

2024 Second World University Web Rankings: Tamkang University Maintains Top Spot Among Non-Medical Private Schools

Comparison of Tamkang University's Results in the Last 2 Editions of Webometrics Rankings of World Universities

| Ranking Time | Global Ranking | Asia Ranking | Domestic Ranking | Domestic Private University Ranking | Non-Medical Private University Ranking | U12 Consortium University Ranking | Global Indicator Rankings | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | Impact | Openness | Excellence |
| 07.2024 | 1,087 | 287 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 779 | 2,041 | 1,744 |
| 01.2024 | 1,008 | 265 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 587 | 1,999 | 1,714 |
| Progress | ▼79 | ▼22 | No Change | | | | ▼192 | ▼42 | ▼30 |

Source: Office of Quality Assurance and Audit

The results of the second edition of the 2024 "Webometrics Rankings of World Universities" (WRWU) were announced in early September (2024.2 version). Tamkang University ranked 1,087th globally and 287th in Asia, slightly declining from the previous period (details in the table). However, our national ranking remains steady, placing 13th overall and 4th among private universities while maintaining the top spot among non-medical private universities. Since 2007, our university has consistently performed well, achieving the private university championship for the 34th time.

This ranking is conducted by the Spanish National Research Council under the Ministry of Education. It evaluates universities based on 3 indicators: Impact (50%), Openness (10%), and Excellence (40%). These indicators assess how well a university promotes the exchange of academic knowledge through its website, reflecting the quality of knowledge output and the level of knowledge transfer at each institution.

International Foundation Program Welcome Event: A Warm Reception for 35 New Tamkang Members

The Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs held the 2024 academic year's "International Foundation Program Welcome Event" on September 23 in the HC 307 room of the Hsu Shou-Chlien International Conference Center. The event was hosted by Vice President for International Affairs, Dr. Hsiao-Chuan Chen, with the Dean of International Affairs, Dr. Chien-Mu Yeh, Secretary of the office and Chief of the International and Cross-Strait Exchange Section, Ms. Hsinying AC Chu, and Chief of the International and Mainland Students Guidance Section and the International Foundation Program, Ms. Nastia Lin leading their teams to welcome

35 new students from Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan, and other countries into the Tamkang University family. Dr. Chen first welcomed the 35 freshmen to the Tamkang family, encouraging them to smoothly navigate their time learning Mandarin and successfully enter their desired academic departments. Dr. Hsiang-Hua Chou, Director of the Chinese Language Center of the Office of Continuing Education, explained that the center has already arranged Mandarin courses and excellent faculty members for the students, aiming to help them develop solid Mandarin skills and build a strong foundation for their future university studies.



"Academic Year International Foundation Program Welcome Event" hosted by Vice President for International Affairs, Dr. Hsiao-Chuan Chen (center), to welcome 35 new students to the Tamkang family.

2024 Formosa International Poetry Festival in Tamsui: Envisioning a Sustainable Home Through Poetry and Art

The opening ceremony of the 2024 Formosa International Poetry Festival in Tamsui and the "Sustainable Homeland" Art Exhibition



was held at the Carrie Chang Fine Arts Center of Tamkang University. Nearly 100 attendees participated, including Dr. Yi-Ti Lin, Dean of the College of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Tamsui District Executive Bing Chung Chen, Tamsui Cultural Foundation Chairperson Hui-Ming Hsu, Vice President of the Movimiento Poetas del Mundo Oscar René Benitez, along with several participating poets and artists.

The curator, retired Spanish Department professor Sheng-Bin Lin, explained that the theme of the 2024 Poetry Festival is "Sustainable Homeland" combining poetry with an art exhibition. Several domestic artists were invited to reflect on issues of sustainable urban and rural development through their paintings, exploring the sustainability challenges and visions for our "home." The event aims to raise public awareness about environmental protection and sustainable development of both nature and human culture, using poetry and art to reflect on global ecological and social challenges. The "Sustainable Homeland"

Art Exhibition is being held at the Carrie Chang Fine Arts Center, featuring works by Tamsui female painter Yu-Chu Lin (林玉珠) and other artists, focusing on Tamsui scenery or the theme of a sustainable homeland. The "e-Calligraphy Poetry and Painting Exhibition" is being held in the Reading Sharing Area on the second floor of the Chueh Sheng Memorial Library, showcasing 48 pieces of poetry from poets participating in the International Poetry Festival. All the poems are written using the university's distinctive e-Calligraphy system, combining beautiful poetry with calligraphy.

Professor Ku-Jun Lin Experiences the Appeal of AI-Integrated Teaching During Summer EMI Teacher Training in the U.S.

Professor Ku-Jun Lin from the Department of Accounting was selected to join 21 higher education faculty members from various fields across Taiwan to participate in the "EMI (English as a Medium of Instruction) Higher Education Training," co-organized by the National Taiwan Normal University entrusted by the Ministry of Education and the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) in the United States. During the two-week in-person course, Dr. Lin experienced the appeal of integrating "generative AI" into teaching and enthusiastically remarked, "This aligns

perfectly with Tamkang University's AI + SDGs = ∞ development strategy." Dr. Lin shared that one of the most noteworthy topics in the training was how to incorporate "generative AI" into courses, where it plays a pivotal role in teaching and learning. Effectively using such tools enables students from various disciplines to manage their time more efficiently by focusing on critical thinking and judgment. This approach not only helps overcome the initial understanding challenges in all-English classes but also benefits students in their future career development.

Furthermore, Dr. Lin noted that the training program treated him as a student, arranging for him to stay in university dorms and allowing him to use his student ID to access all facilities and public transportation throughout the city, including buses and trains. He also gained access to the university's library resources, databases, and academic journals for a year, significantly

expanding his research resources, which he found very valuable.



Dr. Ku-Jun Lin receives his certificate of completion.