Political and Economic Leaders from 7 Latin American Countries Gather at Tamkang for In-Person Classes



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ming-Chi Chen (front row, 4th from left) hosts a luncheon for incoming students of Tamkang's In-service Master's Program in Digital Learning in Asia-Pacific and Latin American Studies.

Tamkang University's Department of Global Politics and Economics held an in-person instruction week for its In-service Master's Program in Digital Learning in Asia-Pacific and Latin American Studies in the mid-October 2026–2027 academic year. 12 distinguished international participants from seven Latin American countries, including diplomats, think tank scholars, and prominent political figures, gathered at the university. Through face-to-face exchanges and dialogue, the program aimed to strengthen Taiwan's strategic partnerships and academic collaboration with Latin America.

This year's 12 students are distinguished professionals from the political, economic, media, and academic sectors of seven Latin American countries: Guatemala, Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, and Mexico. On October 15, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ming-Chi Chen hosted a special luncheon in their honor. In his remarks, he welcomed distinguished participants from diverse professional backgrounds across Latin America and thanked Tamkang University for its longstanding efforts to promote exchanges between Taiwan and the region.

During the intensive seven-day program of in-person classes and visits, participants explored political and economic developments in the Asia-Pacific and Latin American regions. They also engaged in direct dialogue with representatives from Taiwan's government and academic communities through luncheon gatherings and other activities carefully arranged by MOFA and Tamkang University. After the program successfully concluded, participants departed for their home countries over the weekend. They will continue their studies through online distance learning and, upon completing all required coursework, their master's theses, and oral defenses, will be awarded master's degrees.

Faculty and Students Dress Up for High Table Dinner, Breaking Ice, Welcoming New Students, Fostering Connections and Cross-Cultural Exchange

Tamkang University's Center for Holistic Education recently hosted a grand High Table Dinner at the Student Activity Center. President Hui-Huang Hsu, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of the Center for Holistic Education Hung-Chung Hsueh, and Vice President for International Affairs and Dean of the College of International Affairs Cheng-Hao Pao. Department chairs and full-time faculty members from the Center's English-taught bachelor's programs in Computer Science and Information Engineering, Business Administration, English, International Tourism Management, and Global Politics and Economics joined first-year students, all dressed in formal attire. With 50 tables arranged for the occasion, nearly 300 faculty members and students gathered to celebrate this annual event.

Originating from the collegiate traditions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in the United Kingdom, the High Table Dinner has become an integral part of the Center for Holistic Education's freshman welcome traditions.



The High Table Dinner brings faculty members and students together at the same tables to dine and engage in meaningful exchanges.

All participants dressed formally, demonstrating their understanding of international etiquette and respect for the occasion. The event also gives students a chance to prepare for cross-cultural exchanges and international engagement through Tamkang University's "Study Abroad in the Junior Year" program.

National flags from around the world were displayed throughout the venue, highlighting its multicultural atmosphere. Before dinner began, a special dining etiquette session introduced participants to proper Western tableware and seating etiquette. Following the remarks, President Hsu led faculty members and students in raising their glasses and enthusiastically calling out "Cheers!" to officially open the dinner. Full-time faculty members from various departments sat alongside students, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere for interaction and conversation.

Tamkang International Foundation Program Welcomes 60 New Students as They Begin Their Academic Journey at Tamkang

Tamkang University's International Foundation Program, administered by the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs, recently held its 2026–2027 academic year New Student Welcome Ceremony at the Hsu Shou-Chlien International Conference Center. Vice President for International Affairs Cheng-Hao Pao and Dean of International Affairs Chien-Mu Yeh attended the event, welcoming 60 new students from Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, and the Philippines.

The event featured an orientation session explaining the program's academic requirements and student support services. Students were briefed that their first academic year would focus primarily on learning Mandarin Chinese. In addition to academic arrangements, the session covered essential information on residence permit applications, healthcare services, and work permits, helping students understand the administrative procedures and practical aspects of studying and living in Taiwan.

In his welcoming remarks, Vice President Cheng-Hao Pao expressed his pleasure in welcoming the new students to Tamkang University. He emphasized that Tamkang would continue to address students' academic and daily living needs and encouraged them to report any difficulties they encountered so that appropriate assistance and services could be provided.

Dean of International Affairs Chien-Mu Yeh stated that Tamkang University would provide qualified instructors and relevant learning resources to help students improve their Chinese language proficiency. He encouraged them to aim for Level B1 on the TOCFL, laying a strong linguistic foundation for their subsequent specialized courses. Sheng-Min Chan, Chief of the International Foundation Program, encouraged the newcomers to "Enjoy your five years of university life," urging them to cherish their time at Tamkang, explore new interests, and experience the diverse aspects of campus life alongside their studies.



Tamkang International Students Explore Gongliao's Mountain and Coastal Culture, Strengthening Peer Connections Through Shared Learning and Travel



Tamkang University's Office of Student Affairs organizes the "Aodi Longyu Cultural Excursion" in Gongliao District, New Taipei City, where a fishing boat captain introduces the onboard fishing operation assistance system.

Tamkang University's Office of Student Affairs recently organized an excursion titled "Inclusive Dormitory Living: Aodi Longyu Cultural Excursion," taking 13 faculty members and students from the Tamkang International Residence to Gongliao District, New Taipei City. Through ecological exploration, local cultural experiences, regional cuisine, and seafood education, participants gained a deeper understanding of Gongliao's mountain and coastal environments and fishing village life.

In the morning, participants visited Longgang Community, where representatives from Discover Gongliao and residents introduced the area's settlement and land development history, terraced rice paddies, and environmental changes following population outmigration. Students learned how residents have worked to restore and maintain the land, protect local ecosystems, and balance everyday needs and environmental conservation.

In the afternoon, the group traveled to Aodi Fishing Harbor, where Pei-Ling Chien, a representative from Discover Gongliao, introduced the harbor's natural conditions, the development of its fishing industry, and the community's transformation over time. She also explained how local fishermen plan their work according to weather conditions, wave patterns, tides, and seasonal changes. She also shared aspects of traditional fishing village culture, including the worship of Mazu and the Earth God, as well as ceremonies celebrating the launch of new fishing boats. These insights helped students gain a broader understanding of maritime culture from both industrial and everyday-life perspectives.

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