

# Hsi-Deh Wu Honored with the 29th Taiwan - France Cultural Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cultural and Artistic Exchange

Professor Emeritus Hsi-Deh Wu of Tamkang University's Department of French was honored with the 29th Taiwan-France Cultural Award, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to promoting cultural and artistic exchange among Taiwan, France, and Europe. This marks another major international accolade for Prof. Wu, following his receipt of the French Education Knights of Honor from the France in Taiwan Association in 2016.

The Taiwan-France Cultural Award aims to honor institutions or individuals in France, Europe, and Taiwan who have made outstanding contributions to promoting cultural and artistic exchange between

Taiwan and France, as well as between Taiwan and Europe. Through this award, the organizers seek to continue encouraging sustained and impactful cultural collaboration, fostering broader and deeper bilateral and multilateral cultural engagement.

Prof. Wu expressed that receiving the award is both a great honor and a stroke of good fortune. He shared that his first thoughts were of gratitude toward Tamkang University for its long-standing support and cultivation, as well as toward President Huan-Chao Keh for generously providing a letter of recommendation. An alumnus of Tamkang University's Department of French, Prof. Wu earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral

degrees from Université Paris Diderot (Paris VII) before returning to Tamkang University, where he taught for nearly four decades. During his tenure, he served as Chair of the Department of French and Dean of the College of Foreign Languages and Literatures, among other leadership roles.

In 1989, Prof. Wu spearheaded the introduction of the *Que sais-je?* ("What Do I Know?") translation series in Taiwan. He went on to initiate the Association des Professeurs de Français de Taiwan in 1996, founded the Taiwan Association of French Translators in 2014, organized Taiwan's first World Francophonie Day celebration, and established the French Translation Award.



## International Student Entrance Scholarships Awarded as VP Chen Encourages Students to Serve as Bridges Between Taiwan and the World

To encourage outstanding international students to enroll at Tamkang University, the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs held the "2025 Academic Year International Student Entrance Scholarship Award Ceremony". Vice President for International Affairs Hsiao-Chuan Chen attended the ceremony, along with deans of the colleges of the award recipients, department chairs.

In her opening remarks, Vice President Chen thanked the students for choosing to study at Tamkang University and welcomed them to the Tamkang family. She noted that during their academic journey, students not only accumulate professional knowledge

but also gain valuable experiences through interaction and exchange with peers from different countries, allowing them to engage with diverse cultures. Such experiences,

she emphasized, help shape personal qualities and lay a strong foundation for future development. By awarding scholarships, Tamkang University aims to alleviate students'



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financial burdens, enabling them to focus on their studies and personal growth. She also encouraged students to apply what they have learned in the future, enrich campus diversity through their multicultural backgrounds, and serve as important bridges between Taiwan and the world.

A total of 45 students received entrance scholarships, including awards for outstanding foreign students, outstanding international master's and doctoral students, as well as scholarships designated for students from Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Mainland China. The scholarships were presented by Vice President Chen and heads of first-level administrative units.

## President of Universidad Nacional de Itapúa, Paraguay, Visits TKU to Discuss Prospects for Academic Collaboration

Dr. Hermenegildo Cohene Velázquez, President of the National University of Itapúa (Universidad Nacional de Itapúa), Paraguay, visited Tamkang University to discuss

the deepening of academic exchange and technological cooperation. Discussions focused on key areas including AI, agricultural technology, and water resources engineering, as well as topics such as the development of smart classrooms, promotion of research projects, and student exchange programs.

Dr. Cohene Velázquez was received by the Office of International Affairs and toured the University History Gallery to gain an understanding of the University's educational philosophy and institutional development. He then visited the AI Reality Field, where he experienced a range of interactive installations integrating AI technologies. He was particularly impressed by faculty members' use of interactive whiteboards for graphic-based instruction, as well as the advanced equipment and

intelligent learning environment of the AI-enabled classrooms. He proactively inquired about the costs of smart classroom construction and system integration, hoping to utilize the experience as a valuable reference for future institutional planning.

The exchange forum was chaired by Vice President for International Affairs Hsiao-Chuan Chen. She provided an overview of the University's recent achievements in globalization, sister-university partnerships, and the learning experiences of international students. Dr. Cohene Velázquez expressed high appreciation for the University's strengths in language education, technological research and development, and global collaboration, and showed particular interest in its advancements in AI and intelligent control systems, expressing a strong desire to establish formal cooperative agreements.



The President of the National University of Itapúa, Paraguay (right 4th) visits Tamkang University.

## Employment Gold Card Briefing Helps International Students Explore Career Opportunities in Taiwan

To assist international students in seeking employment in Taiwan after graduation, the International and Mainland Student Guidance Section of the Office of International Affairs held an information session titled "Exploring Your Future in Taiwan: The Taiwan Employment Gold Card for International Students" at the Ching-Sheng International Conference Hall. Representatives Bradley Orr and Dennis Chen from Talent Taiwan were invited to explain relevant regulations for foreign graduates wishing to remain in Taiwan, the points-based assessment system, and the Taiwan Employment Gold Card program.

Bradley Orr first introduced Talent Taiwan as a national-level service center dedicated to attracting and supporting foreign talent



Bradley Orr, a representative of Talent Taiwan

in Taiwan. provides multilingual service counters, career consultation services, and a one-stop information platform, which provides visa information, job search resources, and relocation guides. The center also operates the Taiwan Employment Gold Card Office, which helps foreign professionals and Gold Card holders access essential information more efficiently.

Orr further explained that foreign students who wish to remain in Taiwan after graduation may apply for a Job-Seeking Resident Certificate (ARC), which allows them to stay in Taiwan for up to 12 months, with the possibility of a one-time extension

for an additional 12 months if necessary. He also introduced the Taiwan Employment Gold Card, a special visa program designed for high-level professionals. Industry experts with extensive work experience or individuals holding doctoral degrees in specific fields are eligible to apply and enjoy a range of benefits. These include an open work permit that allows holders to freely change jobs, work for multiple employers simultaneously, start their own businesses, and shortened eligibility periods for permanent residency applications, as well as tax incentives for first-time employment in Taiwan.