English Department Alumnus Wins 1st Place at National Gettysburg Address Reciting Contest

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【Reporter Tsai Jin—Yu, Tamkang Campus】 Congratulations to Chen, Yan—Ling, an English Department alumnus, for winning the National Gettysburg Address Reciting Contest hosted by The Lincoln Society. Yan—Ling came through in the contest by beating five competitors from other institutions and won a ten—thousand—dollar prize. Before the national contest, Yan—Ling had to beat 26 other competitors from the school in order to represent Tamkang University. When asked about the contest, she said, "Besides the prize, I also received Papers of Abraham Lincoln. This was a happy and unforgettable experience".

When asked about her preparation for the competition, Yan-Ling said, "I would stand in front of a mirror and imagine myself as Abraham Lincoln in the battlefield. That way, I could feel the grief and sorrow. I also looked for other recital versions from the Internet, picked out the parts I like and integrated those in my own speech. Reciting Gettysburg Address with my own style was way to show my unique interpretation".