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The Vice President Commends the New Southbound Talent Development Program for Nurturing New Vitality

In conjunction with Taiwan's New Southbound Policy, the Ministry of Education has established the New Southbound Talent Development Program to promote and expand the higher education market overseas (the market), to widen the two-way flow of skilled people between Taiwan and New Southbound Policy target countries (the pipeline), and to establish a platform for bilateral educational cooperation based on social and cultural links (the platform).

A wide range of progressive, creative policies, strategies, and practical measures are being planned and implemented for leading colleges and universities in Taiwan to further develop educational exchanges with Southeast and South Asian countries, Australia, and New

Zealand. These will enhance our interactions and alliances, and help achieve the vision of mutually beneficial collaboration to train and educate highly skilled people, and promote regional economic development.

To raise public awareness of the substantial achievements that the Ministry's New Southbound Talent Development Program has already accomplished, a 3-day New Southbound Policy Educational Exchanges Exhibition (starting April 29) was held in Huashan 1914 Creative Park. Vice President Chen Jian-Ren, and Minister of Education, Dr. Wu Maw-Kuen, along with many dignitaries, were guests of honor at the opening ceremony.





New Southbound Policy Educational Exchanges Exhibition

The exhibition was divided into six sections that visitors could see on a guided tour or explore by themselves: 1. Regional Neighboring Countries of Taiwan, 2. Settling in a New Home, 3. Expanding Vision, 4. Bilateral Exchanges, 5. Empowering Second-Generation Immigrants, and 6. Multimedia Displays. These showcased the experiences of people from the New Southbound Policy partner countries who have come to study and do internships in Taiwan, Taiwan students' experiences of overseas study and volunteer work, and opportunities for second-generation immigrants to explore the cultures and languages of their parents' home country. Details of the education systems of the New Southbound Policy partner countries were also introduced.

The exhibition included several lecture sessions each day, and a wide range of displays and activities to experience, such as digital courses paired with virtual reality (VR) experi-

ences developed for Vietnamese vocational education, dance performances from the New Southbound Policy partner countries, SepakTakraw (a Thai ball game) presentations, Vietnamese spring roll lessons, and some DIY activities that were organized by the five science museums participating in the New Southbound program.

The New Southbound Policy Educational Exchanges Exhibition was held in Huashan 1914 Creative Park in Taipei from April 29 to May 1, and it then moved to the National Science and Technology Museum in Kaohsiung from May 4 to May 13. It was something not to be missed!

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<https://www.edu.tw/>





2018 Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Recipients' Farewell Party

The Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Office invited all the foreign students graduating this year who have received a Ministry of Education Taiwan Scholarship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Scholarship, Ministry of Science and Technology Scholarship, or a Huayu Enrichment Scholarship to enjoy the 2018 Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu (Chinese language) Enrichment Scholarship Recipients' Farewell Party together on May 14.

During the party, 16 students were presented with an Outstanding Graduating Student Award to recognize their achievements in one of three general categories: 1. service, 2. academic, and 3. special accomplishment. Details of just some of the award winners are given below.

Duyen Thi Yu, a Vietnamese student at National Taiwan University of Education translated Vietnamese into Chinese and helped the university receive foreign guests from Vietnam. Amarnath Chegu Badrinath, an Indian student at National Taiwan University, founded the India Building Information Modeling Association to promote education in both Taiwan and India.

Ronaldo Luis Rodas Jara, a graduate student from Paraguay, who was inspired to undertake a higher degree in Special Education at National Taiwan Normal University is planning to train special education teachers in Paraguay and help children with special needs. He considers Taiwan's achievements in the special education field and its support of socially vulnerable groups are on a par with Taiwan's world-renowned achievements in the engineering, electrical engineering, and environmental engineering fields.

Alrick Clifford Julian Edwards Sutton from Saint Christopher and Nevis excels at judo and helped his team win the inter-school soccer game. Another sports enthusiast, Adriel Asher Francois from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, won the Taiwan Body Building Contest several times. Adriel also runs his own YouTube channel on body building!

The other Outstanding Graduating Student Award winners came from Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Haiti, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Salvador, Thailand, and the USA.

Of course, the many other scholarship recipients who didn't get an award also had sub-



△Longshan Temple in Wanhua District in Taipei, taken by Vietnamese student Nguen Ngoc Thanh, won a first prize.

stantial achievements. Tolga Erdogan from Turkey, for example, a student graduating from Shih Hsin University, became an internet celebrity through filming a 'Love Taiwan' video series that he posted on his YouTube channel. He was then invited to appear on several TV programs and in some commercials, and was even invited to introduce some famous tourist attractions in Taiwan for government agencies.

Entries in the "Fabulous Taiwan!" Photography and Caption Contest, an annual competition for foreign students, were on display at the farewell party venue. The photos let viewers see Taiwan through the eyes of foreign students in a way that they may have never seen before.

This year's "Fabulous Taiwan!" prize winners were presented with their awards during the party. Vietnamese student Nguyen Ngoc Thanh won a first prize with his photos showcasing the vitality of Taiwan's culture. He loves buildings and monuments, and he travelled a lot to photograph famous attractions during his two-year-stay in Taiwan.

Jeffry Oktavianus from Indonesia focused on photographing Taiwan's magnificent natural wonders, and city landscapes that are rich in humanism. His photos netted nearly a thousand likes and 63 shares on the competition's Facebook website, winning the popularity award.

2018 FULONG INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

to continue until July 15

*Let's find Love and
Courage Together!*

2018 Fulong International Sand Sculpture Festival - from April 21 to July 15 - at Fulong Beach in New Taipei City has 76 sand sculptures by artists from around the world on display. Fulong Beach is a famous beach attraction on Taiwan's northeast coastline, directly east of Taipei. It's renowned for its golden sands, beautiful sea shore, and activities such as sailing, and kayaking, so visitors to this year's Fulong International Sand Sculpture Festival can also have fun trying out its water activities. Or perhaps go cycling on the



many bike paths. For some preview glimpses, check out the many photos at: www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g293913-d10020558-Reviews-Fulong_International_Sand_Sculpture_Festival-Taipei.html.

Details of the packages to see the Fulong International Sand Sculpture Festival, and other popular coastal attractions are available at www.gold-fulong.com.tw/en/recommend.aspx, and you can easily find details of the Golden Fulong Shuttle Service buses that serve this whole region in four languages at: www.gold-fulong.com.tw/en/traffic_map.aspx.

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Taipei Dragon Boat Festival

Enjoy Health and Happiness at Taipei Riverside Park

The Taipei City Government has organized the Taipei Dragon Boat Festival from June 16 to 18, 2018 at Dajia Riverside Park, to celebrate this important traditional Chinese festival. More than 200 teams from different parts of the world are gathering in Taipei to compete for the million-dollar awards. This year will definitely see Taiwan's biggest ever international dragon boat race!

The festival will be held for three consecutive days and 224 teams from home and abroad will be competing for the top awards: teams from Manila in the Philippines, Ulan Ude in Russia, Matsuyama in Japan, Qingpu in Mainland China, Singapore, Haifa in Israel, the Gold Coast in Australia, Penang in Malaysia, and more.

A host of innovative elements are included in this time-honored folk festival to attract more people to come and discover the riverside and to showcase the versatility and energy of Taipei. For example, a traditional egg-balancing competition will be held at midday each day. This will be a good choice for parents and kids to enjoy trying out and showing their skills, or to simply watch the fun.

The Taipei City government wants to increase public understanding of the traditional Dragon Boat Festival and provide an enjoyable opportunity for citizens to get some exercise at the riverside venue. Stretch your body with

us and let this year's celebration be one you'll never forget!

A free shuttle bus is available from MRT Yuanshan station. For further information please visit the event website (<http://dragonboat.taipei/>) and the Facebook page of the Taipei Dragon Boat Festival.



Source: Department of Sports, Taipei City Government

<https://sports.gov.taipei/>