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Message of the President

Fu Jen Catholic University

Linking to the World from the Center of Metropolitan Taipei

Seasonal greetings from Taipei!

It is a great pleasure to present “Fu Jen Life,” the English Newsletter for students, alumni and our academic partners all over the world. Since its inception, Fu Jen has a unique international character. It was first founded in Beijing with Benedictines from US in the 1920s, and with priests and sisters from the US and various European countries when it was re-established in Taipei in the 1960s. Internationalization has been one of the strengths of our university. Following the trend of global education, Fu Jen continues to keep her niche by systematically launching all-English taught programs, implementing dual/ joint -degree programs with our partners, and re-vamping programs at the Mandarin Language Center. The result of our efforts is fruitful. Currently the university has academic agreements with some 280 universities worldwide, and is on top of the list in receiving international students in

Taiwan. It is our earnest hope that the publication of Fu Jen Life will serve as a platform for information communication and exchanges. The content of the newsletter will update our readers on student life, campus activities, research of professors, and also the outstanding achievement of our faculty and students.

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APQN Quality Award Given to FJCU



From left to right, two officers from APQN, President Chiang, and Prof. Hou

College of Management Ranks as Best Private Business School in Taiwan

Eduniversal Best Business School Ranking has ranked the Fu Jen College of Management as the best private business school in Taiwan, and among the top 4 in the country. The School of Information Management achieved the second place and the Fu Jen School of Accounting was placed in the top 3.

Eduniversal, founded in 1994, is a college ranking service administered by the French consulting firm, known as SMBG. Its mission is to offer an accurate evaluative reference for students around the world. An International Scientific Committee that consists of 12 members provides the official selection. The list reflects the degree of internationalization of each school.

The official selection by the International Scientific Committee publishes the annual report of the Palmes and the result of the "Deans Vote" on its website. The Eduniversal Palmes demonstrates the level of academic reputation, while the "Deans Vote" compiles the criteria list with a peer-evaluation assessment.

Chau-Chiun Lin, a staff member of the College of Management, commented that the achievement in Eduniversal will boost the spirit of the team. FJCU proves its effort in internationalization. The achievement in the Eduniversal Ranking encourages prospective students to decide to apply for advanced study at FJCU.

Fu Jen Catholic University (FJCU) has received the APQN Quality Award from Asia-Pacific Quality Network. The application for membership for FJCU was approved by the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) in 2012. An important APQN Seminar was held on April 7th and 8th in 2013. FJCU was the only prizewinner from Taiwan this year. Professor Yung-Chi Hou, who serves as the current Vice President of the APQN, pointed out that the approval of APQN membership proved the constant effort of FJCU in enhancing teaching quality and internationalization.

The Asia-Pacific Quality Network was built within the goal of serving the needs of quality assurance agencies in higher education. The APQN provides evaluative service for outstanding research institutions in Asia-Pacific areas. Its mission is aimed at improving internationalization of universities with the help of professional counseling and evaluation.

President Vincent, Han-Sun Chiang and Professor Hou, Dean of International Education, attended the 2013 APQN International

Seminar altogether. President Chiang delivered a presentation on the current Self-Appraisal at FJCU. President Chiang remarked that the Self-Appraisal at Fu Jen had helped FJCU improve its quality of education, and scored well in competition with the other 14 contenders for the Quality Award nomination.

President Chiang especially expressed his special appreciation of Professor Hou's loyal service which has helped the university to attain the APQN membership. He attributed such success to her constant effort. Professor Hou considered that participation in APQN would grant more chances to communicate with other excellent research institutions around the world. According to her opinion, this would guarantee access to the latest news about appraisal standards.





Taishan Sports Center

FJCU Wins the Administration of Taishan Sports Center

FJCU has been given responsibility for the general administration of Taishan Sports Center. This strategic cooperation between New Taipei City and educational institution sets a fine precedent. Further integration between the local community and Fu Jen is expected.

The Center includes an exhibition hall, audience room, and other exercise facilities. Special coaching for yoga, basketball, and other Sports classes will be included in course arrangements. Final testing procedures will be undertaken in July 2014, and the Taishan Sports Center will be in operation in the following September.

Ching-Yu Tzeng, Chairman of the PE Department, said that President Han-Sun Chiang's constantly encouraged the PE Department to compete for the administration of the Taishan Sports Center. Professor Tseng claims that the PE Department will assign professionals and coaches as the administrative team. It is believed such a project will create win-win situation. In addition, the Medicare Bus from the Fu Jen Clinic will offer medical services there. The quality of service will be high, but the price remains ideally bearable. Thus the ties between FJCU and Taishan will be strong and consolidated.

Language Center Qualified for ISO29990-2010

The Language Center of FJCU has been qualified for the coveted ISO29990-2010 Standard in Taiwan. Its educational efforts in improving non-degree education and the service-learning program at Fu Jen were recognized by the AFNOR Association, a well-known international quality-assurance agency. The objective of ISO 29990-2010 is to provide a generic model for quality professional practice and performance.

The AFNOR Association established the ISO29990-2010 Standard in 2010. The new generic model functions as an accurate reference for learning service providers and for their prospective clients in the design, development and delivery of non-formal education and training. Since the increasing economic importance of advanced learning in the global knowledge society has boosted new opportunities, quality assurance therefore becomes a crucial issue.

The Language Center at Fu Jen was founded almost 50 years ago, and nowadays remains one of the

most famous Chinese-teaching institutions in Taiwan. The current management system of the Fu Jen Language Center goes smoothly, but still the completion of the ISO29990-2010 certification process took the Center almost half a year to complete because the new generic model consists of so many requirements. The difficulty of the standardization was due to insufficient follow-up examples that caused a lack of comprehension of the new generic model. It is believed that the ISO29990-2010 status will help Fu Jen attract more excellent young minds from overseas.



Language Center at Fu Jen





Shih-Fong Huang (right of center)

Shih-Fong Huang from the PE Department Breaks the National Record

Shih-Fong Huang, a junior student of the Physical Education Department, won a silver medal and broke the national record of 82.11 meter again in the 2013 East Asian Games. Although he broke the East Asia Games Record, Chin-gun Cao, the other outstanding contender from People's Republic of China, surpassed that of Huang at 82.97 meters and obtained the Gold.

All these triumphs in the games proved his constant effort and talent. His victories have already made him a favorite in the spotlight since his freshman year in college. Huang managed to make history by hurling the javelin to 79.84 meters in the Gangdubei Games in Kaohsiung in 2012. His record-breaking performance of bettered that of Jau-Tsuen Jeng whose record was 78.69 meters. This showed Huang the green light to the 2013 East Asian Games and the 2013 Asian Athletics Championship.

His coach, Jian-jyun Wang an associate professor in the Department of Physical Education, expressed his delight at Huang's new triumph, although it left him shortly. Professor Wang remarked that, rather than just winning first place, Shih-Fong Huang paid more attention to breaking his "own record," and keeps improving himself whole-heartedly.

2013 ACUCA Management Conference: International Focus on Community Engagement

The 2013 ACUCA Management Conference opened with sacred hymns and was successfully held from November 1 to 3. Organized by Fu Jen Catholic University (FJCU), this year's conference focused on Community Engagement. Scholars and experts from Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia, India, Korea, Philippines, and Thailand were invited to the conference to share and exchange their experiences and wisdom.

The ACUCA Management Conference is a biennial event held by the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA). The president of FJU, Dr. Han-Sun Chiang, said that FJCU was honored to host the 2013 ACUCA Management Conference. He also praised the special role of ACUCA in creating a community among Asian countries to share the fundamental values of Christianity and provide opportunities for discussions and exchanges to enhance communication within the community.

ACUCA holds an important position among international non-governmental organizations. With the mission of promoting the spirit of service based on Christian beliefs in higher education, ACUCA provides an important platform for Christian educational institutions in Asia to support each other and exchange experiences. Currently, ACUCA has 55 member institutions from 8 countries, including Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, and Thailand. In 2012, FJCU began serving as the ACUCA Secretariat, took responsibility for the hosting of the 2013 Management Conference and the 2014 Student Camp. Currently, FJCU's president Dr. Chiang is serving as the ACUCA president, and vice president for mission Fr. Leszek Niewdana is serving as the general secretary.

The main theme for this year's conference was "University Community Engagement and Cooperation in the Asian context." There were also continued discussions over previous themes such as "holistic education" and "service learning." "We hope that students will be able to connect at a better and deeper level with communities," Fr. Niewdana said, noting that teachers can offer their expertise and students give their passion to join forces with organizations that provide social services for communities. He believes that these experiences will be greatly beneficial for the development of students. He further emphasized that promoting interaction between students and communities will further support students in becoming important members in the international community as well as create more justice, equality, and sustainability in the world.

Apart from annual conferences, ACUCA also organizes other projects such as Student Mobility Schemes, which provide opportunities for students of ACUCA member institutions to visit other schools as exchange students. The number of applications for the scholarship has increased over the years, and Fr. Niewdana hopes for more funds to support students to study abroad. ACUCA is also planning a five-day Student Camp to be held in 2014 at FJCU, and it is expected that many students from ACUCA member institutions will participate in it.



Three Student-groups from FJCU Nominated to be “2013 Youth Ambassador”

Three student-groups from Fu Jen Catholic University were nominated to be the “2013 Youth Ambassador” by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). The opening ceremony was held on June 25th. The Republic of Colombia in Latin America, the United States, and Vietnam were included in the itinerary of their visit. Every group had its own special mentors. The mentors step by step guided the youth ambassadors, and taught them about cultural differences.

“Jóvenes Embajadores de Taiwán” consisted of senior students from the Spanish Department. The members had earlier conducted an impressive bilingual introduction during a special video-clip selection. “Latin America is our priority choice. It is not just because our major is Spanish, but because, most importantly, Colombia cradles several writers and nourishes masterpieces,” said Wan-Shan Yen, one of the youth ambassadors.

Professor Wei-min Tang led the second youth ambassadors-group to the United States. Since the MOFA had high expectations of this group, it was the only group that had to go through a second round interview to present what the students learnt during the tour. Their itinerary included CNN Headquarters, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, and other historic sites. This group even hired a special coach from the FJU Dance Club as an art consultant. The Dance club coach helped the students to integrate Chinese and western motifs in modern

dance. Yun-Zhong Wang, a senior student in the English Department, explained that such integration could bring forth similar echo in the minds of their friends.

“FJU Infinity Vietnam” shared good news about the scholarships in Taiwan for excellent youth in Vietnam. “FJU Infinity Vietnam” invited Lian-Xiang Ruan, who teaches the Vietnamese language and culture at Fu Jen, to give intensive lectures before the visit. The group also featured special-design hats.

In conclusion, the three youth ambassador groups from Fu Jen had strove to pave the way for continual citizen diplomacy. The student hoped to spread local cultures in the world, and to elaborate on the profile of Taiwan. Since the Mid-Autumn Festival was around the corner, the preparation staff arranged performances on related theme. Taiwanese tribal dance will be in the top list.

Cultural-Exchange among Indigenous Students in Taiwan and the Philippines

Mulinung Han-Yi Du, a staff member of the Fu Jen Indigenous Student Resource Center, and Father Daniel J. Bauer, associate professor in the English Department, led 13 indigenous students to Holy Name University last summer. Father Leszek Niewdana, vice-president of mission at Fu Jen, and Ms. Du went on to lead the group to a program at the Tugdaan Mangyan Center for Learning and Development in the Philippines. The 13 participants partook in the “Indigenous Student Elite Education Project,” a cultural-exchange tour that lasted three-weeks.

According to authorities, the Fu Jen Indigenous Student Resource Center provides bilingual courses and special classes on indigenous culture for their students. During their visit to Tugdaan Mangyan Center for Learning and Development, the Taiwanese students discovered similar language-education policies there. The indigenous students in the Philippines even have to acquire Filipino, English, and Mangya.

FJCU is one of a few universities in Taiwan that has established a special center for indigenous students. Authorities at Fu Jen reach out to minority groups with care and attention. Mulinung said that in the Philippines, students from both sides found great similarities in handicraft arts and even in mother language. Body language helped the students to communicate regardless of language barriers. Mulinung concluded that the Taiwanese students have learned much from their Filipino friends.





A Big Welcome Party for the New Arrivals

The Fu Jen International Students Center held the 2013 welcome party for international students and new arrivals on October 6th and 7th. Orientation to the university takes place at the start of every semester. Various groups of international students come to Taiwan for one semester of advanced study or for an entire academic year.

For the opening, the FJU Magic Club and Dance Club gave surprise performances. In addition to the impressive warm-up activities led by the hosts, there were several challenging group games for the new arrivals. Abundant refreshment was offered to refresh the participants, who received secret souvenir.

Most of the participants had much praise for the welcome party, while some thought more translation was needed. Nei-rong Yang, head of the International Diversified Elite Association (FJU-IDEA), replied that the FJU-IDEA is striving hard to offer a heartwarming greeting for international students with various programs. She concluded that the mission of the FJU-IDEA is to make international students feel FJU's warmth and friendliness.



TEDxFJU: Raise the Voice of FJCU



Group Photo by TEDxFJU

Over the past few months, the Fu Jen Student Association has organized cross-fields communication project "TEDxFJU" for students to share their opinions on the latest issues affecting society. "TEDxFJU" was approved by school authorities in June 2013 and is under the hand of the Student Association now.

This group activity is, somehow not a new student club, but more a platform to encourage members to pay attention to public issues and raise their voices. Bo-chen Yeh, the current head of the 25th Student Association at Fu Jen, explains that the management of this program follows the example of the TED model. The purpose of TEDxFJU is to build the best cradle of innovation on campus.

This platform aims to broadcast the history and kindness of the city of

Xinzhuang as well. The first speech session was held on October 9th. Four leaders of student clubs attended the opening to share their service-learning experiences with the audience, and to talk about their ideas of "global perspective."

Shun-hsiao Chen, associate professor in the Department of Journalism and Communication Studies, suggested strongly that TEDxFJU could effectively smooth the path for cross-field communication through brainstorming. In addition to traditional knowledge delivery systems, Professor Chen emphasized that this platform could greatly help professors teach with an innovative approach.



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TRUTH, GOODNESS, BEAUTY, AND HOLINESS

Truth is the search for truth and the cultivation of the ability to distinguish right from wrong. Goodness is the practice of moral and ethical codes. Beauty is all that comes from the fruition of truth and goodness. Sanctity is the combined consummation of truth, goodness and beauty. The University Motto, truth, goodness, beauty and sanctity, is an embodiment of the ultimate goal.



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