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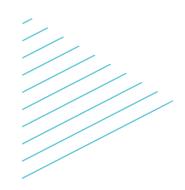
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The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in teachers ▲ and students of Fu Jen Catholic University having to make huge adjustments to their lives. In light of this, we have invited Prof. Yip Ping-keung (葉炳強), dean of the College of Medicine, and Assoc. Prof. Lin Yu-wen (林瑜 要), associate dean of the College of Medicine, to shed some light on how all of us can protect ourselves and safeguard against the coronavirus, as well as share with us some general tips for community-based prevention in this post-COVID world.

Dean Yip stated that "wearing a mask, washing your hands and using disinfectants, as well as maintaining social distancing is now the norm. We can begin to understand prevention by first being aware of the actions we can undertake, and also brush up our knowledge about the pandemic. The former includes things like washing your hands, wearing a mask, and so forth, which we encourage heavily at the college. At the same time, we conduct research on the disinfection of lifts in the school, and found that as most teachers and students at FJCU travel to school on public transportation, they easily carry bacteria on their hands. Yet, students neglect to wash their hands at the first instance when they enter the campus. Bacteria thus get transferred onto lifts at school, especially when students are rushing to class."

Dean Yip expressed that "lift buttons have the most contact with human hands, and thus are dirtiest." Associate Dean Lin concurred, adding that "the research indicated that washing your hands is the most crucial step when it comes to preventive measures. Washing one's hands properly is the key to effective prevention of the virus." Both of them advised that alcohol disinfectants should be provided at the entrances to the campus and to school buildings and classrooms, reminding students to wash their hands and disinfect the moment they step onto the campus.

Dean Yip added "besides preventive measures, we should also shore up our knowledge with regard to prevention. The college created a 3-minute video on relevant knowledge about COVID-19 at the start of the outbreak to keep all teachers and students informed. Our students also engaged in self-learning by reading information related to the coronavirus, and a course with a test included about the origins of the coronavirus and the proper approach with regard to prevention was made available online for them. About a third of our students completed this course."

Dean Yip went on to state that "this is a form of common learning, so that more people can learn about the coronavirus and through self-learning, do their bit to contribute to community prevention. I will like to remind all students and teachers that the best approach for us during the pandemic would be to understand as much as we can about it - besides wearing masks and social distancing, we should wash and disinfect our hands frequently.

Reporting by campus reporter Hsu Jui-yu (徐睿妤)



▼FJCU President Represents Taiwan at FIUC Forum; Pope Francis to Catholic Universities: Educate Students on Social, Relational Responsibility

# FJCU President Represents Taiwan at FIUC Forum; Pope Francis to Catholic Univers

Pope Francis met with participants of the International Conference for Leaders of Catholic Universities, a forum organized by the International Federation of Catholic Universities (FIUC), and commented that "strong pressure, felt in different areas of socio-economic, political and cultural life, challenges the very vocation of the university. This is especially the case for those who are called to teach, conduct research and prepare new generations to become not only qualified professionals in various disciplines, but also proponents of the common good, creative and responsible leaders in social and civil life, equipped with a proper vision of the person and the world. Universities today, then, need to consider what contribution they can and must make to the integral health of the person and to an inclusive ecology." FJCU president Dr. Chiang Han-sun represented Taiwan at the forum, and stated during his address that he echoed Pope Francis' sentiments, and would continue to push for religious freedom and for the welfare of humanity.

The theme of the forum is "New Frontiers for University Leaders: The Future of Health and the University Ecosystem". With regard to the mission of Catholic universities, Pope Francis opined that "the university system today faces new challenges arising from the development of the sciences, the evolution of new technologies and the needs of society, all of which invite academic institutions to provide appropriate and up-to-date responses."

President Chiang, who was invited by the Holy See to speak at the forum, gave a speech titled "Medical Schools, Health Education, and Catholic Teaching: Opportunities, Problems, Best Practices".

President Chiang stated that in the face of low fertility rates as well as an ageing population, elderly healthcare "is the greatest challenge for the future. Taiwan is proactive in researching how AI could contribute in this area, but the application of these technologies must be in line with ethics to avoid any moral conflict. As the sole Catholic university across the straits, FJCU stands together with Pope Francis' sentiments, and would continue to push for religious freedom and for the welfare of humanity."

Pope Francis stated that "In this light, the university has a conscience, but also an intellectual and moral force with responsibility not just for the person to be educated but for the needs of humanity as a whole. The ecosystem of universities develops when every member of the university becomes sensitive to each person and to the whole person, to the context in which people live and grow, and to everything that can contribute to their advancement."

He added that "Education in general, but university education in particular, is not only about filling the head with concepts. Three kinds of language are needed, and all three languages need to come into play: the language of the mind, the language of the heart and the language of the hands. We need to think in harmony with what we feel and what we do, to feel in harmony with what we think and do, and to act in harmony with what we feel and think. An overall harmony, never divorced from the whole."

Pope Francis expressed that the FIUC "is called to take up the moral imperative of striving to achieve a more united international academic community. On the one hand by basing itself more faithfully on the Christian context from which universities originated; and on the other, by consolidating the network of older and newer universities, so as to develop a universal spirit aimed at increasing the quality of the cultural life of individuals and peoples."

### FJCU Top Taiwanese University on 2019 MIM Ranking



In the Financial Times 2019 Masters in Management Ranking, FJCU was ranked the top Taiwanese university on the list. A total of three universities from Taiwan made the cut - FJCU, National Chengchi University, and National Sun Yat-sen University. FJCU's Master of Global Entrepreneurial Management (MGEM) program, a joint collaboration between FJCU's College of Management with Spain's IQS School of Management and America's University of San Francisco, was ranked 31st in the rankings, making it the top-ranked tertiary institution from Taiwan in the list. Furthermore, the salary of graduates from the program increased by 64% year-on-year; on top of receiving an internationally-acclaimed education, graduates can also expect to receive a high salary.

The University of St Gallen and HEC Paris retained their first and second ranking on the list respectively, while the London Business School and Essec Business School (joint MIM program with Singapore and Morroco) tied for third place.

FJCU's MGEM program, a joint collaboration between FJCU's College of Management with Spain's IQS School of Management and America's University of San Francisco, performed well as evident from its placing on the rankings, and FJCU Vice-President of International Affairs Prof. Michael Lee stated "this program, which is a collaboration between FJCU's College of Management with Spain's IQS School of Management and America's University of San Francisco, is very special. Students would first take 4 modules taught entirely in English in Barcelona, then move on to Taipei and San Francisco, staying for four months at each place. It's an intensive

one-year course at the end of which students would receive their Master's degree. The three countries would recruit students from each area, and each intake would have about 40, 50 students of 15 different nationalities."

Prof. Lee added "The course is designed very well; it is both international and unique in its outlook, and we invite foreign teachers to give talks to our students. There are about 400 alumni from this program spread out across the globe, excelling in the various fields, which would be a boon for the career prospects of students from this program in the future."

According to the Financial Times report, the masters in management program is a rare example of growing demand, especially in Europe. Many schools which top the rankings are either based in Europe or have collaborations with European countries.



# Taiwan-U.S. COVID-19 Prevention FJCU Hospital Reveals Modular



▲ The MAC ward offers a comfortable interior, on top of catering for remote medical care.

### Taiwan-US COVID-19 Prevention Alliance; FJCU Hospital Reveals Modular MAC Ward, Revolutionizing Hospital Wards.

With the worsening Covid-19 situation contributing to a rise in the number of cases globally, hospital wards faced supply issues. The Fu Jen Catholic University (FJCU) Hospital held the Taiwan-U.S. COVID-19 Prevention Cooperation Press Conference on the Modular Hospital Ward Design on 15th May, revealing a high-tech modular hospital ward which could be assembled in 48 hours. Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung (陳時中), who attended the press conference, stated in his address that "we can share Taiwan's improvements with the world, and let the world see Taiwan." American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director W. Brent Christensen likewise stated his approval of Taiwan's contribution to the medical field globally,

adding that "the United States will continue to advocate for Taiwan's greater international participation."

The MAC ward – which is an acronym for modular, adaptable, and convertible – was developed by the FJCU Hospital in collaboration with Taiwan company Miniwiz (小智研發公司). It is designed for easy assembly, allowing hospital wards to be deployed quickly in different environments, be it in a garage, sports complex, or a public health center. The MAC ward's ability to be assembled speedily challenges the concept of traditional medical wards, providing a perfect solution to the shortage of regional medical resources and the unequal allocation of resources.

## on Collaboration; MAC

Minister Chen stated after a tour of the MAC ward that "this is the eighth consecutive day whereby there are no new cases of Covid-19 in Taiwan – evidence that Taiwan is safe. The shortage of manpower is an issue keenly felt by all of us during the pandemic, but it is in times of crisis that humanity displays its ability to achieve breakthroughs. Taiwan's advantage is in its innovativeness and flexibility, and we have had more opportunities for collaboration with the U.S. as a result of this, helping us make more friends and sharing our results with the world, so as to let the world take notice of Taiwan, and of FJCU."



▲ Health Minister Chen Shih-chung tours FJCU Hospital's MAC ward.

A doctor himself, FJCU president Vincent Chiang Han-sun opined that the high-tech ward facility "is the trend. The MAC ward boasts quick assembly as well as remote medical care capability, with individualized air-conditioning and disinfection. It can also be transformed into various types of medical wards (ICUs, general wards, or isolation wards), and is interchangeable depending on the specific medical needs. It can be used during the pandemic or during regular times, ensuring its practicality in the long run. This a successful model of a pioneering medical ward for disease prevention."



▲ FJCU President Chiang opines that high-tech medical wards are the trend.



▲ Health Minister Chen Shih-chung and AIT Director W. Brent Christensen tours FJCU Hospital's MAC ward.

AIT Director W. Brent Christensen stated "today's announcement demonstrates again that Taiwan is a reliable partner and a force for good, sharing both its expertise and its resources with governments, universities, and public health institutions in the United States and all around the world. Taiwan is an international leader in public health, and the "Taiwan Model" for managing the spread of COVID-19 has been recognized around the world."

He added that "today's event is another example that cooperation between the United States and Taiwan is robust, long-standing, and beneficial to the global community. Thank you for your work and please know that the United States will continue to advocate for Taiwan's greater international participation, so that Taiwan can continue to share its impressive global health expertise with the world."

Arthur Huang (黃謙智), co-founder and CEO of Miniwiz, stated that "we are honored to work with FJCU Hospital and the Ministry of Economic Affairs to develop such an innovative medical ward. We look forward to promoting the MAC ward to the world."

FJCU is sister schools with Temple University in Pennsylvania, USA, and the two schools would be collaborating in the future on the MAC ward project – including the development of the ward, training of staff and so forth, incorporating the American health system in order to achieve the common Taiwan-U.S. goal of 'speedy setup of prevention measures' with regard to Covid-19 prevention. Both schools also signed a letter of intent to cooperate on the aforesaid matters.

The revolutionary MAC ward could be adjusted according to prevention needs, making it a more humane space even as an isolation ward, while also being equipped with smart technology, providing better care all-around for the patient both psychologically and physiologically. The aim is to provide medical care that improves life expectancy, alleviating pain through the use of technology via a high-tech medical ward priced sensibly, so that Covid-19 measures in the U.S. as well as all over the world can be carried out successfully.



▲ AIT Director Christensen affirms Taiwan's ability and contribution to the global community vis-à-vis Covid-19 prevention.

### **President Chiang Talks Future of**

The Eucharist celebrating the reappointment of Fu Jen Catholic University (FJCU) President Dr. Vincent Chiang Han-sun was held at the Immaculate Conception Chapel, on 27th February 2019. Hosted by FJCU chairman Archbishop Peter Lau Cheng-chung, the event was a grand and sacred affair. In spite of the COVID-19 situation, many esteemed guests from academia and industry alike along with distinguished alumni, all attended the event. FJCU Hospital Superintendent Dr. Wang Shoei-shen and FJCU artist-in-residence Au Honien also attended the event, wearing masks in light of the situation.

Under President Chiang's leadership for the past four years, FJCU has become the most favored university by employers, while also having positive development in terms of school infrastructure - including the opening of the Fr. Franz Giet building, the Yi Sheng dormitory, construction of the soccer fields in time to host the 2017 Summer Universiade, as well as the opening of the FJCU Hospital in 2017, all of which have performed well to date with good prospects. Moreover, befitting his other role as president of the Chinese Taipei University Sports Federation, President Chiang placed on emphasis on professional physical education. He actively pushed for the development of athletes, providing medical support, which led to impressive showing from FJCU's Department of Physical Education; weightlifter Kuo Hsing-chun and javelin thrower Cheng Chao-tsun were among those with stellar results, holding world and Asian records respectively in their specific categories. On top of that, friendly relations with the Holy See culminated in the establishment of the Holy See Italy Alumni Association in 2019.



▲ President Chiang taking his oath at his reappointment ceremony

In his address, President Chiang thanked FJCU staff, esteemed guests, as well as presidents from other universities who graced the event. President Chiang's elderly mother was also present, to which President Chiang commented that "my mother is 96 years old, and she was diagnosed with pulmonary edema last year. I would like to thank FJCU Hospital Superintendent Dr. Wang Shoei-shen and his team for their care. Their medical expertise is a key reason my mother is able to attend my reappointment ceremony, and I thank God for his grace." President Chiang thanked the board of trustees for their full support with regard to his dreams vis-à-vis infrastructure for the school – especially the building of the FJCU hospital.



▲ FJCU chairman Archbishop Peter Lau Cheng-chung gives his blessings to President Chiang's mother.

President Chiang summed up his vision for FJCU in the next four years using the acronym 'hope': heritage, actualizing the goals and vision of a Catholic university to be a school that has a positive impact on the society, as well as being a comprehensive university; originality, pushing for developments such as the Creative Design Center and the AI Development Center, and so forth; progress, pushing for the multifaceted development of the school, collaboration between the FJCU Hospital with the various departments, and increasing the output of academic research projects with the aim of making it into the list of the top 500 universities in the world; and endowment, aspiring towards an endowment fund of a hundred billion by the school's 100th birthday. President Chiang added, "though this seems like a faraway dream, sometimes, our faith in God can push us to accomplish the unthinkable."

### **FJCU at Reappointment Mass**



▲ President Chiang plays Ave Maria as a prayer for a good turn vis-à-vis the COVID-19 situation

The ceremony concluded amidst President Chiang's piano performance of Ave Maria, a prayer to the Holy Mother to grant the school strength to overcome the COVID-19 situation during the start of Lent, as well as a prayer for FJCU's continued success in the future.



▲ FJCU chairman Archbishop Peter Lau Cheng-chung and President Chiang in a group photo with the clergy.



### FJCU Confers Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy on Her Excellency Hilda C.

On 25th October 2019, Fu Jen Catholic University had the great privilege of conferring an honorary doctorate degree of philosophy upon Her Excellency Hilda C. Heine, president of the Republic of Marshall Islands, at the Cardinal Cushing Auditorium.

FJCU President Dr. Vincent Han-sun Chiang stated in his address that "the conferral is not just an honor for FJCU, but is symbolic of the solid friendship and close ties between the Republic of Marshall Islands and our country. Indeed, we should congratulate ourselves for having such an outstanding alumni added to the great Fu Jen family." He added that President Heine's remarks during a summit addressing climate changes left an indelible imprint on his mind, especially when President Heine stated that "the poor are leading the rich. The small are leading the big. The women are leading the men." On top of praising President Heine's contributions in various areas, Dr. Chiang also expressed his gratitude towards President Heine for being a great promoter of exchanges between the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Republic of China.

President Heine contributed greatly in education, culture, gender equity, and climate change, and participated in various international conferences and summits. She obtained her Master in Education Degree from the University of Hawaii in 1974, and her Doctorate in Education and Educational Leadership at the University of Southern California in 2004 – becoming the first person in the history of the Republic of Marshall Islands to have a doctorate degree. She entered into politics in 1993, and was elected the 8th President of the Republic of Marshall Islands in 2016.

Chen Chien-jen, vice president of the ROC, pointed out that President Heine is an accomplished educator and female politician, and as the first female president of the Marshall Islands, President Heine contributed greatly to women's rights and is a prime example of a great politician from the Pacific region. This was President Heine's third visit to Taiwan, and since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the ROC and the Republic of Marshall Islands in 1998, both sides have had fruitful gains from cooperation in the areas of health, education,

agriculture, fishing, green energy, as well as infrastructure among other areas. The ROC and Marshall Islands celebrated the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations last year.

Vice President Chen added that "FJCU is the oldest Catholic institution in Taiwan, and through its pursuit of Truth, Goodness, Beauty, and Holiness, it seeks excellence in academic research and the promotion of genuine knowledge in the spirit of the Christian faith. FJCU is committed to the development of society and the advancement of humankind, and is a leading example for private institutions in Taiwan."

President Heine stated in her address "I am truly humbled and grateful for this distinction, and for the great honor being bestowed upon me by this very prestigious university, which is founded on principles that I hold dear to my heart – the promotion of peace in our world through educational endeavor and spreading of the Good News." She referred to FJCU's mission statement, adding that "FJCU must continue to groom and prepare its students to 'go forth and be salt upon the earth (a reference to Matthew 5:13-16)," and gave encouragement to the teachers and students of FJCU by quoting an old Marshallese adage "An pilinlin koba, homman lomento" which translates to "a little drop makes a mighty ocean".













### Connecting Cultures Globally; CFLL's Global Lounge Opens

The Global Lounge, located at level one of Fu Jen Catholic University's College of Foreign Languages and Literatures (CFLL) Franz Giet Building, held its official opening ceremony on 8th May 2020. The successful opening of the Global Lounge was a combined effort; with the support of FJCU President Dr. Vincent Chiang Han-sun as well as the four Vice Presidents, Dean of Academic Affairs Wang Ying-chou led the project together with the help of colleagues from the Office of International Education as well as the CFLL, transforming the ground floor of the Franz Giet Building into the new hallmark of FJCU. The Global Lounge is not only an important space for exchange between local and international students, it is also the site to put into practice creativity in teaching by spurring digital learning



▲ Picture: President Dr. Chiang Han-sun commented in his address that lessons should not be bound to traditional classrooms, and that the Global Lounge could be used to put into practice creative teaching methods and digital learning.







▲ Picture: The design of Global Lounge appeals to the youth.



▲ Picture: (From left) Dean of Academic Affairs Wang Ying-chou, President Dr. Chiang Han-sun, students from the Department of German Language and Culture, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Professor Chang Yie-yun, and Dean of College of Foreign Languages Professor Kate Liu Chi-wen.

The design behind Global Lounge is a reflection of themes that the youth connect with: creativity, trendiness, and class. The lounge uses Morandi colors – renowned because of the hit drama Story of Yanxi Palace – with four different designs for the reading sofas: at the entrance to Global Lounge, sofas in the shape of alphabets (global, with an added 'e', a reference to the Italian globale and also to e-learning) are placed, and the center of the lounge houses sofas in geometric shapes, whilst in front of the digital television are several sofas conducive to group discussions, and finally, cube-shaped sofas which can be moved and arranged freely. These add a dash of creativity to the space depending on the preference of the users in moving the sofas about.

The bar table made of solid wood is situated in front of windows facing the campus' lush greenery, while the trendy stage steps can be shifted around freely. The alfresco mini bar tables near the school's 'Vienna Woods' brings students closer to nature. These are all areas that students can use flexibly as learning spaces. The space could also be utilized for events such as cultural exchanges, live telecast of international sporting events, film appreciations, group events, linguistic exchanges, or just the simple joy of reading with a window view. The Global Lounge is a prime location for such activities, and is sure to be the envy of students from other schools.

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A self-declared 'Apple fan', Dean of CFLL Professor Kate Liu Chi-wen stated that "the Global Lounge also plays an important role in being a window to the digital world. There is a 65-inch widescreen digital television, as well as three iMac computers at the Global Lounge, which allows for the space to be connected with any part of the world. The lounge is set to become a space for learning which is most unlike a traditional classroom. The television can be used to show international sporting events, international films, or cross-cultural student presentations. It is the perfect amalgamation of leisure, exchange, and language learning in a creative environment. The three iMac computers allow students to check out information necessary for their studies whilst at the Global Lounge, while also allowing for them to check in with their friends and family from all over the globe." On top of that, the Foreign Language Resource Center for Teaching and Learning would also set up autorecording systems and distance learning classrooms; in August, the CFLL would bring in iPad tablets as learning aids to be incorporated in teaching. The Global Lounge would not only be the hub of interaction between local and international students, it would also be tip of the spear in FJCU's push for digital learning and cross-cultural communication.

The Global Lounge is equipped with iMac computers, a bar table, and creative spaces that integrate leisure, exchange, and language learning in one location. The phrase "Connect the Dots", a quote from Steve Jobs, hangs across the windows – serving as a reminder to all students and teachers to connect their efforts in the past and present with their shining future, to always think creatively, connect with others, and engage in interdisciplinary thinking. Congratulations to all FJCUians who can now enjoy an excellent learning space in the Global Lounge – FJCU, and proud!

(Reporting by CFLL and Office of Academic Affairs)













▲ Picture: Take a seat by the windows, and enjoy the campus greenery from the bar table.



▲ Picture: Teachers and students take a commemorative picture in ▲ Picture: From left, CFLL secretary Chen Shu-fen, front of the Globale sofa.



CFLL Dean Kate Liu Chi-wen, FJCU President Dr. Chiang Han-sun, Dean of Academic Affairs Wang Ying-chou, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Professor.



# FJCU's Father Ryden Invited to Sing National Anthem at National Day Ceremony

At this year's national day ceremony, FJCU's very own Father Edmund Ryden was invited to sing the national anthem at the ceremony. In response, Father Ryden stated that it was an honor to be invited, and was quick to share this joy with his friends. Father Ryden, himself a citizen of the Republic of China (ROC), came to Taiwan in 1986 to learn Mandarin in Hsinchu, marking the beginning of his relationship with Taiwan. He contributed much to the rural areas of Hsinchu in the past thirty-three years, and is well-loved by both the villagers as well as the students of FJCU, where Father Ryden is currently teaching at the Department of Law.

On the subject of singing the national anthem at the ceremony, Father Ryden took the matter seriously. On top of practicing on his own, during the dry run, he even

went down personally to take note of his positioning on the actual stage. Father Ryden added, "I made sure to get the sheet music for the ceremony, so as to understand the variations in tone. I also memorized the lyrics. I'm a little nervous about it, but at the same time I'm extremely honored to have the opportunity." Father Ryden received his ROC citizenship in May 2018, and has dedicated his life in humble service, giving his all to every Taiwanese who crosses his path.

# Ko Jui-fang and Lee Chia-wei, from the Department of Applied Arts, bags top prize and third prize re





At the 20th kW Design Award, Ko Jui-fang clinched the top prize, and was awarded NT\$50,000 while Lee Chiawei won second runner-up, and was awarded NT\$10,000. Both students from from the Department of Applied Arts were mentored by Dean Peter Feng Guan-chao. With over 2,600 entries, competition was stiff, which made our students' performance even more noteworthy.



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