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TKU Robotic Team Is Crowned for 10th Straight Year

Robot designs at TKU continue to improve and flourish! The TKU Robotic Team led by Professor Ching-chang Wong and Assistant Professors Chi-Tai Cheng and Shih-an Li, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, took part in the 20th FIRA Roboworld World Cup 2015 on August 4 in Daejeon, South Korea. In this competition, the TKU Team won 5 gold medals, 4 silvers and 2 bronzes. The Team won both the Robot Soccer (RoboSot) Championship and the Human Shaped Robots (HuroCup) Championship. This is the eighth straight year for the TKU Team to win the HuroCup Championship and the tenth straight year for the Team to take the crown in the medium-sized robots division.



(Photo contributed by Tamkang Times)

The Director of the TKU Intelligent Automation and Robotics Center, Dr. Ching-chang Wong, expressed, "The tenth consecutive win is both a stress and a challenge. I'm really pleased with the

students, as they put their whole hearts and efforts into the automation research during the summer vacation. I'm especially grateful to President Flora Chia-I Chang for all

her support, which gave us the opportunity to win this great honor for both TKU and Taiwan." He added: "The newest model of the robots can be quickly dissembled for repair."

The team leader, Sheng-ru Xiao, a sophomore of the M.S. program of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering said, "This is the third time for me to participate in international competitions, but it is the first time to be the team leader. It is a rare opportunity for me to lead the team and share my experience with the team members." He believed that they had won many medals simply because they had kept practicing and analyzing different situations, and they even had had a mock competition before going to the real competition. (Dean X. Wang)

The Department of English Ranks in Top 300

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has just published the latest "World University Rankings by Subject," and for the first time Tamkang University has squeezed in the top 300 in English Language and Literature (between 251 and 300). In this field, only four Taiwanese universities find themselves in the top 300, and TKU is not only one of them, but also the only private university. The other three are National Taiwan University (50-100), National Sun Yat-sen University, and National Taiwan Normal University (151-200). The ranking

index was based on academic reputation, graduates' employment, international reputation and the H-index in 5 fields of studies and 36 subjects.

The Chair of the Department of English, Yung-yu Huang, said, "The faculty of this department has become stronger in recent years. From 2012 to 2014 the professors of our department have published 52 academic journal articles. In the future we will continue to strengthen academic research, enroll more international students and increase overseas exchanges." (Dean X. Wang)

QS World University Rankings:	
English Language and Literature in Taiwan	
Ranking	University
50-100	National Taiwan University
151-200	National Sun Yat-sen University
151-200	National Taiwan Normal University
251-300	Tamkang University

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Freshman Enrollment Stabilized With the Rate of 97.10 Percent

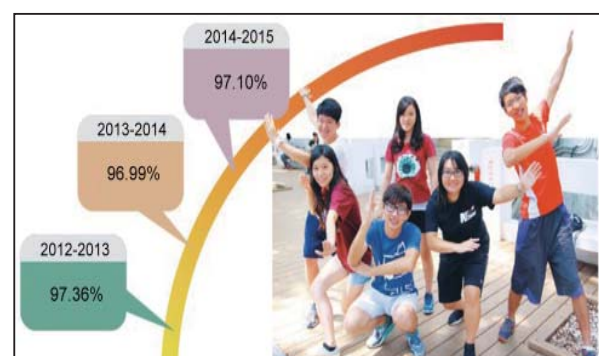
According to the Office of Academic Affairs statistics, the 2015 undergraduate freshmen students had achieved an enrollment rate of 97.10 percent by Sept. 30. In particular, both the Division of International Economics and Management, Department of International Business, and the Department of German reached 100 percent enrollment rates.

Dean of the Office of Academic Affairs, Tung-wen Cheng, said that Tamkang University would continue to work on the student recruitment plans, such as visiting senior high schools, welcoming prospective students from senior high schools domestic and abroad for campus visits, and partic-

ipating in education fairs domestic and abroad. In addition, Tamkang University has been on the top of the list of enterprises' favorites; with alumni's support, our student prospect pool would be expected to increase. Every department's recruitment efforts also helped to stabilize the freshman enrollment rate. Tung-Wen Cheng indicated that the Office would make every effort to grasp all the variables to deal with the impact of sub-

replacement fertility on the student prospect pool.

Ying-Yen Chung, the Chair of the German Department, suggested that it was the mentorship and the efforts to take care of freshman students that worked to build a strong reputation. In summer break, when the freshman parent workshop was held, senior students provided freshmen with guidance to bridge the distance, which helped to increase the freshman enrollment. (Deng Chiou-Rung)



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2015 Most Desired University Graduates

1111 Job Bank released the results of survey research of 2015 Most Desired University Graduates for Employment. Tamkang University was deemed the most desired private school in the survey given to 1,152 human resource directors and National Cheng Kung University came out on top in the most desired public school, followed by National Taiwan University and National Chiao Tung University.

Da-Hua Li, PR director of the Job Bank, further advanced the analysis, "As the first-established private university in Taiwan, Tamkang has profundity in historical background and devotes

herself in steady, collective efforts on globalization, computerization, and futurization. Besides, Tamkang fashions a model of university development by setting up the first-of-its-kind College of International Studies and preparing students for the Junior-Year Overseas Study."

The Job Bank performed purposive sampling on industrial superintendents and recovered 1,152 valid questionnaires. The survey indicated that Tamkang ranked the second in Team Spirit, one of the six indexes. This revealed the efforts in developments of teaching, integrity, and character paid off. (Wu Yue-Feng)



24 Distinguished Alumni were Awarded by Alumni Association



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On Sept. 19, the 1st plenary session of the 10th Tamkang University Alumni Association, R.O.C., as well as the 4th Award of Distinguished Alumni, was held at Park City Banquet Plazas, Luzhou. The President of the Alumni Association chaired the meeting and the ceremony, and among hundreds of participants were Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Yi-Jen Hu, Director of The Office of Alumni Service and Resources Development, Chun-Yang Peng, President of Tamkang University Worldwide Federation of

Alumni Association, Sen Luo, President of the Union of Department Alumni Associations, Rui-Long Sun, President of Alumni Association in Mainland China, Wenfu Zhuang, and the past recipients of Distinguished Alumni Award.

In the ceremony, the certificates of the 4th distinguished alumni were awarded; the board meeting and the supervisors meeting were held. Also, the Chair of The Department of Industrial Economics, Shun-Fa Lee, was invited to give a speech on "Prospects of Industrial Economics in Taiwan." The meeting was full of enthusiasm and delight.

In the plenary session, the election for the new director was held and Ding-Chuan Chen was reelected the tenth president. A total of 24 people were awarded distinguished alumni. The alumnus of the Department of Aerospace Engineering, also vice director of Aero Engine Division of Aerospace Industrial Development Corporation, Yuan-Yuan Dai, said that many TKU alumni had distinguished themselves in different businesses and industries. He expected that more and more alumni would be awarded and thus encouraged to make contributions. The alumnus of the Accounting Department, also the lawyer & accountant of Wu Ba Industry Advisory Services, Yi-Hua Hu, thanked not only the Alumni Association for recommendation but also the alma mater TKU for cultivation, helping her to create values in life, which led to her outstanding performance in career. (Deng Chiou-Rung)

Dept. of Aerospace Engineering Refurnishes the Dilapidated Aircrafts

You might wonder, "Are there two more brand-new aircraft over there beside the Engineering Building?" The answer is that they were the end result of 10 aerospace majors' hard work during summer vacation.

In cooperation with National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology, they did something to the F-100 and Chih-Shou, the two aircrafts parking by the Engineering Building. The paint was polished and rust was removed. It seemed that they were ready to soar in the sky.

The repair was initiated by an intern course of the Dept. of Aerospace Engineering. Shuo-Kai Zhang, the full-time specialist of the Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, made it clear, explaining, "The 10 students had to take pre-task training in National Chung-Shan Institute. Technology-intensive operations, such as composite material bonding and lacquer spaying, were integrated in the aircraft repair." "The extra-curricular activities, from pre-task training to aircraft repair, transform



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my knowledge into expertise," recalled Guan-Lin Huang, Aerospace senior student, savoring the sense of accomplishment. (Wu Yue-Feng)

Six More Credit Programs Offered to Help Students Gain the Upper Hand in Job Market

Six more Credit Program Courses were added on the curricula in the 104th academic year, among which there were two interdisciplinary courses and four employment-based courses. All the courses were for the

purpose of second expertise training and interdisciplinary capability development. The accumulated program courses of pre-job training and interdisciplinary features offered were 44 by the 104th academic

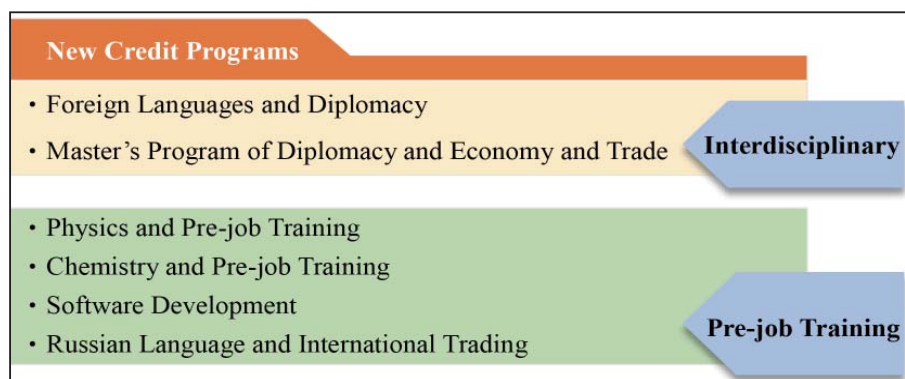
year. The three most popular courses were Cultural and Creative Industry (376 people), Green Energy Technology (302 people), and Actuarial Sciences (95 people).

In the interdisciplinary courses, the College of Foreign Languages and Literatures took charge of Foreign Languages and Diplomacy. It was offered in three divisions: Politics, Cultures, and Economy and Trade. It was anticipated to broaden students' horizons and to help students develop capabilities in politics, cultures, and economy and trade. Besides, Master's Program of Diplomacy and Economy and Trade was under

the concerted efforts of graduate institutes in College of International Studies, such as Graduate Institutes of Europe, Americas, International Affairs and Strategic Studies, Asia Studies and China Studies. They were aiming for the same thing: state examinations and governmental employment services.

All the courses were offered to reduce the distance between theories and practices. Physics and Pre-job Training presented itself a good role model to helped students get over the gap between the ivory tower and the harsh job market.

(Wu Yue-Feng)



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TKU Press Book Exhibitions in Mainland China

With the assistance of Taiwan Strait Chinese Publications and Logistics Association and other publishing companies, Tamkang University Press has had some book exhibitions in Mainland China since April 2015. It is the only university press in Taiwan that has done so without the assistance by the Ministry of Education.

Tamkang University Press took part in the

Hangzhou Book Exhibition in Zhejiang in April, the Tianjin Book Exhibition in May, the Pazhou Exhibition in Guangzhou in August, and the Huangshan Book Market Taiwan Hall in Anhui in September.

Through all these book exhibitions, Tamkang University Press has established a good reputation, so some bookstores and

publishing companies have already inquired about its books and possibilities of cooperation.

Tamkang University Press is negotiating with Jenbo Mart Company for an academic-industry cooperative research project. Hopefully TKU students will seek possible internships for book marketing in the company.

(Dean X. Wang)



Let's Talk about Tamsui Transforms Language Learning Experience

The College of Foreign Languages and Literatures organized the Second Foreign Language Summer Camp. The languages involved were Japanese, French, German and Spanish, with around 200 undergraduates nationwide attending the camp. There, the students felt like it was literally a global village when they engaged in the language learning through exotic music, movies, dancing, and songs.

Besides, the camp first adopted *Let's Talk about Tamsui*, a tourism handbook series of six foreign language versions which made students tour guides

talking in foreign languages. With the tourism interpretation training, they practiced languages and knew more about the impressive Tamsui. To further language learning, the students were categorized and grouped up according to their language proficiency in the camp activities, in which native language teachers and speakers were also involved. Through games, movies, and cuisines, the students gradually eliminated the mental, linguistic and cultural barriers. This was a great stride forward in their experiences of foreign language learning. (Wu Yue-Feng)



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Tamkang Schweitzer Project Enlightens High School Youngsters



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The Center for Teaching Education and 34 students of the education program together with *Schweitzer Project* went to Xian Xiao District of Zheng De Junior High School for education services during summer vacation. After that,

Schweitzer Service Itinerary, an achievement exhibition of *Schweitzer Mentor Corps*, was set up in Black Swan Exhibition Hall for retaining every valuable image of the voluntary project. On September 17th President Flora Chia-I Chang visited the exhibition. She listened attentively on the guided tour in which a lively banquet was presented among Chinese ink painting and Chinese poetry.

In the opening ceremony, Dian-Fu Zhan, Dean of Education College, cut the ribbon together with Jia-Ling Xu, Director of Center of Teaching Education and Pei-Qi You, Director of Xian Xiao District. In his opening remarks, Dean Zhang appreciated Tamkang students' efforts and he looked forward to their devotion extended into the future. And Director You expressed her gratitude, saying, "The unselfish love and

enthusiasm were found in their voluntary work in teaching our kids and taking care of the environment after Typhoon Soudelor had hit Taiwan."

There were three divisions in the exhibition. They were Arts, Adventures, and Comprehensiveness. The profundity was displayed in posters, teaching plans, and photography and most of all, the laughter and tears in the service project. All along the hard work in team spirit came with life-long aspiration. Jing-Yi Zhang, team leader and English department junior student, made up her mind, saying, "The project inspires my unchallengeable devotion grounded in education." (Wu Yue-Feng)

Tamkang MOOCs Moved Forward to Shanghai Jiao Tong University

This fall semester, Director of Carrie Chang Fine Arts Center, Ben-Hang Chang, opened an online course "E-movement of Calligraphy: Life and Rhythm of Chinese Words" on the platform of CNMOOC maintained by Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

In addition, Lanyang Campus of Tamkang University worked with four universities in Eastern Taiwan, including National Ilan University, National Dong Hwa University, Tzu Chi University, and National Taitung University, on the project of "Pan-Pacific MOOCs," which was launched on Sept. 7. Dean of the College of Global Development, Ay-Hwa Liou, attended the launching ceremony, hoping to bridge the gap between city and country through online courses.

Director of Distance Education Development Section, Ying-Hong Wang, stated that Tamkang MOOCs had been started last semester with over 2500 people enrolling in courses.

The Pan-Pacific project was mainly planned by National Ilan University, and Tamkang University opened "Walking in Clouds," including courses on information technology, applied general education, cloud computing, business, and education. Ay-Hwa Liou participated in the video recording of the English-taught courses. Ying-Hong Wang said that the launching ceremony on Sept. 7 was meant to announce more cooperation, aiming to increase enrollment and quality courses. (Deng Chiou-Rung)

Roundtable Discussion on Travel Literature to Promote the Fun of Reading



(Photo contributed by Tamkang Times)

The roundtable discussion on "Travel and Travel Literature" took place at Ching-Sheng International Conference Hall at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Sept. 23. Professor of the French Department, Hsi-Deh Wu, coordinating the project, said that this event was part of "the Book Purchase Project: World Literature III—Travel Discourses, funded by the Department of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Science and Technology." By inspiring different ideas among the participants, Professor Wu hoped to promote and share the fun of reading through



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the discussants' talks on the topics related to travel. The discussants included Professor Hsi-Deh Wu, Chien-Mu Yeh (Chair of the Department of International Tourism Management), Chih-En Ko (Dean of the Office of Student Affairs), Sheue-Fang Song (Dean of Tamkang University Library), Shou-Cheng Lai (Professor of the English Department, National Taiwan Normal University), and writer Ping-Hwei Chou. Professor Wu pointed out that though registration for the event was closed on Sept. 21, there would be other activities afterwards. (Deng Chiou-Rung)



International Volunteers' Forum Broadens Our Horizons



(Photo contributed by Tamkang ICEO)

The International Culture Exchange Organization (ICEO) organized a volunteers' forum on September 30th in which, Yu-Yan Xiao, Dept. of Transportation Management; and Yi-Fang Wang, Dept. of Economics, shared their experiences and gains as Iceland international volunteers. In their days in Iceland, together with other volunteers of various nationalities, they helped build workrooms, greenhouses, and forage dispensers

from the ground up. They also tasted exotic and intriguing cuisines cooked by other international volunteers. Wang said, "Northern Europe is slow in their life tempo, but active in their life attitude and leisure aesthetics."

Zi-Yun Lin, Dept. of Russian and the ICEO leader, expressed her anticipation, saying, "The volunteers' forum gives us a whole picture of volunteers' work and I can feel that there is more to come." (Wu Yue-Feng)

President Flora Chia-I Chang Addresses Freshmen

School clubs lifted the curtain of the school opening ceremony. The atmosphere was first warmed up by Beat-box Club, Competitive Cheerleading Club, and Infinity Dance Club. On the second day, the activities were done by Overseas Chinese Lion Dance, Ballroom Dance Club, Magic Club, and Pop Dance Club. Their dynamic spirit was more than contagious.

In her speech given in the opening ceremony, President Chang introduced the Four Campuses and

spirit of school management. She also proposed to the freshmen a whole picture of general capacities as, Global Vision, Prospective Insight, Information Management, Ethics, Independent Thinking, LOHAS, Team Spirit, and Aesthetics. Besides, she extended her firm belief that extracurricular activities should be developed along with professionalism. To encourage the freshmen, at the end, the President took the words of Jeremy Lin, a prestigious NBA basketball star,

saying, "Failure for me is not giving myself the best chance to succeed". She encouraged the freshmen to "picture your own blueprint of the four years at Tamkang."

Inspired by the speech, Yun-Lun Li, Dept. Computer Science and Information Engineering, expressed his exclamation, saying, "This is a true university life." (Wu Yue-Feng)

Tamkang School Clubs Compete in Creativity



(Photo contributed by Tamkang Times)

Tamkang school clubs have organized various eye-opening welcome parties ever since September 21st. The Fire Dance Club had a welcome party on Ching-sheng Square and put on the fire dance. The flames and lights were swift. The performers were agile. It really wowed people.

Besides, Student Association of Business and Management held its 28th welcome party in the Student Activity Center and named it *Passing the Torch*. In the party, Xin-Wei Lin, Dept. of International Business and the association chair, further elaborated the spirit of *Passing the Torch*, saying, "Pass on the good tradition."

To advance academic freedom, the LGBT Club was a newly-

founded one and it had a series of intellectual activities in the welcome party. More than 30 participants had been enlightened in the interaction. Li-Shuo Liu, Dept. of Mass Communication and club leader, furthered the club spirit and said, "We are gender-friendly. You are more than welcome if you are interested in gender issues."

Also, the Indie Hot Music Club held the welcome party on September 22nd and over one-hundred took part. There were eight music bands that put on their shows in relays. Yu-Ping Dai, from the Dept. of Spanish and the party organizer, expressed her feelings about the shows and said, "They reveal comprehensive touches in melody and unchained characters." (Wu Yue-Feng)



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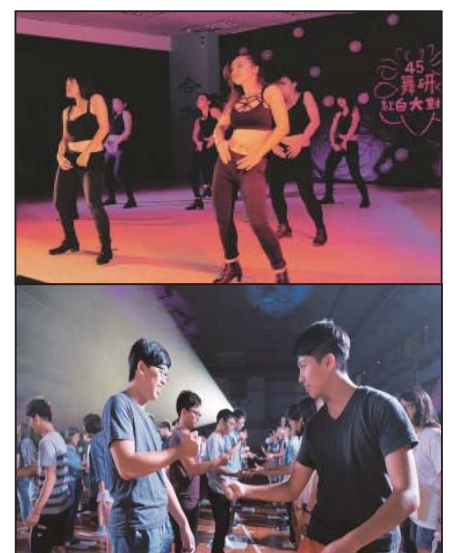
School Club Fair Initiates Freshmen into Tamkang

School clubs were bustling with joyful noise in the Student Activity Center, where Extracurricular Activities Guidance Section organized *School Club Fair*. At night on Sept. 14th, there were 20 school clubs and they took on shows. The activity center was literally a full house packed to the ceiling with more than a thousand freshmen. The huge crowd was really a stunt to the eyes.

Three toastmasters kicked off the fair and warmed up the atmosphere with comedy acts. With coordinated moves and gestures, the activity attendants displayed and visualized *Dedication and Vision*, the spirit of Tamkang Club Association. This was not all of it. Competitive cheerleading took the lead with impressive physical stunts; Western Music Club reverberated the stadium with vocal techniques; String Orchestra Club stroked and Harmonica Club breezed out canon in uniqueness; Guitar Club fiddled in chorus;

Magic Club cast sorcery spell with giant poker cards; Er Qi Alumni Association swung glow sticks and invited the audience to take part in.

Finally, Pop Dance Club brought a perfect end to the club fair with energetic street dance. Having her eyebrows raised, Wen Ho, Dept. of Economics freshman, expressed, "Their expertise and commitment set up a good role model." (Wu Yue-Feng)



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