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Taipei Tech Wood School and National Taiwan University Design School joint-handed opened a course that gives students an opportunity to experience the glamour of wood art. 20 students from NTU were chosen among 150 applicants to attend this 5 day course and make their own wood design product from scratch.

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In addition to high quality instructors of Taipei Tech Wood School, Taipei Tech students also act as tutors for NTU students in the process. Wood School Director Chen Dian-li noted that woodcraft basic theory is the fundament of this course. Besides theory, distinguished woodcraft artist Zhen Yi-nong was invited to pass on his valuable technique to the younger generation. In the outcome conference held on July 15, various works including pot holder, pencil box, wood rose, and small stool, and so on were displayed.

Taipei Tech offers a closer look at Vietnam

For many years, Taiwan is one of the largest economic partners of Vietnam in trade and investment. In 2016, it ranked 4th countries making investment with 2,509 projects with a total registered accumulative capital of over USD\$31.57 billion; was the 5th largest trade partner of Vietnam, reached nearly USD\$ 13.4billion two-way trades, including USD\$11.22billion exporting to Vietnam and USD\$2.27billion importing from Vietnam. Up to 2016 there was cumulative 96,446 Vietnamese married to Taiwan nationals. There are more than 5000 Vietnamese students studying in Taiwan according to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam.

In order to let student have more opportunities to learn more about Vietnam, Taipei Tech offers Vietnam culture and language course that focus on including their economy, culture, tourism and people with special emphasis on the use of the language for communication. Dinh Dung, who started to teach this course at Taipei Tech since 2013, said that learning Vietnam is a plus for people who want to work there. Many Taiwanese businessmen own factories in Vietnam such as in furniture and clothing manufacturing industries. Mrs. Dinh also noted that the grammar of Vietnamese is similar to Mandarin; it won't be too difficult for students to learn the language once they know the alphabets and pronunciation. Mrs. Dinh gave high recognition to Taipei





Tech students' hardworking spirit mentioning that they practice a lot and learn very fast.

Yu-xing Dai, sophomore at the Department of Industrial Management noted that he practices vocabularies he learnt in class whenever he got some spare time such as in a shower. The neighborhood where he lives in, Banqiao District, has many Vietnam residents and he also took the chance to make conversation with them.

Ya-fang Shi, sophomore at the Department of Industrial Management noted that the class is more interesting than she thought. During class, in addition to standard learning, they will do cultural activities including watching Vietnam movie and making Vietnamese spring rolls.

Zi-jun Gao, sophomore at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, noted that it made his mother who is from Vietnam happy when he use Vietnamese to talk to her.

Taipei Tech also launched an Integrated Academia-Industry Education Program in furniture and carpentry that plans to send students to Vietnam for internship in the future. Vietnam is an important partner for Taiwan, but overall, we want our students to have international mobility in this globalized environment and can live up to their potentials no matter which country they are in the world.

Taipei Tech service team teach computer in Thailand

In order to foster computer education in Chinese schools in Thailand, 700 computers were donated from education foundation at Yunnan guildhall in Thailand in this February. Although the intention is good, only few schools had qualified teachers to conduct related courses.

To find some assistance, Director of the education foundation at Yunnan guildhall in Thailand Ho Yong-en, also a Taipei Tech alumnus contacted Taipei Tech. After communication and planning, Taipei Tech decided to send 9 students of the Department of Electronic Engineering to Thailand as volunteer teaching assistants. Led by Military Training Instructor surnamed Li, Taipei Tech service team left for Thailand on July 19. In this 8 day journey, they visited over 45 elementary schools and middle schools and shared their professional techniques including computer operation and equipment maintenance. Both local seed teacher and student learned a lot from the instruction and illustration.

To express gratitude and showcase hospitality, Director Ho invited the team to see the beautiful Pattaya scenery before they headed back home.





New alumni association branch launch in Hong Kong

Taipei Tech recently celebrated the establishment of its 17th overseas alumni association in Hong Kong. Under the efforts of Taipei Tech and its distinguished alumni including Lin Tian-mao, Founder of the Tai San Enterprise & Trading Company, and Frank Lin, President of the Le Tandy International Limited and Bridgestone Watch Ltd., and so on, The Hong Kong branch of Taipei Tech alumni association finally launched. The inaugural meeting was held on August 6. Taipei Tech President Li Wen-lung and Director of the Alumni Liaison Center Deng Dao-xing both flew to Hong Kong to witness the special moment. Many important guests attended this significant event to express their congratulations.

Before the association officially launched, the preparation process began in 2016 under the lead of former Taipei Tech President Yao. Taipei Tech representative from the Alumni Liaison Center also came to Hong Kong several times in order to discuss the details of Hong Kong Branch's setup.

In the future, the Hong Kong Branch will act not only as an official center for local alumni but also a great assistance in student recruitment in the area for Taipei Tech.

In addition to the Hong Kong branch, Taipei Tech has another 16 overseas alumni associations around the globe. And the total number of our alumni is nearly 120,000.

