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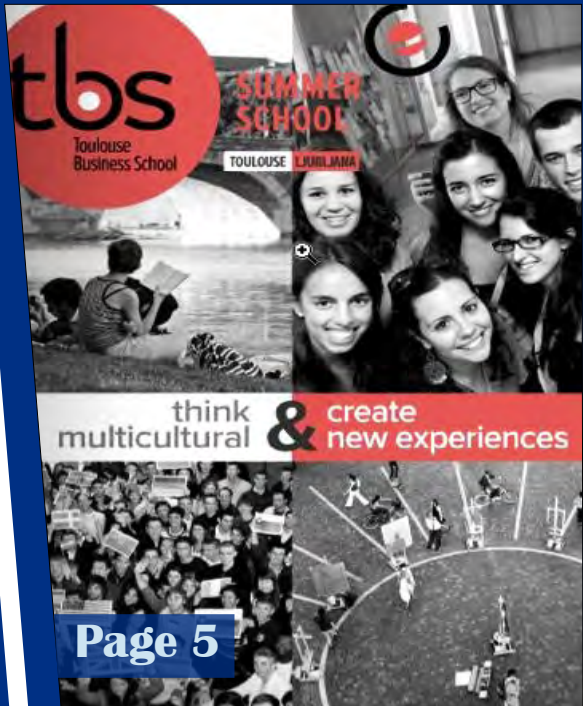
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Paris: Solidarity in the face of violence

Story by Lauri Wei Lu

On January 7, the world was shocked as gunshots tore through the busy offices of France's satirical newspaper [Charlie Hebdo](#), located in Paris' 11th arrondissement. Terrorists armed with assault rifles fired up to 50 shots, killing 12 and injuring many more. Following the incident, France has warned visitors against possible danger issuing the highest level 'vigipirate' (France's national security alert system) for terror alert and conducting identity certification and bag searches in the public places. Nevertheless, Taiwanese exchange students in Paris largely reacted with calm.

The attacked newspaper had previously published cartoons of the Muslim prophet Muhammad, seen as blasphemous to the Muslim faith. Islamic extremists seized the opportunity to demonstrate their 'revenge' for the honor of Muhammad, though some Muslim leaders condemned the gunmen, calling their brutal attack a violation and misrepresentation of the Islamic way.

Among the 28 partners NCCU has in France, some of them sent out in time messages to NCCU, addressing the issue officially and cautiously. In an email, the Associate International Dean of the [IESEG School of Management](#) in Lille and Paris, Stephen Murdoch, assured that the students were taken good care of and were informed about the necessary actions during Orientation Week.

Ms. Claire Yves, a junior from the Department of English currently on exchange at [Sciences Po](#) said, "I don't feel particularly unsafe now. After so many weeks most of us are back to normal life." She also showed her admiration for fellow classmates' expressions of empathy saying, "It was heartwarming to see my French classmates receiving phone calls from family and friends outside of Paris."

Ms. Shiuan Luen Jeng from National Taiwan University, also on exchange at the Sciences Po, felt similarly. "The attack happened during winter break, so most exchange students were away from Paris touring Europe," she said. "Paris



Photo from the website

5,000 participants mobilize in the Bordeaux demonstration to give support to the victims.

had already been threatened numerous times by Islamic groups, and some are even saying it's the target of the next jihad. We can't afford to be afraid all the time; life has to go on." Ms. Jeng also observed that the French, having a large population of atheists, banned public preaching, even on campus, something that Taiwanese schools might do well to emulate.

There are mixed concerns for students who are about to embark on exchange program. Ms. Sarah Liu from the English Department going to Lyon next year, does not feel much anxiety, since Lyon is not that close to Paris. "My parents were initially worried, but then we came to realize that danger exists in every corner, and if we let that hinder us, we would never get anywhere." She also shared how, during her previous trip to India – another county which issued a terrorist alert – everything went smoothly and the trip ended with success.

After the assault, several peaceful demonstrations took place in many cities in France, including Toulouse, Nice, Lyon, Marseilles, and Rennes. January 8 was declared a national day of mourning by the French president. In the face of violence and grief, the French showed remarkable solidarity and activeness, proving that it is still a responsible and compassionate place where international students can find support during their pursuit of an international experience.



At the Place de la Republique, Parisians gather to keep vigil on the night of the attack.

Photo from the website

Office of International Cooperation sums up its successful year

Story by Piece Lai

The Office of International Cooperation (OIC) held its annual Thanksgiving Retrospect Party on January 13. Feast and gifts were prepared to thank all directors, staff and administrators at National Chengchi University (NCCU) who have been involved in international affairs. In front of about 200 NCCU guests, President Dr. Edward H. Chow and Dean of OIC, Prof. Carol Yeh-Yun Lin, recapped the achievements the OIC has scored in the last year.

OIC has continued its devotion to internationalization and had a fruitful year. Professor Lin presented internationalization results of the Office with statistics and graphs. The number of partners with NCCU increased significantly to 552 universities at both university and college level, crossing five continents and 11 language families. More than 500 students were sent to NCCU's partner schools on exchange while NCCU welcomed almost 600 incoming international exchange students.

In addition to the rising number of students expressing their interests in studying at NCCU, the number of representatives from worldwide educational institutions visiting OIC has also grown remarkably to almost 900 from 600 last year. Each year OIC received various gifts

from these visitors overseas. To thank all the directors and staff across different units at NCCU who worked towards NCCU internationalization, OIC gave out these gifts as an appreciation of their hard work, including screen decoration from Korea, statue from Thailand and many other featured cultural gifts. Office of Academic Affairs (OAA), Office of Student Affairs (OSA), Accounting Office (ACC) and Chinese Language Center (CLC) are among the units that have been investing tremendous work towards NCCU internationalization.

Another notable part of OIC duties were activities organized for international students. International students were given the chance to volunteer at local elementary and junior high school, go on a field trip, try their hands at pottery making, and participate in Sports Day and World Festival. Through those events, international students were able to understand Taiwanese culture and make their memories of their journey at NCCU even richer and more colorful.

The annual Thanksgiving Retrospect Party is the one and only opportunity for all the NCCU people involved in international affairs to gather in one place. To conclude the event, President Dr. Chow not only offered bonus prize for the participants, but also gave a speech to thank all the directors, staff and administrators for their constant efforts and encouraged them to keep up the good work to make NCCU a top-notch university.



Photo by OIC

NCCU guests line up to receive gifts OIC prepares from receiving visitors all over the world for the past year.



Photo by OIC

NCCU guests enjoy the lunch feast, as part of the reward of their hard work in the last year.



Photo by OIC

President Dr. Edward H. Chow draws the lucky one winning the special prize.

NCCU welcomes new exchange students for 2015 Spring Semester

Story by Hank Chen

Two weeks ahead of the new semester, on February 12, 2015 Spring Exchange Student Orientation took place in International Conference Room of Commerce Hall at National Chengchi University (NCCU) and a total of 58 students participated in the event. Through the four-hour orientation, which included the introduction of Taiwan, NCCU and the cross-culture experience, the university aimed to welcome new students and assist them in adjusting to the new life on NCCU campus and in Taiwan.

Deputy Dean of Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Prof. May-fen Chen, started the orientation with a very warm speech. She encouraged all of the students to gain many cross-cultural experiences from their study in Taiwan and apply them to their future lives after returning to their home countries. She pointed that the “culture shock” they might encounter during their stay in Taiwan can be the best Asian culture lesson for them.

Dale Albanese, the Cross-Cultural Program Advisor and an international student in Taiwan for over seven years, shared his cross-cultural experiences with exchange students. He used a series of images and comics designed by a Chinese-born German painter to illustrate the differences between Western and Eastern society and culture to the exchange students. Albanese also quoted a joke about

cultural differences that he made when he came to Taiwan for the first time to convince the students of the necessity of respecting different cultures. His dramatic and distinguished speech won a big applause from the audience. In the end, he encouraged all exchange students to be brave and have open minds to embrace this country and its friendly people.

NCCU features various clubs that help international students get along with the local students and get involved with Taiwanese culture, such as Student Ambassadors (SA), International Youth (IY), International Association (IA), and Campus Caring Group (CCG). Representatives from the clubs presented their goals, services, and the upcoming events for international students and look forward to including them in the near future.

Beside the presentations, outdoor activities were also offered during the orientation, such as information stands outside the building and campus tour. Students were given the chance to ask questions about the enrollment procedures, visa, insurances, as well as various events held by the clubs. During the campus tour, students were introduced to the surroundings, facilities and the featured sites on campus. The orientation event ended with big smiles on the students’ faces, a sign that they are ready to start their new lives at NCCU.



Exchange students join the campus tour organized by SA, getting ready to start their new life on this new campus.



Exchange students register for 2015 Spring Orientation.

Overseas universities welcome NCCU Students at their Summer Programs

Story by Yi Chen

With 260+ partners around the world, [Office of International Cooperation \(OIC\)](#) announces various options of short term programs each year. This year, about 30 overseas universities from 12 different countries are recruiting students from National Chengchi University (NCCU) to attend their summer programs. Wide range of destinations include programs in Japan, France, Korea, Canada, Thailand, Lithuania, Hong Kong, Singapore, Denmark, Australia, Turkey, Israel, the US, Germany, and Slovenia.

Japan is one of the countries some students definitely want to visit for summer vacation. NCCU students can choose from [Nagoya University](#), [Waseda University](#), [Ritsumeikan University](#) and [Chuo University](#) to apply for. Waseda University, with its classes from various fields, may be ideal for those who have always dreamt of being Japanese college students. Hoping to polish Japanese, applying for Ritsumeikan University will not be wrong. Those who wish to experience Japan's traditional culture and sports, will be able to enjoy tenkoku (seal engraving), taiko (Japanese drum), and sado (tea ceremony) at Chuo

University. Students interested in Japan's automobile industry will find all sorts of professional courses and chances to visits factories at Nagoya University.

NCCU students who dream of spending their summer in France are given the chance to explore life in the heart of Paris by [Sciences Po](#). The university's specialty are social science and French language. [Sciences Po Lille's](#) main purpose is to train students to think in a bigger picture, therefore the school offers such courses as Rethinking the European Union, EU Neighborhood Policy, etc. [Universite Catholique de Lille](#) provides three programs: Arts, Social Science and Business Program, French Only Program, as well as Science and Engineering Program. [Toulouse Business School](#) might be the best choice for young leaders who want to learn about Business Strategy in Europe, Managing People in Europe, etc. [École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers \(ESSCA\)](#) focuses on International Luxury Brand Marketing, while [IESEG School of Management](#) is suited for students who are interested in Marketing Communication.

Korea is currently very popular among for students to further their education. The country's one of the most prestigious universities, [Ewha Womans University](#), offers intense Korean language classes. [KyungHee University](#) will be a good choice for those seeking opportunities to discuss about international affairs with students from all over the world. Additionally, [Hanyang University](#), [Yonsei University](#), and [Korea University](#) provide a broad selection of bachelor level classes to choose from.

Thailand [Bangkok University's](#) strong points are opportunities to meet successful entrepreneurs and to learn about the latest business trends in Southeast Asia. Classes offered by [Singapore Management University](#) cover various of fields, including Innovation for Asian Smart Cities , Asia Pacific Business and more.

In order to learn English as the second language, NCCU students may choose programs provided by [University of Queensland](#) in Australia and [San Francisco State University](#) in the US. Additionally, those who want to try their hands at learning a new language may find the [Vytautas Magnus University's](#) in Lithuania language centre worth exploring. The university offers a total of 30 different language courses.

All these summer programs available to the NCCU students are opening a door to invite students to spend a memorable summer overseas and hopefully they will only lead to more pursuit of international experience in the future.



Visiting Guests

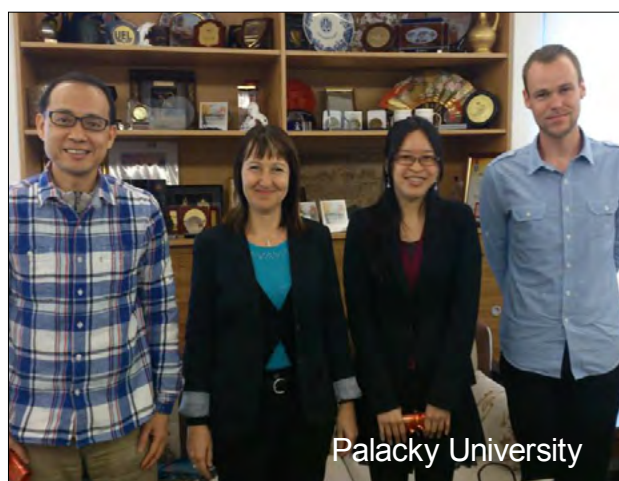
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The University of Sydney



Waseda University



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California State University, Los Angeles

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Korea	Kyung Hee University	2015.01.07
Australia	The University of Sydney	2015.01.08
Japan	Waseda University	2015.01.12
UK	University of Reading	2015.01.16
China	University of Macau	2015.01.23
USA	California State University, Los Angeles	2015.01.28
Czech	Palacky University in Olomouc	2015.02.03
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