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NCKU Establishes "WU-ZHI Student Support Center" Honoring Alumnus Wu-Zhi Zhang with a Focus on Life Education

“Students studying in school are young trees. They need a lot of nutrients to grow a wider and sturdier trunk. When students graduate from NCKU, they must possess two key capabilities. One is hard prowess—professional skills, and the other is soft prowess—the ability to care for life and appreciate art. I would like to thank Ms. Zheng, the family member of Wu-Zhi Zhang, for her philanthropy, allowing NCKU to have a brand new academic environment for students to change for the better.

—— President Meng-Ru Shen ”

The WU-ZHI Student Support Center was established to honor **Wu-Zhi Zhang**, an **NCKU Mechanical Engineering alumnus**, who donated US\$1 million to improve teaching equipment and the learning environment. The donation funded the renovation of classrooms on the north side of the Weinong Building's first floor, as well as green trails and spaces dedicated to **humanities, life education, aesthetics, and arts**.

Since its completion in 1981, the Weinong Building has been in use for 43 years. Following its merger with National Tainan Industrial High School on August 1, 2023, NCKU began renovations to transform the building into diverse, creative spaces emphasizing **science, technology, arts, and humanities**. The updated design to seeks foster **critical thinking** and strengthen Taiwanese cultural identity.



NCKU Innovation Demo Day

»»» Showcases Innovative Achievements in Collaboration with the **Greater South Research Industrialization Platform** and **Phoenix Startup Platform**

On November 7, NCKU hosted the Innovation DEMO Day, highlighting over 60 achievements from research teams, the **Greater South Research Industrialization Platform**, and initiatives such as the U-Start and Sprout Projects.

As the only university in Taiwan with a campus entrepreneurship grant program dedicated to supporting early-stage startup ideas, the NCKU Innovation Dream Project presented 28 teams developing prototypes.

The event featured an Innovation Forum on “University-Industry Co-creation and Sustainable Engagement,” where Prof. Liang-Gee Chen, former Minister of Science and Technology, praised NCKU’s impact on innovation and entrepreneurship. Meanwhile, the **Phoenix Startup Platform** and **NCKU Angel Investment Club** held their first demo pitch, showcasing seven teams’ innovative solutions to attract investors.



Malaysian High School Principals Visit NCKU

NCKU Signs Outstanding Student Referral MoU



NCKU hosted the first exchange event for Malaysian Chinese Independent High Schools and Chinese Taipei School Kuala Lumpur from September 19 to 22. Joined by **31 Principals and Management Representatives from 19 schools**, the event strengthened academic ties by offering Malaysian students opportunities to further their studies at NCKU and unleash their potential. The event's highlight was the signing of the “**Outstanding Student Referral Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**,” enabling 19 Malaysian schools to recommend top students for NCKU admission and strengthening international collaboration.

NCKU welcomed the visiting schools, emphasizing international cooperation and global talent development while commending the strong bonds and achievements of its international students.



As one of Taiwan's few comprehensive universities with academic excellence, world-class research facilities, and resources, NCKU is committed to attracting more Chinese-speaking students. The Malaysian High School Principals' Delegation has been invited for direct exchanges at NCKU for the first time. The visit allowed education practitioners to gain firsthand insights, which they could share with their students, potentially encouraging more to apply to NCKU.



Purification of Cheng Kung Lake

Go and Find the Great Treasure of Cheng Kung Lake! >>>



Cheng Kung Lake, a cherished landmark for NCKU alumni and a recreational spot for Tainan citizens, underwent its first dredging in **15 years** in October 2024 to improve water quality and ensure sustainable ecological management. The university also hosted “**Go and Find the Great Treasure of Cheng Kung Lake!**” to engage the campus community.

The “**Treasure Hunt,**” organized across departments, encouraged teachers and students to collaborate on improving the lake’s environment. A “**Pre-Event Briefing & Ecological Education**” highlighted the dredging project’s importance to sustainable development and fostered appreciation for ecological conservation.

The “Dredging of Cheng Kung Lake” aligns with SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation and reflects NCKU’s commitment to fostering a sustainable campus, promoting harmony between humanity and nature, and enhancing the ecological environment for a better future.



Spreading Warmth at Semester's End



Heartfelt Blessings from Overseas Alumni

To help alleviate the stress of finals, NCKU set up its **first-ever large Christmas tree** on the lawn of the Student Activity Center at Kuang Fu Campus. The lighting ceremony took place on Dec. 18.

The Christmas tree was **donated by Halim Mina, an alumnus of NCKU's Department of Civil Engineering**, as a symbol of his deep connection to his alma mater. The initiative aims to create **a warm and harmonious campus atmosphere** through the tree's bright lights, the accompanying wishing cards, the wishing wall, and supporting events such as student association activities, concerts, and photo exhibitions.





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