of theory.

The College of Science and Engineering currently consists of four science and two engineering departments. The Department of Electrical Engineering and the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering are among the better known departments.



Central right, Dean Jenq-Tay Yuan and IEEE Fellows





National Award for Arts Conferred Upon Ang Lee and Prof. Wei-Jan Chi

The 17th National Award for Arts was conferred upon Oscar winner Ang Lee and Professor Wei-Jan Chi, a graduate of the English Department at Fu Jen. The award ceremony took place at the Taipei National University of the Arts. President Ma Ying-Jeou attended the ceremony with Minister of Culture Ying-Tai Lung. The President presented the awards to the winners and expressed his admiration for their artistic achievements. Also in attendance at the ceremony, at the request of Professor Chi, was his professor and mentor, Dr. Edward Vargo, formerly Dean of the College of Foreign Languages at Fu Jen.

Professor Wei-Jan Chi, who serves as a professor in the Graduate Institute of Drama and Theatre at National Taiwan University, is a renowned modern drama scholar in Taiwan. He joined the faculty of the Department of Drama and Theatre in 2006. Professor Chi is also a recognized playwright. Many researchers consider his work inspiring for those who seek a better understanding of society. For example, his most well-known trilogy, *White Thief in the Night*, *Without Wind or Rain* and *Long Time No See*, focuses on deterioration of family relations, which are dramatically reshaped by rapid changes in contemporary Taiwan.

In a Chinese publication, Professor Chi said that he aspires to carefully examine different aspects of these problems and draw the attention of his audience to related issues. With these efforts, he step by step guides members of the audience to question the status quo and better comprehend important events.

The 2014 Symposium of Southeast Asian Sinology Takes Place at Fu Jen

The 2014 Symposium of Southeast Asian Sinology: The Past and Present, held by the Fu Jen Monumenta Serica Sinological Research Center and Monumenta Serica Institute Sankt Augustin, a world-renowned Sinology research center in Germany, took place on the Fu Jen Campus on April 25 and 26, 2014. Prominent scholars from Vietnam, Brunei, Mainland China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Germany, and Poland contributed their insights about Southeast Asian Sinology. Topics such as the history of Southeast Sinology, education systems, minority groups and the problems of Chinese immigration in Indonesia were well discussed at the symposium. The symposium enabled participants to have a better understanding of the development of Sinology in Southeast Asia, while scholars exchanged their opinions with each other.

In a Chinese publication, Professor Mei-Ting Huang, who serves as the Director of the Fu Jen Monumenta Serica Sinological Research Center, said researchers in Europe, the Americas and East Asia have done so much to develop Chinese studies together with their new alliance in Russia and North Europe. She explained, "The participation of new academic partners from different regions marks a new milestone. Chinese studies have now developed into a model known as the development of "regional cultural circles in Chinese studies." The reason why scholars in the Americas and Europe pay more attention to Sinology is that frequent Sino-European cultural exchanges allow the Western world to have a better understanding of Chinese culture. Since countries in East and Southeast Asian are geographically close to China, their cultures are treated from certain points of view as a branch of Chinese culture. As a result, their academic contributions to the development of Chinese studies had in the past been undervalued and even neglected. As a source in strengthening international Chinese studies, Chinese studies in East Asia have gradually earned a special position in the "Asian Cultural Circle." Southeast Asian Chinese studies are striving to achieve greater accomplishment in order to win international recognition.

Director Huang announced that the next 2016 Symposium of Southeast Asian Sinology will be held in Indonesia. Identity of Chinese immigrants in Southeast Asia, the problems of women, the interaction of Southeast Asia with China and Taiwan, and a discussion of definition of Southeast Asian Sinology are possible issues for the upcoming Southeast Asian Sinology Symposium in 2016.

Director Mei-Ting Huang said that she hopes that more attention can be paid to the achievements of Southeast Asian scholars. She added that the Monumenta Serica Sinological Research Center will be always open to collaborate with institutions around the world.



Group photos of scholars at the symposium



輔仁大學文學院
College of Liberal Arts, FJU



College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts was founded in 1928 and relocated to Taipei in 1961. The Department of Chinese Literature, the Department of History and the Department of Philosophy are included in the college. “A better understanding of history and an enrichment of spiritual life” is its college motto.

The Department of Chinese Literature not only teaches Chinese literature, but prepares a series of traditional activities such as its coming-of-age ceremony, poem singing competition, and other performances every year. At the coming-of-age ceremony, teachers in the Chinese Department give ribbons of yellow silk to students as a token of their growing maturity. Every Tomb Sweeping Day, department authorities lead students to pay respect to predecessors who have lived nobly and devoted their lives to Fu Jen.

The Department of History, founded by Father Jen-Kuang Wang (王任光神父), concentrates on studies of Chinese-Western cultural interchange. The History Department plays a leading role in Western-history research in Taiwan. Intercultural workshops and international conferences are held on campus every year. Prominent historians and noted overseas professors are periodically invited to speak at Fu Jen. To preserve a balance between theory and practice, professors in the College of Liberal Arts have established programs of cooperation between industry and academia. These programs strive to nurture elites for creative industries.

Historical documents at FJCU tell us that the Graduate School of Philosophy was one of the first academic institutions reestablished in Taipei in 1961. The foundation of the Philosophy Department took place in 1963 in the hope of promoting philosophical education to Taiwanese students. In addition to the development of research skills, the Department of Philosophy sincerely urges its students to participate in various workshops at the Fu Jen Career and Vocational Helping System as well.

The College of Liberal Arts also coordinates social welfare projects with the Fu Jen Service-Learning Center and encourages its students to join service-learning teams. Volunteer teams mostly consist of Fu Jen students, while the university authorities continue to invite important higher institutions in New Taipei City to support service-learning projects.

Four volunteer-teams, Wenfu (文輔), Wenhua (文華), Wenai (文愛) and Wenshan (文善) hope to lead participants in the College of Liberal Arts to offer love and care for minorities. The targeted audience can be categorized into four groups: foreign laborers, immigrant brides, indigenous people, and pupils in remote villages. Every team is in charge of one specific project for a disadvantaged group.

In addition to the above-mentioned Tutoring-for-Indigenous-Pupils project, staff members of the volunteer groups provide inter-cultural counseling for foreign workers in Taiwan, and offer special Chinese-teaching courses for foreign brides and their children. In a Chinese publication, college teachers recently emphasized that they want to spread the spirit and love of Catholicism to every corner in Taiwan. Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Professor Shih-Ming Ko told the publication that one of the educational missions of the College is to inspire young students with a liberal arts education which will not only help them determine their next steps of life, but also nourish their spiritual life.



Group photos of the 2014 Poetry Contest



Profile of the Department of Chinese Literature

The Fu Jen College of Liberal Arts aspires to enhance the international quality of its education in order to open the eyes of its students. The Chinese Department plays an influential role in helping service-learning programs in the college. A double degree program has been established. This program aims to recruit distinguished international scholars and encourages the participation of instructors and graduate students in international conferences. Access to international exchange and academic cooperation not only deepens Taiwanese students' ability to tolerate uncertainty, but also assists students and faculty to warmly welcome international students.

The Chinese Department currently works with several world-renowned universities such as Peking University, Beijing Normal University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Yonsei University and Chung-Ang University. The mission of this inter-institutional program is to promote scholarly exchange, mutual recognition and credit transfer with academic partners. In addition, Renmin University and Beijing Normal University have joined the network and now send students and scholars to FJCU.

To keep a balance between theory and practice, the Chinese Department provides solid support for student clubs. Department faculty members hope their students develop their potential and determine their best next steps of life. Participation in various service-learning programs, especially in the Wen-Hua Volunteer Group of the College of Liberal Arts, is strongly encouraged.

"Dong-Li Poetry-Singing Club" was founded in 1998 by the Chinese Department to teach methods of Chinese poetry-singing. This club assists Fu Jen Catholic University in preparation for its "Ancestors-Veneration Ceremony" every spring. Students in the Poetry-Singing Club also deliver special performances in the hope of sharing the beauty of Chinese poetry with elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and social organizations.

In addition, the Chinese Department also publishes "Diao-Long" (雕龍) and "Er-Ying" (爾音) as official publications. The Liberal Arts College offers students opportunities for internship. These two periodicals serve as faculty-student communication platforms for everyone in the Fu Jen community.

FJCU has commissioned the Department of Chinese Literature to take command of overseas Chinese language teaching programs in the "Wen-Hua Volunteer Group." The Wen-Hua Volunteer Group provides basic language mentoring and counselling for foreign spouses in Taiwan. The Chinese Department assigns students to teach Chinese in the Philippines every summer.

In a Chinese publication, authorities of the Department of Chinese Literature recently said that they assist their students in acquiring better employment ethics and positive attitudes before they step into society. A series of training workshops and internships are included in the course-arrangement to help its students at Fu Jen to explore future career possibilities.

Wen-Hua Volunteer Group Serves Those in Need

The Wen-Hua Volunteer Group in the College of Liberal Arts works in cooperation with Hua-Ming High School in the Philippines. Faculty and staff members of the college lead volunteers to visit Hua-Ming High School in Bacolod City and teach Chinese lessons for local students every summer. Continuous efforts to introduce Taiwanese culture and its rich civilization to Filipino students aim at achieving the following goals of the Wen-Hua Volunteer Group:

1. Promote Chinese Heritage in Overseas Chinese Communities

In a Chinese publication, staff members at Wen-Hua Volunteer Group said that they hope to cultivate a sense of cultural heritage and tradition for their students who are the children of Filipino-Chinese emigrants. As a result, Chinese schools become their most popular choice in the Philippines, while hard-working students in these communities desire a more professional mentoring from Taiwan. In the spirit of Catholic teaching, the Wen-Hua Volunteer Group has willingly undertaken this mission and strives to meet the needs of their Filipino friends.

2. Facilitate Overseas Chinese Language Learning

The Wen-Hua Volunteer Group provides language classes and intensive tutoring for students at Hua-Ming High School. Volunteers help local high school students to continue further language study and step by step guide them to practice Chinese. At the same time, tutors introduce Taiwanese culture to these students. The Wen-Hua Volunteer Group encourages Filipino-Chinese students to study advanced Chinese at Fu Jen.

3. Grant Accesses of Cultural Exchange

One of the missions of the Wen-Hua Volunteer Group is to guide students at Hua-Ming High School and enhance their insight. Fu Jen authorities believe that tutors' participation in these overseas programs will enable them to acquire a better understanding of the Philippines and the lifestyle of the country. The Wen-Hua Volunteer Group urges its volunteer-tutors to leave contact information with their friends, teachers and students in the Philippines.

4. Offer inter-school interaction and cooperation

Student-volunteers in the Wen-Hua Volunteer Group periodically undertake a visit to the University of St. La Salle-Bacolod, one of Fu Jen's academic partners. The Wen-Hua Volunteer Group aspires to strengthen relations between FJCU and its alliance with increased contact with international students.

The Youth Development Administration (YDA) in the Ministry of Education acknowledged the service work of the Wen-Hua Volunteer Group and conferred its Awards for Volunteer Service and Innovation (服務創新獎) on December 10, 2013. Staff members of the Volunteer Group told a Chinese publication that they will continue to offer quality service for those in need.



Group photos of Wen-Hua Volunteer Group and local students





Flag-presentation ceremony for the 2015 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games



The 2015 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games at Fu Jen

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has commissioned Fu Jen Catholic University to host the 2015 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games. The Games is an important biannual event for student athletes in Taiwan. The MOE Sports Administration not only offers abundant awards for medal-winners, but also permits participants with the most potential to advance in competition for national recognition. The last time FJCU took charge of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games was 1983.

Dean of Student Affairs Professor Ying-Chou Wang told a Chinese publication that this is a rare honor for Fu Jen, because the MOE Sports Administration amended certain regulations last year which then became more complicated. He added that FJCU has won the nomination twice, a precedent in its alliance of private universities. Professor Wang stressed that the inauguration of the MRT Xinzhuang Line can enable FJCU to bring together the strength of all universities in the metropolitan Taipei area. The Taipei MRT can safely transport tens of thousands to different stadiums and the Fu Jen campus as well.

University authorities said that the competition sessions follow the arrangements of the 2017 Taipei Summer Universiade. According to a Chinese publication, FJCU won 5 gold and 11 silver medals in the 2013 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games at National I-lan University. Fu Jen plans to provide more scholarships to recruit stronger athletes and continuously enhance its strength in swimming and tennis, to mention only two areas.

Professor Wang said that since Fu Jen Catholic University is a comprehensive university, students and athletes are blessed with better surroundings than other colleges of pure-sports science in Taiwan. According to a Chinese publication, Professor Tseng Ching-Yu, who serves as the Chair of the Physical Education Department and Secretary-General of the Chinese Taipei University Sports Federation, said that FJCU is ready to take this challenge because Fu Jen has in the past held several activities such as Starry Marathon, Bike-Tour-Taiwan and other various competitions.





Center left, President Chiang and presidents from six renowned universities

Presidents from Seven Universities Join “Big 7 Run”

Fu Jen Catholic University held its “Big 7 Run” (北台灣七大學聯合路跑賽) on March 9, 2014. Presidents from seven universities offered their best wishes for every runner at the opening ceremony and then partook in the competition. Nearly ten thousand participants gathered at Sanchong Riverside Park (幸福水樣公園) for the event.

Tamkang University, Shih Chien, Soochow University, Chinese Culture University, Shih Hsin University, and Ming Chuan University provided strong support for FJCU, and will take up the marathon torch for the “Big 7 Run” in 2015. The event this year was divided into three races, 10 Km, 5 Km and 3 Km. The quota for the athletic competition was full on the very first day that online registration opened.

The Big 7 Run also featured its rainbow shirt. Bright orange was the color of FJCU. Alumni and members of the faculty of every university wore uniforms and joined this exciting event with students. Hui-Hua Chen, class of 2004, who once majored in Spanish, expressed her delight at joining the Big 7 Run. She smoothly finished the 10 Km race wearing a Fu Jen T-shirt. Hui-Hua Chen said at the award ceremony that FJCU is her second home.

FJCU holds different games and activities every year, for example the Cycling Tour, the Starry Marathon and the Sun-Moon Lake Swimming Competition. The 2015 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games will take place at Fu Jen because the MOE has noted that Fu Jen is experienced in smoothly preparing competitions. President Vincent Han-Sun Chiang told a Chinese publication that it is a rare honor for Fu Jen to host national games. The National Intercollegiate Athletic Games is the most important of all biannual events.

At the award ceremony, President Chiang said that university authorities always encourage students to improve performance by faithful workouts. President Chiang offered special thanks for the helping hand of Adidas and the New Taipei City Government. “Without their assistance, the Big 7 Run might not have gone smoothly,” he added.



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