

Junior Year Study Abroad Flag Presentation Ceremony: Teachers, Relatives, and Friends Gather to Offer Their Blessings

The Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs held the "2024 Academic Year Student Study Abroad Flag Presentation Ceremony" on June 25 at 2:30 PM in the Activity Center. A total of 391 students from 11 departments will be studying abroad as exchange students in 25 countries and 111 schools. The event was attended by President Huan-Chao Keh, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Chun-Hung Lin, Vice President for Academic Affairs Hui-Huang Hsu, first-level supervisors of various academic units, department chairs of the students going abroad, 260 students going abroad, and over 70 parents. Distinguished guests such as Chu-Lien Yen, Minister on Home Assignment from the Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Eduardo Euba Aldape, Director General of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce;

Mr. Kouta Ouchi, Director of the Cultural Affairs and Public Relations Department, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association; and Ms. Aurélie Jobert, French Language and Publishing Affairs Officer of the French Office in Taipei (Bureau Français de Taipei), also attended to offer their encouragement and blessings.

President Keh first congratulated the students who are about to study abroad on obtaining this rare exchange opportunity, wishing everyone a joyful departure and a safe return. He explained that globalization is the foremost of Tamkang University's Three Objectives of Education, reflecting the university's commitment to this goal. Thanks to everyone's joint efforts, significant achievements have been made, and the university will continue to move forward in this direction, enhancing



President Huan-Chao Keh (left) presents the flag to the students who are about to study abroad in the 2024 academic year, with the Dean of International Affairs Chien-Mu Yeh (right) accepting on their behalf.

students' professional abilities and promoting diverse cross-cultural learning. During the flag presentation ceremony, the students going abroad took turns going on stage, where the flags were received by the Dean of International Affairs, Dr. Chien-Mu Yeh, and the respective department chairs. Friends and family members who attended the ceremony eagerly took out their phones to capture this memorable moment. In his speech, Dr. Yeh explained

that the junior year study abroad program is one of the concrete manifestations of Tamkang University's globalization efforts. He noted that it is a source of pride for the university to see the growth in students when they return from abroad each year. He emphasized that the university would continue to work hard in promoting internationalization, contributing to the connections between Taiwan and the world.

2024-2025 Global Best Universities: Tamkang's Chemistry Discipline Ranked in the Global Top 100 for 3 Indicators



U.S. News & World Report recently announced the 2024-2025 Best Global

Universities Rankings. Tamkang University performed remarkably well in chemistry,

with 3 indicators ranking in the global top 100: "Normalized Citation Impact" ranked 15th globally; "Percentage of Papers Among the Top 1% Most Cited" ranked 25th globally; and "International Collaboration - Relative to Country" ranked 59th globally. The global ranking for the chemistry discipline is 480th, a significant jump of 199 places from last year's 679th. In addition to chemistry, the engineering discipline also performed well, ranking 987th globally.

over 100 countries were evaluated. Among them, 39 universities from Taiwan were included, with 17 private universities. Tamkang University was ranked 1,391st globally, an improvement of 22 places from the previous ranking, and 17th domestically. The university's best performance was in "International Collaboration - Relative to Country," ranking 203rd globally and 7th domestically. The next best was "Percentage of Total Publications that are Among the 1% Most Cited," ranking 421st globally and 3rd domestically.

"In the rankings announced on June 26, 2024, more than 2,271 universities from

English Department Alumnus Howard Hao-Chih Huang Appointed as Foil Referee for Fencing at the Paris Olympics

At the 2024 Paris Olympics, Howard Hao-Chih Huang, an alumnus of the English Department at Tamkang University, proudly represented our country as a foil referee in the fencing events. This marks the first time a national fencing referee has been selected for the Olympics. The Chinese Taipei Fencing Association has hailed Huang as the pride of Taiwan.

Howard Hao-Chih Huang is currently

the Head of the Referees Section of the Chinese Taipei Fencing Association and a referee for the FIE (International Fencing Federation). While at the university, he was a member of the fencing team and won the men's individual sabre championship at the Collegiate Fencing Championships. Even years after graduation, he frequently returns to the university to mentor the members of the Fencing Club and teach fencing techniques from the perspective

and experience of an international referee. Together with coaches Shun-Min Wang and Tsu-Chao Yu, he led the university's fencing team to win 8 gold and 6 gold at the 2015 and 2014 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games.

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Tamkang's Chinese Language Center Becomes Largest U.S. Oversease Chinese Program Partner



Students from the Chinese Language Class at the Chinese Language Center visited AIT.

This summer, the Chinese Language Center of the Office of Continuing Education at Tamkang University offered various Chinese language courses. In collaboration with the U.S. Department of State and Department of Defense, the program was designed to promote international exchanges by providing tailored Chinese language courses.

On the evening of July 11, a grand joint welcome reception was held for

the 144 American youths studying at Tamkang University at the Fullon Hotel Tamsui Fisherman's Wharf. On July 16, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) invited them for a visit and exchange, accompanied by Vice President for International Affairs Hsiao-Chuan Chen and Dean of International Affairs Chien-Mu Yeh. AIT recognized the success of Tamkang University's Chinese language programs.

AIT Acting Public Diplomacy Section Chief

Harvey Sernovitz warmly received the group and encouraged the young students who are diligently studying Chinese in Taiwan. He also expressed special thanks to Tamkang University, stating, "For consistently undertaking Chinese language exchange programs with U.S. government agencies, and for setting a new record in student numbers this year, making it an important hub for promoting language exchange between Taiwan and the U.S."