

# Tamkang University Welcomes New International Students: Dr. Hsiao-Chuan Chen Hopes for Mutual Growth

On the morning of September 4, the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs held the "2024 Academic Year New International Students Welcome Ceremony" at the Chang Yeo Lan International Conference Hall in the Hsu Shou-Chlien International Conference Center. About 360 international students from various parts of the world attended the event.

Vice President for International Affairs, Dr. Hsiao-Chuan Chen, first welcomed the new international students to the Tamkang family. She then introduced the university's educational philosophy of "Three Objectives of Education," "Three Circles of Education and Five Disciplines," and "Eight Core Competencies for Students," helping the new students understand Tamkang's unique highlights and characteristics. She concluded by wishing the international students a smooth integration into the university's learning environment and expressed hopes for mutual growth in the future.

The event included topics such as "Safety in Taiwan and Anti-Fraud Awareness," "Cross-Cultural Adaptation," "Gender Equality Education," and "Explanation of English Course Waiving," to help international students become more familiar with these important matters. Dean of International Affairs, Dr. Chien-Mu Yeh, introduced the office's services and staff, saying, "You are welcome to stop by anytime, and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us. Let our staff help you out. We hope all new international students have a wonderful study abroad experience at Tamkang."



The Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs held a welcome event for new international students for the 2024 academic year, warmly welcoming them into the Tamkang family.

# The Symposium of Leaders in Student's Association of Tamkang University: President Keh Encourages Using AI to Enhance Club Management Efficiency


"The Symposium of Leaders in Student's Association of Tamkang University is crucial to Tamkang's culture. Since its inception in 1966, the Symposium of Leaders in Student's Association of Tamkang University has adhered to the mission of "doing our best to create a vision," embodying the spirit of passing on knowledge and ensuring that club experiences are sustainably preserved." President Huan-Chao Keh, who has attended the opening ceremony for over 30 consecutive years, encouraged students to participate in various club activities to develop the soft skills needed by enterprises. He urged clubs to keep up with the times while passing on their experiences and organizing activities to align with Tamkang University's core development goal, "AI+SDGs=∞," to implement sustainable development and enhance club management efficiency through AI.

One of the distinguishing features of Tamkang University is its wide variety of student club activities. The main goal of the Symposium of Leaders in Student's Association of Tamkang University is to ensure that newly appointed club leaders can quickly get up to speed, become familiar with club operations, and lead members in enjoying club life. The Extracurricular Activities Guidance Section recently held "the Symposium of Leaders in Student's Association of Tamkang University" and "Club Leadership Training" on the Tamsui Campus to assist new club leaders and officers in understanding the operational processes of their clubs. A total of 228 participants attended. This year, the symposium focused on 4 main themes: training courses, ceremonial rituals, reflection and feedback, and interactions and exchanges.



The Symposium of Leaders in Student's Association of Tamkang University staff were introduced during the opening ceremony.

# TKU Achieves Significant Research Results in Taiwan-Netherlands Photon Quantum Computing Alliance: Year of Innovation and Cultural Exchange Promoted Strongly



In 2024, marking 400 years of Taiwan-Netherlands exchanges, the Netherlands Office Taipei (NLOT) is hosting the Taiwan-Netherlands Year of Innovation and Culture. On the homepage of the NLOT official website, special mention is made of the Taiwan-Netherlands "Photon Quantum Computing Alliance," a collaboration between Tamkang University's Assistant Professor Jun-Yi Wu from the Department of Physics and Executive Director of the Advanced Quantum Computing Research Center, and the University of Twente in the Netherlands. This alliance has been selected as a key promotion project, highlighting that TKU's quantum computing research has become a sought-after partner on the international stage.

Dr. Wu pointed out that since June last year (2023), with funding from the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), the "Taiwan-Netherlands Photon Quantum Computing Alliance" was officially launched. In June this year, team members held the annual alliance meeting at Leiden University in the Netherlands. Each team shared significant technological advancements in key components of photon quantum computing.

In the Taiwan-Netherlands Photon Quantum Computing Alliance, Assistant Professor Dr. Jun-Yi Wu, presented significant research achievements at the annual meeting.

# Flexible Curriculum: Laying the Foundation for Interdisciplinary Skills

To lay the foundation and enhance the interdisciplinary competitiveness of Tamkang University's students, the Office of Academic Affairs is implementing new initiatives for the upcoming academic year. In addition to the already established "University Learning," "Exploring Sustainability," and "AI and Programming Language" dual-tower general education courses, the "Flexible Curriculum" has been promoted. All departments have now completed the design of flexible programs for minor specialties and second majors, enabling students to plan their learning according to their interests and build interdisciplinary skills.

Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Tzong-Ru Tsai, explained that students can select cross-college and interdisciplinary minors or double majors based on their interests and preferences, gaining a second or even third area of expertise. They can also participate in USR (University Social Responsibility) projects to apply their knowledge, explore various certification-related learning paths, and obtain credentials. This ensures that they enter the job market with strong competitive skills upon graduation.

