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Dr. Chang Chia-I Elected President of Board

Former President Chang Chia-I and Former Vice President Tai Wan-chin were elected 13th administrative board members in the General Board Meeting, which was reported to the Ministry of Education, R.O.C. and ratified on October 3rd. Chang, former Tamkang President, specializes in total quality control in higher education, holding positions of Honorary Professor of *Graduate Institute of Educational Policy and Leadership* and *Honorary President of Chinese Excellent Management Association*,

which made her efforts realized in theoretical application and administrative management. Tai has professional experience as Vice President, Dean of International Studies and Chair of Graduate Institute of American Studies and was currently holding a position of fulltime professor in the Diplomacy Department. His efforts have contributed to international affairs development and globalization, which is Tamkang's luminous feature. (Yue-Feng Wu)



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Guided Reading for Top-Notch Talents and Intellectuals



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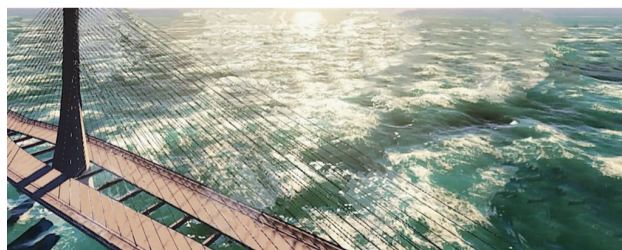
Awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 2017, Kazuo Ishiguro is the third Japanese-born writer after Yasunari Kawabata and Kenzaburō Ōe to win this outstanding honor. Born in Nagasaki on November 8, 1954, Kazuo Ishiguro moved

along with his family to the UK, where he received education. In 1982, he published his debut novel, *A Pale View of Hills*, winning the Winifred Holtby Memorial Prize. In 1989, another work of his, *The Remains of the Day* (adapted into a film of the same title in 1993), won the Man Booker Prize for Fiction. His remarkable achievements indeed are beyond description. Though written in English, Kazuo Ishiguro's early novels are set in Japan, and he maintains a close friendship with Murakami Haruki, both admiring each other's literature. Though Kazuo Ishiguro is not a highly productive author, his works have been highly acclaimed and have enjoyed tremendous popularity in Taiwan.

Ten years after the best-seller, *Never Let Me Go*, Kazuo Ishiguro's latest novel, *The Buried Giant*, published in 2015, was immediately translated into Japanese and Chinese (in Taiwan). A departure from *When We were Orphans*, a detective novel, or *Never Let Me Go*, categorized as science fiction, *The Buried Giant* is a fantasy novel with the setting in sixth-century Britain. While the legendary King Arthur who defeats the Saxons fades away, the

human-eating monsters and elves dominate the world. In the village, people suffer from severe selective amnesia which results from the "mist" exhaled by the giant dragon in the deep woods, as people come to realize. "The giant, once well buried, now stirs. When soon he rises, as surely he will, the friendly bonds between us will prove as knots young girls make with the stems of small flowers." How could the faded memories be recovered? Or, should we choose to forget in order to avoid new wars? The metaphor that Kazuo Ishiguro uses to confront readers with their heart of darkness is quite a modern technique. The narrative revolves around the issues of remembrance and forgetfulness. Axl and Beatrice, a couple of elderly Britons, represent the individual, while the warriors, Wiston and Sir Gawain the community. The land that the youth Edwin goes to symbolizes the future that we human beings will face. Just as *Never Let Me Go* and *The Remains of the Day* deeply touch readers, *The Buried Giant* is highly recommended. (Chiou-Rung Deng)

Tamkang Breaks Through Asia Semi-final into Global BIM Awards



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Tamkang rank the first place in Group of Students and work their way up to Global Final. Alumnus Shen Jin-hong said, "The tight schedule of the contests got too close to each other to have enough time for relevant preparation. Working under great pressure has sharpened our expertise." (Yue-Feng Wu)

The alumni of Tamkang Civil Engineering Department went through the preliminary contest and semi-final of *Asia BIM Awards* with *Tamkang Bridge*, the artwork which made

Live Show: Men without Women, Held By The Center for Murakami Haruki Studies

The Center for Murakami Haruki Studies held an online live show on Murakami Haruki's new book, *Men without Women*, hosted by Associate Professor of the Japanese Department, Chia-Lin Wang, who offered a guided reading of the novel focusing on sexual games. Prof. Wang's reading can be divided into five parts. In her introduction to the book, Prof. Wang provided a preview of the plot, outlined Murakami Haruki's idea of the book, and posed some questions to the audience. Then the relation among the protagonist, his ex-girlfriend, and the husband of his ex-girlfriend was analyzed. Finally, Prof. Wang also summarized love in Murakami Haruki's other works. (Chiou-Rung Deng)



Tamkang Stands Out in the Ranking by Global Views Monthly

Global Views Monthly held Best University Award Ceremony, 2018 Taiwan in Café Encounter on July 2nd. Tamkang was ranked 4th in the field of Liberal Arts, Law and Business, 8th in Social Involvement and 4th in Globalization in the research investigation carried out by Global Views Monthly in association with Elsevier, a prestigious publisher.

The research adopted a complex method in sampling. A hundred and one universities were involved in the investigation, except those universities that had fewer than 150 faculty members and fewer than 3,000 students. The five perspectives taken into the investigation were Social Involvement, Academic Performance, Teaching Performance, Globalization and Continuing Education & Industry-University Cooperation.

On behalf of Tamkang, Vice President Ge Huan-zhao expressed his gratitude at the ceremony and further elaborated Tamkang’s future planning, saying, “Our efforts will be devoted into administrative development, higher education development, industry-university cooperation and



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business innovation. Nothing will ever be achieved without commitment.” (Yue-Feng Wu)

Studies Overseas Program Exerts Impact on Tamkang

The Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs (OICSA) held Flag Ceremony of Studies Overseas 2018 on July 3rd, attended by Vice President Ge Huan-zhao, Vice President Tai Wan-chin, Chair of OICSA Li Pei-hua and 648 students to go abroad.

In 1993, Founder Clement C. P. Chang first brought out Studies Overseas, the program was the first of its kind in Taiwan, which made Globalization Tamkang’s motto. Nowadays among 24,800 Tamkang students, 2,000 are from foreign countries, the second highest in Taiwan.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Education (MOE) subsidizes Tamkang in overseas programs. On average, there are 1,200 students going for Studies Overseas Program each year and the number is approaching 1,400. The momentum of international mobility exerts great impact on Tamkang and makes it listed among excellent universities. (Yue-Feng Wu)



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Professional Presentations: First Step into Workplace

With the approach of the graduation season when graduates step into the workplace, how to make an excellent presentation would be an issue of great importance. In June, 2018, the Department of Water Resources and Environmental Engineering invited alumni Mr. Yun-Xian Chen (currently special assistant of the President of Taiwan Power Company) to give a lecture on “how to make a professional presentation that impresses your boss.” The following excerpts provide readers with some food for thought.

Yun-Xian Chen indicated that every presentation should convey a central idea which is very close to a story, just as a story is to communicate a central idea. In the outline of his presentation, every item would go horizontally from top to down with concise phrases of two or four words which can catch the audience’s attention. For instance, the outline of his presentation included four items. First, learn from other’s experience by appreciating other’s presentations. Second, constantly strive for perfection by revising other’s presentation. The third is the key point, which is to develop new ideas and create new presentations. The fourth is to show your own prowess; that is, based on the three principles, you can fully show yourself by making a unique presentation. (Chiou-Rung Deng)

Tamkang Tops Private Universities

The investigation by Webometrics Rankings of World Universities 2018 July (WRWU) displayed the result: Tamkang ranked 632nd globally, 143rd in Asia, 10th overall in Taiwan and top among private universities in Taiwan. Besides, among the four indicators: Tamkang ranked 233rd in Presence, 242nd in Impact, 977th in Openness and 1,331st in Excellence. (Yue-Feng Wu)

Webometrics Rankings of World Universities		
(WRWU)		
Top Ten in Taiwan		
Ranking in Taiwan	World ranking	Universities
1	93	National Taiwan University
2	253	National Chiao Tung University
3	277	National Tsing Hua University
4	286	National Cheng Kung University
5	466	National Central University
6	472	National Sun Yat-Sen University
7	512	National Yang-Ming University
8	617	National Taiwan Normal University
9	619	National Taiwan University of Science and Technology
10	632	Tamkang University

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Asian Community Leadership Seminar 2018 Encourages International Involvement

The Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs (OICSA) organized a three-week *Asian Community Leadership Seminar 2018* (ACLS) in association with Ritsumeikan University, Japan and KyungHee University, South Korea from August 6th to 25th. Twenty students from three foreign countries (Taiwan, Japan and South Korea) were involved in the seminar. After the first two weeks in Japan and South Korea, the final destination was Tamsui Campus. In response to the efforts of the students, Dean of International Affairs Chen Xiao-que expressed, “The leadership seminar is an optimal platform on which the youth practices international involvement.”

The leadership seminar started at Ritsumeikan University, Japan with the beginning program of Cross-cultural Communication; and was followed by the Program of *World Peace* at KyungHee University in the second week, South Korea; and the last week was at Tamkang whose *Future Studies* was one of its academic features. To encourage the participants, General Director of Kristiansen & Associates Consulting Co. Yang Zong-xian, an invited seminar lecturer, said, “The students become aware of their inner selves through the itinerary activities and

workshops.” In the final general report of the seminar on August 23rd, the participants expressed and elaborated their view points and outlooks along with students and professors. Wang Yi-qin, Department of Management Sciences, expressed her gratitude to the organizer, saying, “The international and local involvements in cultures are really inspiring.” (Yue-Feng Wu)



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Tamkang Alumni Nominated in 53rd Golden Bell Awards

The 53rd *Golden Bell Awards* revealed its nominees. Bu Xue-liang, alumnus of Industrial Economics Dept., was nominated Best Host of Itinerary Program with *Stories in Taiwan*; Lu Kuan-chung, alumnus of Spanish Dept., nominated Best Actor and Rookie of the Year with *A Boy Named Flora A*; and Chen Jia-kui, alumnus of Mass Communication Dept., nominated Best Subordinate Actor with *Roseki* (or *Singer in Taipei*).

Bu, nominated with *Stories in Taiwan*, said, “To be nominated is tantamount to a hallmark of commitment and contribution. As a host in *Stories in Taiwan*, I am doing my part to involve as many people into relevant stories and history of Taiwan in the way to bring out positive vision. I feel grateful that I have been doing what I love for the past 30 years. I will live my life in fullness, not to fall short to everyone’s expectation.”

Nominated with *A Boy Named Flora A*, Lu expressed his gratitude, saying, “I cannot fly without you. Hooray.” *Flora A*—a TV opera that explored the ups and downs of a boy in his early adulthood, romance, self-awareness, family and identity—elevated Lu into new horizons. Besides, Chen shared his vision and said, “I have benefited from my 10 years of experience in television station, movie production and theater. I have got encouragement and frustration. It is my privilege to be nominated. As an

actor, I will speak for the roles and bring the true inner spirits of roles to you.” (Yue-Feng Wu)



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Tamkang Jazz Festival 2018 Interacts with International Musicians

The Tamkang Jazz Festival kicked off with *Eurasia Quartet*, an international music exchange



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activity, in Carrie Chang Fine Arts Center on October 16th. It began with creative instrumental ensemble by Taiwanese Pianist Li Shi-yang and Malaysian

Saxophonian Yang Yan-sheng. In response to the ensemble, the audience expressed their excitement and pleasure. Following *Eurasia Quartet*, the second session was by *Luxembourg Dock in Absolute*, a Jazz Terzetto on October 17th. Its pianist, Jean-Philippe Koch, produced various vocal textures by inserting pieces of paper into the piano. Besides, in response to the encore of *Flowers in the Rainy Night*, a long-remembered Taiwanese folk rhyme, the audience exclaimed, “The quartet is a philosophical vocal interaction.” (Yue-Feng Wu)

Variety of Extracurricular Activities Compose a Kleidoscopic Life in Tamkang

Tamkang University welcomed freshmen with a variety of school clubs at the beginning of this academic year. This semester, Lanyang Campus added *Skateboard Club* and *Board Game Club* to its list, and Tamsui Campus added *Indonesian Students Fellowship*. In total, Tamkang has 228 school clubs whose nine varieties integrate academics, sports, edutainment, services, fellowship, religion, music, student association and student government. Academics involves 42 clubs, sports 34, edutainment 26, services 18, fellowship 35, religion 10, music 16, association 44 and student government 3. All these clubs paint a picture of fabulous lives in Tamkang. (Yue-Feng Wu)



Nguyen Tat Thanh University in Vietnam Contracts Academic Partnership with Tamkang

Nguyen Tat Thanh University in Vietnam founded an academic partnership with Tamkang University on September 18th. Nguyen Tat Thanh University has contracted partnership with over 140 universities and research institutes. It has incubated specialists in the following fields: medication, engineering, economic management, social sciences and liberal arts. Furthermore, it has around 20,000 students and a post-graduation employment rate of over 95%.

On behalf of Tamkang, President Ge Huan-zhao signed the contract with Vice President Ruan Lu of Nguyen Tat Thanh University. President Ruan Lu expressed, "Nguyen Tat Thanh University is still fledging. It's our gratitude and we are looking for further cooperation." In addition to the partnership, both parties expressed their willingness to promote joint dual-degrees in the hopes of shortening the length of schooling and maximizing the benefits of students. (Yue-Feng Wu)



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Romano, Sophomore Student from the Department of Diplomacy and International Relations, Demonstrates the TKU Triple Objectives of Education



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During the spring break this year, Romano, an international student from the Department of Diplomacy and International Relations, attended International Conference on INTERNET STUDIES NETs 2018 in Japan and presented a paper entitled, "The Effects of Personalization Algorithms on The Formation of Public Opinion." With excellent academic performance, Romano actively participated in all sorts of activities on and off campus. Last year, he represented TKU to attend an international conference on future studies in Belgium, exploring future development trends. Eager to embrace challenges, Romano also has five years of experience teaching English and currently works as an English teacher in the British Council.

With the twists and turns in his life, he finally settled in Taiwan and enrolled in the Department of Diplomacy and International Relations while obtaining the teaching job in the British Council. Romano is always eager to pursue his dream, making adjustments with a positive attitude and agility. He mentioned that it was extremely difficult to get the job offered by the British Council. Students he teaches in the British Council vary a

lot from school students to office workers. He has to teach various classes, like "my class" and "class for IELTS." With teaching experience in China and Taiwan, Romano observed that both put a lot of emphasis on basic learnings, and competition is fierce. Aware that students in Taiwan are not active, he has designed lessons with interactive activities to arouse students' interest and increase learning effectiveness. The sense of achievement in teaching, Romano said, resulted from "students' total devotion to one thing and the joy shown on their face when they succeed. I definitely feel proud of them." With enthusiasm about learning and teaching, he shared his reward from presenting his paper in Japan in April, "My paper is to explore the effect of social networking sites, like Facebook, on the public. Though researching, writing and presenting a paper is a challenging task for a sophomore student, I learned a lot of knowledge about the internet. The experience of acquiring feedback from professors coming from all over the globe, and responding to their questions and feedback was valuable." Romano has great ability to learn by himself. Before attending the international conference held in Belgium, he spent the whole semester doing research on future studies. "In the conference, I realized that no one could exactly define the meaning of the future, and future studies consist of a tremendous system of knowledge, including all fields of professionalism, like design, education, politics, and architecture. This experience really aroused my passion for future studies. The unique and all-embracing discipline leads me to the exploration of its potential applications in the future and inspires my devotion to research in this field.

Romano said that he would study further for his master degree in the field of future studies in TKU. Indeed, the TKU triple objectives of education are exemplified by him. He is a member of the globalized world, striving for excellence in the aspects of information, knowledge, and future development. His experience may not be easily copied, but the spirit of striving can be followed. He shared his idea of learning; that is, keep our ears open, keep reading, and force ourselves to progress, and he said, "There is no short cut to learning. Only by being down-to-earth can you build a career and make your way in the world."

(Chiou-Rung Deng)

Tamkang Music Exposition Celebrates 68th Anniversary One on One Consultancy to be Provided

Tamkang Music Exposition was carried out in four sessions organized by Carrie Chang Fine Arts Center: the first two were themed 2018 Jazz Festival, followed by Eurasia Quartet and Jazz Terzetto. The first two sessions were conducted by Malaysian Saxophonian Yang Yan-sheng, Norwegian Bass Fiddler Christian Meaas Svendsen, Percussionist Paal Nilssen-Love and Taiwanese Pianist Li Shi-yang; the third by Pianist Lu Yi-zhi; and fourth by High C C, a music band. The music exposition invited international-renowned musicians and was in conjunction with Tamkang's 68th Anniversary. (Yue-Feng Wu)

The Graduate Institute of Future Studies held a series of 7-week one-on-one consultancy from June 19th to July 31st. Dean of Future Studies Ji Shun-jie carried out the consultancy sessions. He elaborated on the consultancy, "Tamkang has committed into futurization through lectures and programs in the hope of visionary development." Still, the collective learning might have deficiencies. This motivated the one-on-one consultancy, from which, students were expected to benefit. (Yue-Feng Wu)