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Refreshing and deepening connections with Australian universities, NCCU attends Fair and Forum

Story by Kelly Wang

First time invited by National Chengchi University (NCCU)'s partner [Victoria University](#) in Australia, NCCU sent delegate to attend 2015 [Exchange Fair Circuit](#) taking place 13-24 April in different cities in Australia, organized by [International Education Association Australia](#) (IEAA).

This event, of its eleventh year, was a two-week fair held at various universities across Australia and in New Zealand. Through the event, universities in Australia and New Zealand host their exchange partners and promote exchange and study abroad opportunities to their students.

Ms. Kelly Wang from [Office of International Cooperation](#) (OIC) attended the Fair held by three of NCCU's university-level partners, [Queensland University of Technology](#) (QUT), [University of Queensland](#) (UQ) and [Victoria University](#). During the Fair, students were mostly interested in finding out courses related to Business, International Relations, and Media. In addition, there were many inquiries on short-term study tours and Mandarin Chinese language program.

Apart from the Fair, Ms. Wang also visited [University of Sydney](#), where she met faculty from Business, Education & Social Work, Arts & Social Sciences and professors from Bachelor of International and Global Studies (BIGS Program), School of Languages & Cultures, China Studies Center, Department of Asian Studies. It was the first comprehensive discussion with their related units to officially explore possible faculty and research collaboration opportunities. Dr. Sean Moores from Department of Asian Studies, who was also



Photo by Kelly Wang

QUT students come to NCCU booth to ask about short term study tour information.



Photo by Kelly Wang

Outbound Mobility Forum encourages active participation in group discussion over various topics. Representatives speak up for his or her own experience.

NCCU alumni, was eager to seek more research conversations with NCCU professors.

During the visit to [Deakin University](#), with whom NCCU already signed Memorandum of Understanding, Ms. Wang gave a comprehensive introduction of NCCU and its features that could attract Deakin students to Ms. Victoria Heron, Senior Manager from Deakin International to facilitate the subsequent discussion on signing Student Exchange Agreement.

The visit to [Monash University](#) was accompanied by Mr. Jack Wu, the Head of NCCU Alumni Association in Melbourne, who has been investing efforts in connecting NCCU with Australian universities. Mr. Wu was also the person bridging NCCU with Monash University for an official partnership back in 1998. The purpose of the visit this time was to reconnect with Monash.

Towards the end of the trip, Ms. Wang also visited [University of Melbourne](#), with whom, though a university-level partnership has not yet been established, NCCU is working on a short term program on Asian Emerging Markets and Economics coming up this December, 2015. This is a successful case of NCCP collaboration, a result of numerous rounds of discussion between both Business Schools.

The trip was concluded by [Outbound Mobility Forum](#), where hot issues in mobility in higher education in Australia were lively discussed. It was a great opportunity for overseas representatives to participate and inform themselves of the latest mobility trend in Australia, which can later facilitate the conversations with Australian universities.

Why “Knot” Wrap?

Story by Ema Wang

Why “Knot” Wrap? Student Ambassadors asked this question during a workshop they prepared for international students to let them experience Chinese culture at Zhi-Chiang Dorm 10 restaurant in the evening on March 24. Activities included wrapping Chinese dumplings and making Chinese knots. Additionally, Student Ambassadors cooked the sour-spicy soup and prepared braised food, which are all popular Taiwanese food.

Before everything started, the chef, Hank Chen from Student Ambassadors, shared the stories behind the recipe for dumplings so that foreigners could understand their origins. At the same time, sour-spicy soup was served and many of the students found it delicious to the staff’s surprise.

Later, the chef started to demonstrate different kinds of wrapping method. At first, many students seemed confused and could not make it into the expected shape, but as they continued to put their efforts into it, they developed their own style of wrapping the dumplings.

“This is how we wrap dumplings in Korea!”- one Korean student said excitedly, showing her beautiful round-shaped dumplings.

Even though many of the participants had their first time wrapping Chinese dumplings, one American student, who has been in Taiwan for years, admitted that she previously had a chance to gain some experience. When asked by a surprised member of Student Ambassadors, what made her want to come and do it

again, she passionately replied, “I really enjoy wrapping dumplings! Every time is a whole new experience!” and kept on wrapping different shapes of dumplings proficiently.

With the help of tutors and their own talents, most participants could finally find their way to wrap various kinds of dumplings. Moreover, students in the same groups exchanged different method with one another.

After wrapping the dumplings, the students tried their hands at making Chinese knot. Dumplings and Chinese knot have one thing in common—they both have the meaning of “luck” in its origin. Therefore, Student Ambassadors combined them together, making it a “luck-bringing” workshop. The procedure of tying the knot was more complicated; yet, many of the participants did it with great patience and started to tie the knot in different styles. All students proved that they are quick learners and were able to develop their own ways of tying the knots.

Finally, the dumplings were ready and every group succeeded in this workshop. “Do you feel any differences between your dumplings and those in the restaurants?” - the tutor asked the group members with curiosity. “Probably! Anyway, they are delicious!” It seemed that the dumplings and the sour-spicy soup were really a good set of Chinese cuisine for foreigners. At last, Student Ambassadors arranged a special surprise. Each group had a dumpling with tomato in it, and those who ate that special dumpling were awarded for their good luck! Not only did the international students had a great evening, Student Ambassadors also enjoyed both teaching the skills, and helping in the kitchen, which were also new experiences for them.



Photo by Ema

With the help of the chef and tutors, April and Irene (second and third from the right), international students successfully wrap their own dumplings.



Photo by Ema

Students stay focused while following the correct steps of tying the Chinese knot.



Photo by Ema

Student Ambassadors lead everyone to say “dumplings” instead of “cheese” to cheer for this successful workshop.

NCCU student receives scholarship to study Spanish in Panama

Story by Lauri Wei Lu

On March 8, a fourth-year student Alonso Wei-ting Gao, of the Department of European Languages, embarked on his year-long journey to the Republic of Panama. After a three-month long selection process, Mr. Gao was able to outshine more than 30 contestants from around Taiwan to win the coveted [2015 Program for Spanish Language Learning in Panama](#) scholarship.

The scholarship is given by the Panamanian Institute of Human Resource, the [IFARHU](#). It offers a full scholarship, with living expenses included, while transport fees are covered by [Taiwan's Ministry of Education](#) (MOE). Since December last year, Mr. Gao has first gone through [the Office of International Cooperation's](#) examination to win the qualification of school representative, followed by the bilingual interview held by the MOE. Twelve students were eventually chosen from schools across Taiwan—[National Taiwan University](#), [Fujen Catholic University](#), [Providence University](#), [Wenzao Ursuline University](#) and more. Mr. Gao will be studying in the [Universidad Tecnologica de Panama](#) for the year to come.

“Taiwanese hospitality is definitely one of the best things here!” exclaimed Mr. Gao. As recipients of the award, Mr. Gao and his fellow program members often have to participate in national events such as the International Trade Exhibition and Central America Coffee Trade Luncheon. During these events, staff from the Embassy of Taiwan and Taiwanese

businessmen located in Panama would always be unfailingly considerate and warm towards the students. Things were not always sunny in the sunny nation however - traffic jam proved to be one of the nightmares of life in Panama, resulting in traffic chaos which often was shocking even for Taiwanese.

“People like to say Panama is the Hong Kong of Central America,” Mr. Gao confides. Geographical position gave Panama a distinct advantage in becoming a center of commerce. Sprawling business centers and tall towers signify the country's rapid economic progress. However, several slums sit side by side with these prosperous areas, with window washers and vendors braving the cars and busy roads to make a living. The greatest difference when compared to Taiwan? “Efficiency,” answers Mr. Gao. In Taiwan, everyone rushes trying to finish chores as soon as possible, whereas in Panama, people feel entitled to take things at their own pace, enjoying life as they go. A trip to a bureaucratic office or even standing in line at the supermarket could be a serious test to one's patience.

After a month living abroad, Wei-ting Gao believes his Spanish has not only greatly improved, but his horizons have also broadened significantly. “There is ample opportunity here to practice Spanish, as the locals don't speak much English,” he says. “Besides, besides from having to be more careful on the streets, especially at night, Panama offers excellent public transport, which gives us the chance to explore the country.” All in all, he very much recommends future NCCU applicants to try out for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Taiwanese students welcomed to Panama by the Embassy of Taiwan.



Scholarship award recipient and senior NCCU student Alonso Wei-ting Gao is regarded as one of the top students by his Spanish language professor at the Universidad Tecnologica de Panama.

NCCU raises safety awareness at Fire Drill Workshop

Story by Michelle Tsai

A fire drill workshop, organized by the Office of International Cooperation (OIC), the Office of General Affairs, the Military Office of the Office of Student Affairs and the Taipei City Fire Department, was held in the afternoon of March 8 to reinforce the safety awareness among international students.

During the workshop, experts talked about disaster prevention and prepared special exercise during which an emergency situation was simulated so the attendees could learn how to protect themselves in case of accidents.

The fire drill workshop consisted of two parts: the promotion of need-to-know concepts and hands-on operation. The former part not only focused on the importance of being familiar with living environment in order to plan an escape route, but also reminded those students living off-campus to install fire alarms in their households to ensure their own safety. In the light of a recent deadly case of carbon monoxide poisoning (CO) of a NCCU international student living outside of campus, the fire department urged students to maintain air circulation in their living quarters when using a gas water heater to avoid CO poisoning, because while carbon monoxide is deadly, odorless and colorless.

In order to help international students understand how to use the fire equipment in Taiwan, the firefighters divided them into groups to take turns learning how to use fire extinguishers and the fire hydrants, how to escape from a disaster on the seismic pick-up and in the smog chamber, and also how to perform CPR. Instructor Ching-Yi Chu from the Military Office expressed that “knowing is not the same as understanding,” and that through hands-on experience, students can apply what they have learned into unpredictable real life situations and carry out the purpose of a fire drill.

“Everyone knows that accidents happen, but they all think that nothing is going to happen to them” – said instructor Chu, and added that according to school policies, every student staying in the dormitory has to participate in the fire drill, but those living off campus rarely have the chance to attend one. The Military’s Office will continue to promote fire-related safety precautions in the future to ensure the lodging safety of every student.



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