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# NTHU

## CELEBRATING NTHU'S 103<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**O**n April 27 we celebrated NTHU's 103rd anniversary, as well as the 58th anniversary of the university's reestablishment in Taiwan. Among the distinguished guests were Ovid Tzeng, the chancellor of the University System of Taiwan; Wei Kuo, the president of the City University of Hong Kong and also an alumnus of NTHU; and Simona Halperin, the director of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei. A large number of alumni, parents, and members of the community also attended the lively and festive event. Amongst the featured speakers at the convocation were three notable alumni: Chen Qunjie, the chairman of Hongjie Financial Management; Eric Tsai, the chairman and CEO of the Jipal Corporation; and Yang Jeng-Rern, the founder and executive director of the Gemtech Corporation. One of the highlights of the day was the lauding of outstanding students, student clubs, and sports teams. The event concluded with an enthusiastic hurrah to wish NTHU a happy birthday!

In his address, President Hocheng Hong pointed out that 2014 is an important year for the university,



for it marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the College of Science, the College of Nuclear Science, and the Department of Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management; the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute of Nuclear Engineering and Science; and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department of Economics and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. President Hocheng stated that celebrating the establishment of these programs highlights the developmental history of NTHU and its tradition of excellence. President Hocheng also took the opportunity to laud two outstanding student groups: the DIT Robotics group formed by students in the Department of Power Mechanical Engineering which won championship of a nationwide mechanical design competition; and a group of four students from the departments of Material Science, Economics, and



a. President Hocheng pointed out that 2014 is a significant year for HTHU.  
b. Alumni and student-athletes joining voices to wish NTHU a happy birthday!

Industrial Engineering who won first place in the Sustainable Campus Competition. Both groups are now planning to enter international competitions.

NTHU also gives much importance to athletics, as evidenced by the excellent performance of its sports teams in 2013. President Hocheng proudly mentioned that NTHU's baseball team came out on top for the past two years; that the men's volleyball team overcame all the odds and jumped up in the rankings from fourth to first place—an unprecedented achievement. After ending last year's season in first place in the Division II, this year the soccer team entered the Division I, which mainly consists of teams from colleges of physical education, yet managed to come in sixth

place—the highest place for any team not from a college of physical education.

President Hocheng also mentioned that Gogolook, an innovative internet startup initiated by three NTHU alumni—Zheng Shengfen and Song Zhenghuan of the Institute of Technology Management and Guo Jianfu of the Department of Industrial Engineering—was recently purchased by Naver, the Korean Internet giant best known as the owner of Line. The reason for the purchase is that Naver is planning to put more resources into the development of smartphone applications. President Hocheng also took a moment to praise two graduates of the College of Engineering—Sun Zongde and Zheng Wenmin. With assistance from NTHU's Innovation Center, they developed an automated machine for growing bean sprouts, for which they won first prize in the MOE's U-Start competition. What's really inspiring about such accomplishments is how young these alumni are.

In his address, Ovid Tzeng

emphasized the many contributions that NTHU faculty and alumni have made to our society. In addition to the leadership they already provide in the University System of Taiwan, they are also playing an increasingly important role in Asia and around the world. With characteristic foresight, NTHU is engaging in cultural and educational exchanges with India, and has also begun to carry out academic cooperation with Israel. Wei Kuo pointed out that, despite the inevitable changes which come with time, NTHU's university motto—Self-discipline and social commitment—remains as a timeless wisdom. In her address, Simona Halperin expressed her admiration for the spirit of excellence at NTHU, as evidenced in the many accomplishments of its faculty members and students. Near the end of the celebration Chiu Yishu, a student in the College of Technology Management, performed some amazing aerial tricks with a glowing diabolo. The event concluded after the school chorus suddenly mingled with the crowd and led everybody in singing

a climactic rendition of the school song.

In addition to a garden party, other favorite activities were the haunted house, the eco-fair, the community enterprise fair, and a number of performances by street musicians. Moreover, the General Physics Laboratory offered a number of DIY activities. One of these gave visitors a chance to experience what liquid nitrogen is like at 196 degrees below zero; another invited visitors to find out for themselves whether air really does expand when it is hot and contract when it is cold; there was even a chance to make milk-popsicles.

Participants also had the opportunity to feed and ride a horse, courtesy of the school's Equestrian Club. Eager to join in the celebration, the international students donned the traditional attire of their respective countries and provided introductions to life in their home countries. The final event of the day was a parade around campus by the international students, which was led on horseback by Hsiao-Chin Hsieh, the Vice President of Student Affairs.



- a. The celebration included a number of musical performances by students.
- b. A young visitor feeds a pony provided by the Equestrian Club.
- c. President Hocheng proudly acknowledged the excellent performance of NTHU's sports teams in 2013.

## THREE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONORED AT THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, NTHU celebrated the 103<sup>rd</sup> founding anniversary of Tsing Hu. During the celebration, three alumni were honored and presented with the Distinguish Alumni Award. They are: Mr. Chen Qun Jie, a graduate of Class 88<sup>th</sup> of the Department of Chemical Engineering; Mr. Eric Tsai of Class 81<sup>st</sup>, the Department of Power Mechanical Engineering and Dr. Yang Jeng-Rern who earned his doctorate from the Department of Electrical Engineering in the year of 1988. The followings are brief introductions to their respective outstanding achievements:

Mr. Chen Qun Jie has accomplished a great deal since his graduation from the Department of Chemical Engineering. He is con-currently the President of Hong Jie Financial Management Co., Greater Tsing Hua Investment Co., Ltd. He is also the Secretary General of Tsing Hua Entrepreneur Network (TEN) and the Executive Director of the "393 Citizen Forum". Upon his graduation from NTHU, Mr. Chen started his career at Formosa Plastic where he made a major contribution to revitalize the inventory system of its PVC

materials and was quickly recognized for his penetrating analytical ability. However, he left Formosa Plastic and started a new career in the venture capital market in 1988. Over the last 25 years, he had successfully raised funds for several new businesses and played a vital role in guiding these companies to go public. In addition to his great success in ventures capital market, Mr. Chen is also a concerned citizen and founded the "393 Citizen Forum" where people met regularly to discuss their views on current political and social issues. Mr. Chen believes that a healthy democracy should have citizen forums that are above and beyond partisan politics. In addition to being a member of the Tsing Hua Club One Hundred, Mr. Chen has also been very active in finding new ways to support his alma mater. He recruited a group of like-minded alumni and established the Great Tsing Hua Fund in 2011 to provide 10% of their investment earning to NTHU annually. Mr. Eric Tsai is currently Chairman



Yang Jeng-Rern (right) receives the Award from President Hocheng.

and General Manager of Jipal Corporation Ltd. Under his leadership, Jipal has emerged as a major producer of quality products with excellent after-sale service programs. Jipal is a well-known manufacturer in the semi-conductor industry and has received many awards for its quality products and excellent after-sale services. As the leader of Jipal, Mr. Tsai encourages his colleagues and employees to do their very best and has successfully established a corporate culture that stresses innovation, service, flexibility and responsive to the needs of its clients in different parts of the world. Mr. Tsai believes that Jipal can be so successfully in a highly competitive market is primarily due to the fact that his company is very attentive to industrial trends and spares no effort to upgrade its technological efficiency.

Over the years, Mr. Tsai has been a strong supporter of his home department, i.e., Department of Power Mechanical Engineering and his alma mater. He has made many substantial donations toward the establishment of scholarships, constructions of Telecom Electroacoustics Laboratory, Tsing Hua Hall of Fame, the Alumni Gymnasium and a chair-professorship to commemorate George K. C. Yeh, a Tsing Hua alumnus and a famous diplomat. Mr. Eric Tsai indicated that he is honored to receive the Distinguish Alumni Award and he would like to take this opportunity to thank NTHU for the excellent education and nurturing that he had received. He would also like to thank his wife for her loving supports over the years. He believes that NTHU reached a new height under the leadership of its former president, Prof. Lih J. Chen and he expects that under the new leadership of President Hocheng Hong, his alma mater will reach another new peak in the near future.

Dr. Yang Jang-Rern is currently the Executive Director

and a Co-founder of Gemtek Technology Co., Ltd., as well as the General Manager of Browan Communications, Inc. Dr. Yang received his doctoral from the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1988 and was recruited as an associate professor at Yuan Ze University in 1996. Dr. Yang specialized in the design of microwave integrated circuit. As a teaching and research faculty member at Yuan Ze, he participated in many university-industry collaborative projects and accumulated a great deal of practical experiences which he organized into a series of lectures to train junior microwave engineers. When he co-founded Gemtek, he was primarily responsible for the research and development of new production technology. He was responsible for drafting the development direction of Gemtek and directed the transition of Gemtek to focus on the high end technology such as wireless communication. It was due to his leadership that Gemtek was able to transform and establish itself

as a leading company in wireless communication industry.

Dr. Yang and Mr. Howard Chen, also an alumnus, have jointly made many donations to NTHU over the years. They have donated funds to establish a Gemtek Chair Professorship and the Gemtek Elite Scholarship. They are also members of Club One Hundred and contributed to the building of Alumni Gymnasium as well as the Tsing Hua Laboratory.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Yang mentioned that he had studied 10 years at NTHU and become much attached to his alma mater. He was very grateful for the sound education that he had received. It not only prepared him to become a successful engineer but also as a concerned human being who works toward the betterment of society as a whole. Dr. Yang believes that practical knowledge that one learns in the university will not automatically provide one with a successful career, but the ability to learn and the care for others that one acquires at NTHU will certainly enhance one's possibility to success.



a. Eric Tsai (right) receives the Award from President Hocheng.  
b. Chen Qunjie (right) receives the Award from President Hocheng.

## PROFESSOR JANG-PING SHEU WON THE PAN WEN YUAN OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

**D**r. Jang-Ping Sheu, Professor at the Department of Computer Science was recently honored with the Outstanding Research Award presented by the Pan Wen Yuan Foundation. Prof. Sheu is an international authority noted for his expertise in wireless communications, mobile computing, and parallel processing as well as distributed computing systems. In addition to this recent award, he is also the proud winner of many domestic and international honors such as: the NSC Outstanding Award, the K. T. Li Award presented by the R.O.C. Society of Information Science, the Yu Yang Science and Technology Chair Professorship as well as the IEEE Fellow.

In addition to having many of his important researches published in prestigious domestic and international journals and at professional conferences, Prof. Sheu is also one of the few researchers in his fields of specialization to have his researches successfully transferred to and adopted by industrial sectors. The wireless sensor, Octopus Series that Prof. Sheu designed won the Industry-



Professor and Mrs. Sheu.

University Merit Award in 2012 and has been widely adopted by all major research universities in Taiwan in its research projects. The Octopus Series is also successfully adopted in the design and construction of "smart house," air quality detection device and the alarm system of natural calamities. Besides of being a prolific researcher, Prof. Sheu is also a nurturing and inspiring instructor to his students. The Curriculum on Wireless Sensor Network that Prof. Sheu authored won the Distinguished Award administered by the Ministry of Education in 2011 and again in 2013. According to *Google Scholar*, the scientific articles that Prof. Sheu has published have been cited more than 9,800 times, clearly indicated the outstanding contribution he has made to the fields of wireless communications and mobile computing.

Upon learning that he is selected

to receive the Pan Wen Yuan Outstanding Research Award, Prof. Sheu indicated that it is truly an honor but also a strong reminder for a researcher like himself to work harder and continue to contribute to the development of his profession and society. He would also like to take the opportunity to thank NTHU for providing him with an excellent academic environment and research infrastructure. Last but not the least, Prof. Sheu would also like to thank his wife for her loving support and understanding.

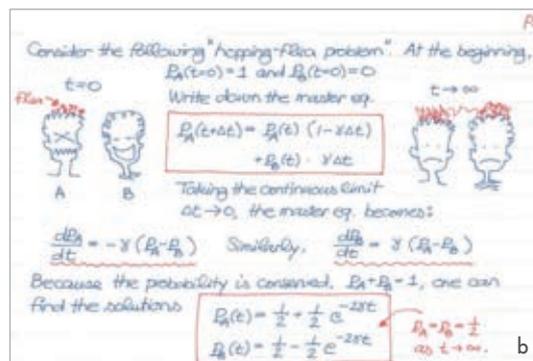
# PROFESSOR HSIU-HAO LIN WON THE OPEN COURSEWARE CONSORTIUM AWARD AGAIN



Prof. Hsiu-Hao Lin of the Department of Physics is recently informed; by the Open CourseWare Consortium that he has won the "Course Awards for Excellence in Open Courseware." Upon learning this good news, Prof. Lin indicated that "it is such a great honor to receive this distinctive recognition of my teaching two years in a row!" "General Physics," one of the basic science courses usually requires students to read a textbook that is thick and not necessarily interesting. Prof. Lin understands that it is difficult for students to absorb all the information that a traditional textbook tries to introduce and started to design an interactive instruction method to facilitate the learning process. He develops a new system of instruction where students will be given ten different physics questions and a set of "Hao Chu Notes" that he

personally prepared. While fully aware of the fact that ten physics questions will not cover all the topics that a "General Physics" course should cover, Prof. Lin's new pedagogy breathes fresh air into the traditional teaching method and is proven to be highly effective in helping students to develop their problem-solving ability. This innovative approach undoubtedly is one of the main reasons that Prof. Lin was selected among many competitors to receive this distinction two years consecutively. Since joining the faculty at the Department of Physics, Prof. Lin

has won two Teaching Excellence Awards. In 2006, he was also selected and awarded as one of the "Ten Distinguished National Youths." As a young student, Prof. Lin had developed a habit of diligent note-taking. This habit, coupled with his love for doodling, spawned the creation of now famous "Hao Chu Notes" which he shared with his students enrolled in his "Thermal and Statistical Physics" class. The "Hao Chu Notes" is a collection of hand-written notes that features interesting doodles that clearly demonstrated Prof. Lin teaching style, i.e., imparting knowledge with an attractive medium. "Each page of the Notes, in an A4 size paper I prepared, takes more than two hours of focused creation; each page is constructed with careful consideration of aesthetics, the flow of logic, and a great deal of attention to its readability," said



- Classes are always lively, but the professor's demands are strict.
- The "Hao Chu Notes" display Prof. Lin's unique personality and teaching style.

Prof. Lin. Widely popular among all the students on campus, Prof. Lin is regarded as a humorous, easily approachable teacher who is passionate about physics. Since the introduction of his online open courseware class, the click-through rate of his class has maintained as one of the highest. Senior Vice President, Prof. Hwai-Pwu Chou was very excited to learn that Prof. Lin has received this honor again and said: "Most people know that NTHU excels in research without realizing we have consistently strove to upgrade the quality of our teaching. The recognition that Prof. Lin has just received is not only a personal achievement of his but also a testimony that faculty members in



Professor Lin Hsiu-Hao is the only person to ever win the award two years consecutively.

a research-focused university such as NTHU frequently also excels in teaching."

Developed and managed by the Center for Teaching and Learning Development, the NTHU open courseware program currently offers more than fifty online courses ranging from introductory and advanced courses in engineering, natural sciences to social sciences and humanities.

All the course materials are

specially created by NTHU faculty members and made available in different formats allowing student to study in the comfort of their own home through smart devices. The platform also allows students to download notes, course hand-outs, home works and practice exams, allowing them to complete the course on their own time.

## FROM NTHU'S LIFE SCIENCE LAB TO THE MEDIA LAB AT MIT

Ms. Sheng-Ying Pao, a graduate from the Department of Life Science, recently won the 2014 iF Communication Design Award with the *LightByte* she designed and created. When she first finished her undergraduate program, many of her friends believed that she would go on and pursue graduate studies and eventually a career in life science.

Well, people were pleasantly surprised when they learned that one of Ms. Pao's artistic designs has just won the iF Design Award and many of her creations were prominently featured on first rate international design media such as "The Creators Project," a premier worldwide arts and culture channel co-founded by Intel and Vice. Moreover, another piece of her creation was also featured on the

American network design medium, PSFK.

The iF Design Award is frequently described as the "Oscar Award" in the designers' circle. According to iF Online Exhibition, Ms. Pao's creation, the *LightByte*, a massive interactive sun pixel façade, modifies the sun's rays at your whim into intricate shapes. It turns sunlight into an expressive medium to carry information, communicate

ideas and to shape your own shadow. Hundreds of individually controlled servo flaps which act like sun pixels allow *LightByte* to let in or block sunlight to varying degrees. Hidden from the viewer, it involves computing algorithms and kinetic mechanisms to animate light through these sun pixels"

When Ms. Pao was an undergraduate at the Department of Life Science, she did not restrict herself to the classroom and laboratory. In addition to finishing what were required for a B.S. degree in life science, she took many additional courses in computer and information science as well as humanities. She was also a passionate photographer. Her works were selected for a special exhibition at the university Art Center. In an interview with a local newspaper, Ms. Pao indicated that she was interested in combining what she has learned from science and technology with arts and humanities that interested her.

Currently, Ms. Pao is a doctoral student at the Media Lab., MIT. In



addition to pursuing her doctoral program, she is an active art designer and has assisted many entrepreneurial teams to launch their new products with her creative designs. She is frequently invited to participate in exhibits and as keynote speaker to share her ideas and insights with colleagues all over the world. "No matter which corner of the world I went, one of the most memorable places is the Tsing Hua campus in Hsinchu. Whenever I had a chance to return to Taiwan, I would visit the beautiful campus to re-live the most memorable moments of my days at Tsing Hua." Ms. Pao believes the mentor system that NTHU has instituted is a very successful program where students are placed under the

guidance of caring and inspiring mentors. She indicated that she had benefited a great deal from the guidance and instruction of Professors Tzong-Hsiun Hseu and Yen-Chung Chang and is also very grateful to Prof. Lee Min who was the Dean of Student Affairs and very supportive to the Photography Club when Ms. Pao was leading the club.

a. Alumna Sheng-Ying Pao wins iF Design Award this year. Figure shows the photo at the award presentation ceremony.  
b. *LightByte*, designed by Alumna Sheng-Ying Pao, models sun rays into indicate shapes.



## CROSS STRAIT TSING HUA GRADUATE FORUM

The fourth Cross Strait Tsing Hua Graduate Forum was held during March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> on NTHU campus in Hsinchu. With the theme "Greater Knowledge, Greater Diversity," the fourth Forum attracted graduate students from Beijing Tsing Hua University, Tsing Hua Graduate School in Shenzhen as well as NTHU. They presented their research papers in five lively sessions--Humanities, Social Sciences and Technological Management, Fundamental Science and Innovative Applications, Tissue Engineering and Medical Discoveries, Energy, Environment and Dynamic Materials, as well as Electrical Communication and Information Engineering.

In addition to papers presented by participating graduate students, the Forum also featured key note speeches presented by faculty members from both Tsing Hua



universities. Prof. Hsiao-Chin Hsieh, Vice President of Student Affairs and Prof. Ci-Ling Pan, Vice President of Research and Development represented NTHU while Prof. Yen Wei and Prof. Qiong-Hai Dai represented Tsing Hua in Beijing.

The Graduate Student Association of NTHU served as the organizer of this year's Forum. From its inception to completion, this Forum took the Association a good five months to prepared and arrange. While the work was demanding, students who

- a. Participants of the Forum.
- b. Vice President Feng exchanging souvenirs with Prof. Ting Zhang from THU.
- c. Vice President Wu exchanging souvenirs with Prof. Ting Zhang from THU.

participated in the organization process believed they learned a great deal from undertaking this task. They learned how to organize and run an academic conference as well as how to be a good host to participants who travelled from afar to take part in this event. They hope this cross strait annual event will go smoothly and steadily to provide students in Taiwan with a platform to collaborate and interact with their counterparts in Mainland China.



## PROUD AND HAPPY PARENTS ATTENDED THEIR CHILDREN'S AWARD CEREMONY

Breaking with the tradition, NTHU held a special ceremony, on March 22, to honor students who excelled in their course works and earned the Presidential Academic Awards for the 102<sup>nd</sup> academic year. In the past, such awards were presented at the ceremony celebrating the anniversary of NTHU. This year, however, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Nyan-Hwa Tai initiated a new format and organized a special award-presenting ceremony to highlight the significance of this important event. Family members of the award-winning students were also invited as honor guests at the ceremony so that they can share the joy of their children and have a chance to meet and interact with

faculty members and university administrators. Senior Vice President, Prof. Hwai-Pwu Chou arrived early at the International Conference Hall where the ceremony was held to congratulate the students and meet with happy parents who travelled from various parts of Taiwan to celebrate their children's achievement. In his congratulatory remarks, Senior Vice President Chou indicated that family plays an important role in the education and development of the youth; and the fact that so many parents and grandparents took their time to come to this celebration is a



clear indication that they not only love their youngsters but are also very supportive to their academic pursue.

The Presidential Academic Award is given annually to students who are at the top five percent of their respective departments. Vice President Tai emphasized that it is not an easily task to win this award and encourage all winners to keep up with their good work and hope to see them again in the award ceremony next year.

- a. Award receiving students had their pictures taken with professors on-stage.
- b. Senior Vice President Chou greets with the guests.
- c. Students and family members joining the grand event.



## PRIDE OF NTHU: EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF NTHU ATHLETES AT THE 102<sup>ND</sup> UNIVERSITY GAME

The 102 academic year University Games was brought to an excellent end for NTHU. Our baseball team won the championship in the General Division second year in a row. The

men's volley ball team overcame adversities and improved their ranking from the 4<sup>th</sup> last year to the first this year. Soccer team won the championship in Division II last year and entered the Division I competition this year to compete with teams representing institutions that specialized in athletics and physical education. They ranked 6<sup>th</sup>, making them the best team among universities that are not specialized in physical education. Considering the fact that our athletes can only train themselves on their free time outside of course works, their performance is certainly that much more noteworthy.

Under the leadership of Coach Lin Kun-han, NTHU baseball team took home the champion trophy two years in a row. The final game against Tamkang University was an intensive fight. Our team scored first when batter Huang



Cheng Gang had a hit in the first inning. The one point lead vanished when Tamkang scored 3 points during the bottom of the second inning. To reverse the dire situation, Coach Lin sent in our best pitcher, Zhuo Zhi Yu to stabilize the situation. By the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, NTHU was leading with a score of 6 to 3 when our ace pitcher, Mr. Zhuo began to show instability. During the 6<sup>th</sup> inning Guo Xian Chang who replaced Mr. Zhuo at the mount pitched a straight ball that was batted way out to the outer left field but beautifully caught by our left fielder. This beautiful play lifted the morale of our team and they went on to beat Tamkang with a score of 8 to 5.

Our men's volleyball team consists mostly of talented students that were carefully recruited by Coach Yeh Huang Dian. Trained by Coach Yeh

- a. NTHU women basketball team winning 2nd place in National Competition.
- b. Gou Yu Cheng's pitch combination struck out Tamkang University with loaded bases.

and his associate, Coach Shi Hui Fang, this team performed outstandingly and improved their ranking from the 4<sup>th</sup> place last year to the first this year.



a. Gymnasium Dean Lu and Instructor Yeh encouraging the athletes.  
b. Senior Vice President Feng Da-Hsuan cheering for the NTHU Soccer team.

If one takes a careful look at the roster of NTHU's soccer team, one will quickly realize that it is an "international team." Team members are all students at NTHU and passionate of the sport, but they came from 12 different countries. Language and cultural differences did not affect the team's performance. They played as a well-oiled machine, coordinated and smoothly. In Division I, they competed with the strongest teams representing, National Taiwan University of Physical Education and Sport, University of Taipei, Fu Jen Catholic University and Ming Chuan University and was able

to overcome many of their opponents and achieved the 6<sup>th</sup> ranking that will allow them to remain in Division I for next year's competition.

Our women's basketball team also had an exciting year. They entered the final competition and fought for the National Championship unsuccessfully. During the final game, our center was injured but she kept playing despite of the fact that her lips was bleeding visibly. Even though they were defeated, the team's fighting spirit and their devotion to the sport won them a great deal of respect from their opponents as well as speculators.



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## FREE HUGS FOR LOVE

Hugging closes the distance between people and helps to alleviate alienation. A friendly hug says more than thousand words. To spread the friendliness on campus, the Counseling Center organized a "Hug for Love" between May 5th and 16th when volunteers offered a friendly hug to people as a gesture to show their friendship and care for each other.

President Hocheng personally participated in this event on May 16th and observed that Chinese are traditionally more conservative in expressing their emotion and tend to think hugging was only done between individuals who are intimately related. President Hocheng believes, however, a friendly hug can transmit a tremendous amount of warmth and greatly uplifting the spirit of hugging parties. "Everyone has ups and downs. When one is feeling low, a friend's emotional



support might be just what is needed to get one out of the blue. Hugging is a simple, direct but very effective way to show one's friendship and support.

To a person who is experiencing emotinal low, a simple hug could be much more effective and encouraging than words or medical treatment," President Hocheng elaborated.

"The idea to hold this special event is to bring all of our students closer to each other," said the Director of the Counseling Center. "Originally we were not sure how this event will be received by students. Will they be too shy to hug someone with whom they are not very

- a. A friendly hug brings people closer to each other.
- b. President Hong Hocheng participated in the "Free Hugs for Love"

familiar with? Well, it turned out that shyness and timidity faded rather quickly and people seemed to be very receptive to this event and were very happy to hug and be hugged."





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