

Alumna' s Fluent Japanese Featured in Japanese Media, TKU Japanese Department Invites Prospective Students to Follow TSMC into Japan

Campus focus

Chen-Yen Chang, an alumna of Tamkang University' s Department of Japanese and currently a reporter and anchor at NEXT TV News, recently gained attention in Japanese media after conducting an interview in fluent Japanese with Shohei Ohtani of "Samurai Japan" at a press conference at the Tokyo Dome. Her performance highlighted the strengths of language majors. Department Chair Pei-Ching Tsai remarked, "Now is the perfect time to study Japanese and become a professional talent that AI cannot replace."

Chang shared with the media that she has been a fan of Ohtani since high school and chose to study Japanese because of him. After enrolling in Tamkang' s Department of Japanese, she studied abroad at Hosei University in 2019 for one year. Upon graduation, she successfully became a journalist and ultimately realized her dream of interviewing her idol. Her journey can be seen as a dream fulfilled through her studies at Tamkang.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Department of Japanese, whose alumni are spread across the globe. Faculty and students will join alumni to "open a new chapter through cross-disciplinary sustainability." Tsai noted that with the increasingly close Taiwan-Japan relations and the establishment of TSMC' s plant in Kumamoto, job opportunities in Japan have surged, making Japanese-language graduates highly sought after. Business associations from the Kumamoto region have visited Tamkang multiple times to discuss internship and recruitment opportunities, making it a "current reality" for students of the department to advance into Japan alongside TSMC.

Tsai also offered a counter perspective in the age of AI. While generative AI may seem to diminish the value of language majors, mastering fluent Japanese not only helps enthusiasts realize their dreams but also enables

them to become professionals and build meaningful careers—capabilities that “AI cannot replace.”

She cited two “Distinguished Alumni” honored at the March 14 Spring Banquet as examples: Consul General Shu–Ling Chang of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Sheng–Fen Hsu, Director of the Taiwan Education Center in Japan. Both have long leveraged their Japanese expertise to promote substantive Taiwan–Japan relations in both government and civil sectors, serving as key contributors to bilateral diplomacy. Chang, with 33 years of public service, has facilitated city and railway diplomacy between Taiwan and Japan, while also enhancing tourism and trade exchanges through cultural and culinary soft power. Hsu has been dedicated to promoting the “Study in Taiwan” initiative, advancing Chinese language education, and fostering exchanges between high schools and universities, as well as organizing education fairs in Tokyo, Okinawa, and Kumamoto. Their contributions demonstrate how language expertise can serve society and the nation.

Tsai also mentioned Tamkang’s Golden Eagle alumnus, Ming–Yaw Tsai, Deputy Representative to Japan, who continues to contribute to diplomacy even after retiring from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His efforts have included promoting visa–free arrangements between Taiwan and Japan and facilitating key bilateral initiatives such as mutual driver’s license recognition, working holiday programs, support for participation in international organizations, and strengthened exchanges between legislatures and local leaders, making him an enduring and irreplaceable figure in Taiwan–Japan diplomacy.

WBC大谷会見 台湾女性記者が凄いと話題「丁寧な日本語」「リスペクト感じる」「大谷さん大きく頷いてる」 大谷SNSに感動した台湾野球ファンの思いも伝え、対戦を聞く

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会見する大谷(経済新聞社提供)

野球日本代表「侍ジャパン」の大谷翔平選手が4日、公式記者会見に臨み、大谷に対する台湾の女性記者の質問がネットで話題となった。

【写真】台湾女性記者が話題となった会見 大谷への人当たりが素い

「大谷選手お疲れ様です」と流ちょうな日本語で質問。「大谷選手は2015年のプレミア12で台湾に来てくれましたが、台湾チームとの対戦はありませんでした。でも台湾のファンは大谷選手のような素晴らしい選手とプレーできることを、ずっと楽しみにしていました」と伝えた。

大谷はうなずきながら質問を聞き、初戦に対戦する台湾野球について聞かれると、台湾の野球ファンについて「ファンの方々も熱狂的で、本当に野球が好きなんだという印象でした。町もきれいでまた行きたいと迷って、特にピッチャーが素晴らしいという印象があるので、オフense陣のひとりとして、もう少しピッチャーに対して自分のアプローチができれば」と語った。

台湾記者は「2024年のプレミア12で台湾が優勝した時、大谷選手がそのニュースをSNSに

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会見後、張記者に話を聞きに行くと、まず目についたのはその服装。ジャケット、パーカー、シューズ、全身がニューバランスの「The Shohei Ohtani Collection」だった。「大谷翔平選手の大ファン

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