

Paraguayan Catholic University Visits Tamkang, Plans Underway to Sign Sister-School Agreement to Strengthen Exchange

On September 18 at 3:00 p.m., Pbro. Dr. Cristino Bohnert Bauer, Rector of the Universidad Católica de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción (Catholic University of Asunción, UCA), and Pbro. Mg. Sergio Ayala Viveros, Chief Secretary, visited Tamkang University to discuss opportunities for academic exchange. During the meeting, both parties reached a preliminary consensus on establishing a sister-school agreement and expressed plans to launch a student exchange program in the future, marking the beginning of strengthened collaboration between the two universities.

The exchange forum was hosted by Prof. Hsiao-Chuan Chen, Vice President for International Affairs, and attended by Prof. Yi-Ti Lin, Dean of the College of Foreign Languages and Literatures; Prof. Ching-Gwo Chang, Chair of the Department of European Languages and Cultures; and Asst. Prof. Ya-Fang Lo, Assistant Professor of Spanish at the Department. VP Chen introduced Tamkang's Triple Objectives of Education—

Globalization, Information-oriented Education, and Future-oriented Education—along with its achievements in sister-school cooperation, dual-degree programs, and all-English curricula. She also highlighted the strength of Tamkang's alumni network and its contributions, such as donations for the construction of the Hsu Shou-Chlien International Conference Center and the establishment of the Chang Yeo Lan Scholarship, underscoring the strong sense of unity among Tamkang alumni.

Rector Cristino Bohnert expressed his deep appreciation for Tamkang's warm hospitality, which left him with a lasting impression. He was particularly impressed by the existence of a dedicated Office of International Affairs, which handles international exchanges and programs, and noted that UCA would consider establishing a

similar office. He also expressed admiration for Tamkang's extensive alumni network and fundraising achievements, and looked forward to further deepening bilateral cooperation to create a mutually beneficial partnership.



Rector Pbro. Dr. Cristino Bohnert Bauer of the Catholic University of Asunción in Paraguay (4th from right) visited Tamkang university.

Tamkang Student Teachers Undertake Practicum at Surabaya Taipei School in Indonesia, Deepening New Southbound Education Cooperation

To cultivate future teachers with a global vision and cross-cultural competence, the Center for Teacher Education at Tamkang

University recently led 8 student teachers to the Surabaya Taipei School in Indonesia for a 2-week overseas practicum. This project



Student teachers joined elementary school classes to accompany and support students in their learning.

was supported by the Ministry of Education's "Strengthening Cooperation and Exchange with ASEAN and South Asian Countries Program" and assisted by Tamkang's Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs, underscoring the university's commitment to international educational exchange and the deepening of New Southbound cooperation.

The team, led by Assistant Professor Chia-Yuan Huang of the Center for Teacher Education, included members from diverse disciplines—Educational Technology, Chinese Literature, Public Administration, Diplomacy and International Relations, History, and French—demonstrating the value of cross-disciplinary collaboration. During the practicum, the student teachers engaged in classroom observations, assisted with teaching, interacted with local teachers and students, and participated in community visits. In the second week, due to local social events, the practicum was conducted online. Guided by their supervising professor, the student teachers utilized digital teaching tools

to design multimedia materials, host online discussions, and conduct interactive Q&A sessions. These efforts not only ensured the smooth delivery of the course but also showcased the professional resilience of the student teachers, reflecting the Teacher Education Center's emphasis on digital literacy and the use of diverse instructional materials.

Several participants shared that their overseas experiences broadened their international horizons, strengthened their cross-cultural communication and classroom management skills, and further confirmed their determination to pursue careers in education.

Rap Base Keelung-Tamsui-Taipei City: Prof. Sinn-Cheng Lin Revives Local Memory and Cultural Resonance Through Music

Professor Sin-Cheng Lin of the Department of Information and Library Science carried out the "Digital Tamsui, International Connections" project sponsored by the Ministry of Education's Higher Education SPROUT Project by hosting a special lecture titled "Hobe Stories: Rap Base Keelung-Tamsui-Taipei City". The event was attended and supported by Prof. Hui-Huang Hsu, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Deputy Chairman of the Tamsui Cultural Foundation, Liang-Chien Hung; Director of Tamsui Community University, Dr. Tsao-Min Tsai; and Chairperson of Fab Green Village, Mei-Ting Lin, along with Tamkang faculty, students, alumni, and local residents.

In their remarks, VP Hsu emphasized that universities are placing increasing importance on local engagement, encouraging faculty and students to continue paying attention to community issues and serving society with their expertise. Mr. Hung shared perspectives as a Tamsui local, reflecting on recent changes and hopes for the town's future development. Dr. Tsai highlighted that the event not only promoted local culture but also demonstrated the social responsibility of universities and enterprises, envisioning Tamsui's journey toward recognition as a World Cultural Heritage site. Ms. Lin explained that Fab Green Village will continue to integrate history, culture, and

music-related industries to foster local culture and economic growth.

The lecture adopted a creative rap performance style. Prof. Lin presented 9 original song lyrics, each carried local stories, set to the melodies of traditional tunes. Through an approach of "edutainment" (learning through music and fun), he transformed local knowledge from abstract academic terms into vivid, rhythmic, and emotional narratives. The performance evoked resonance with the

land and culture, deepening participants' sense of local identity.



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Tamsui Arts Carnival: TKU USR Project Features Faculty and Students in Costume "Tour Banquet" "Walk the Bridge"

The 2025 Tamsui Arts Carnival took place on the afternoon of September 27 along Tamsui Old Street. As part of the festivities, the USR project "Walking into Tamsui, Facing the World: Promoting Taiwan's Most Influential Classic Itineraries and Signature Banquets" joined the parade. Under the leadership of the Principal Investigator of the project, Department of History Chair Chi-Lin Li, and co-PI, College of Foreign Languages Dean Yi-Ti Lin, History Department students participated, injecting vibrant artistic energy into the carnival.

This year's event highlighted the Tamkang Bridge with the theme "Walk the Bridge." A total of 47 parade teams participated, presenting a vibrant city party through diverse art forms, including dance, music, and circus acts, that

showcased the cultural and creative charm of Tamsui. Performances centered on the dialogue between history



Department of History Chair Chi-Lin Li (front row, first from right) led students in the parade at the Tamsui Arts Carnival.

and modernity: students dressed as Qing dynasty officials and Westerners, reenacting the life of Dr. George Leslie Mackay in Tamsui, while others wore modern worker uniforms, simulating scenes of bridge construction. With streamers and coordinated formations, the performance symbolized cross-generational and cross-temporal exchange, helping the public experience the symbolic meaning of the Tamkang Bridge.

Prof. Li emphasized that participation in the carnival not only enhanced Tamkang University's visibility but also provided students with valuable hands-on learning. Through the planning and execution of the event, students cultivated organizational skills, teamwork, and adaptability, gaining practical experience that will serve them well.