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# National Dong Hwa University

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**National Dong Hwa University (NDHU)** is a [national research university](#) located in [Hualien, Taiwan](#). Established in 1994, NDHU offers sixth widest range of disciplines in Taiwan, including the sciences, engineering, computer science, environmental studies, oceanography, law, arts, design, humanities, anthropology, social sciences, education sciences, music, and business.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

NDHU is known for its liberal atmosphere and internationalization, with the sixth highest proportion of international students in Taiwan. The university is organized into eight colleges, 44 academic departments, and 56 graduate institutes, enrolling around 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, including over 1,000 [international students](#) pursuing degrees and joining exchange programs.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

NDHU is a member of six [Taiwan's European Union Centre](#), a [Think Tank for European Studies](#). With Taiwan's oldest school for [Indigenous Studies](#), [NDHU College of Indigenous Studies](#) is among leading institutes of its kind in Asia.[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

NDHU has Taiwan's fifth highest endowment among national universities and NDHU Library holds more than two million volumes and is eighth largest academic library in Taiwan.[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#) The university's main campus is located in [Shoufeng](#), in the northern half of [Hualien County](#). Encompassing an area of 251 hectares (620 acres), the main campus houses almost all colleges and research institutes except the [Graduate Institute of Marine Biology](#), which is jointly founded in [National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium](#).

**National Dong Hwa University**

國立東華大學 (Chinese)

*Kok-líp Tong-hôa Tāi-hàk* (Taiwanese)

*Kwet-líp Tung-fâ Thài-hòk* (Hakka)



Coat of arms

**Founding Spirits** 自由, 民主, 創造, 卓越

"Freedom, Democracy,  
Creativity, Excellence"

**Type** National (Public)  
Research university

**Established** 1 July 1994

**Academic affiliations** EUTW · UMAP · AACSB ·  
NUST · IEET · PPUL (<http://pan-pacific.ndhu.edu.tw/>) · TUE (<https://www.tue.edu.tw/>)

**Endowment** NT\$ 2.28 billion (2024)

**President** Han-Chieh Chao  
(IET Fellow, BCS Fellow)

**Vice-president** Chin-Peng Chu  
Hui-Mi Hsu  
Yuan-Ron Ma

**Provost** Shin-Feng Lin  
(IET Fellow)

**Academic staff** 620+

**Students** 10,350 (Fall 2023)

**Undergraduates** 7,975 (Fall 2023)

**Postgraduates** 2,375 (Fall 2023)

**Doctoral students** 412 (Fall 2023)

**Location** Shoufeng, Hualien,  
Taiwan

**Campus** Shoufeng (Rural)  
251 ha (620 acres)  
Meilun (Suburban)  
12.3 ha (30 acres)

# History



## Presidents of NDHU

Mu Tzung-Tsann, Economist, Ph.D. in Chemistry from University of California Davis, former vice-president of Cal State LA

Hwang Wen-Shu, Chemist, Ph.D. in economics from Oregon State University



Chao Han-Chieh, Superconductivity Physicist, Ph.D. in Engineering from University of Houston, Member of National Academy of Sciences

Wu Maw-kuen, Computer Scientist, Ph.D. in Electronic physics from Purdue University, Fellow of IET and BCS

## Foundation

National Dong Hwa University was established in 1994 in founded under the full Temporary Provisions Effective were all lifted, NDHU set Excellence" as its founding spirit establishment.[9]



With Mu Tzung-Tsann, the vice-chancellor of California State University, Los

Pingtung (Rural)  
0.74 ha (1.8 acres)

Newspaper *The NDHU Voice*

Colors **NDHU Green**

Sporting Chinese Taipei

affiliations University Sport Federation

Mascot Formosan ring-necked pheasant

Varsity Thirteen Varsity Teams

Website [NDHU.edu.tw](http://ndhu.edu.tw) (<https://epage.ndhu.edu.tw/bin/home.php?Lang=en>)



**國立東華大學**

NATIONAL DONG HWA UNIVERSITY

Chinese name

Simplified Chinese 国立东华大学

Traditional Chinese 國立東華大學

Transcriptions

Standard Mandarin

Hanyu Pinyin Guólì Dōnghuá Dàxué

Bopomofo ㄍㄨㄛˊ ㄉㄥˊ ㄏㄨㄚˊ ㄉㄤˋ

Wade-Giles Kuo<sup>2</sup>-li<sup>4</sup> Tung-hua<sup>2</sup> Ta<sup>4</sup>-hsüeh<sup>2</sup>

Tongyong Guóli Donghuá Dàsyué  
Pinyin

MPS2 Guóli Dūnghuá Dàshiue

Hakka

Romanization Guedlib Dungfa<sup>ˇ</sup> Tai-hog

Phâ k-fa-su Kwet-lip Tung-fâ Thài-hòk

Southern Min

Hokkien POJ Kok-lip Tong-hôa Tāi-hák

Tâi-lô Kok-lip Tang-huâ Tāi-hák

Shoufeng. As the first Taiwan's university democratization after the Martial Law and During the Period of Communist Rebellion "Freedom, Democracy, Creativity, to reflect the notable timing of NDHU's

Angeles, as founding president, Dr.Mu immediately resigned from his tenured

National Dong Hwa University Library

position at California State University, Los Angeles and gave up his US green card to establish National Dong Hwa University. Dr.Mu visited many reputable



The Founding President  
Mu Tzung-Tsann of  
National Dong Hwa  
University

universities in United States to conduct NDHU's planning, including MIT, Stanford University, Princeton University, UC Berkeley, University of Virginia. Many senior executives of these universities joined NDHU's planning, including Alan Kreditor, Vice-president of University of Southern California.

NDHU attracted many notable Taiwanese scholars from universities in North America to cofound this university, such as Yang Mu, Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature at University of Washington, Cheng Ching-mao, Professor of East Asian Studies at University of California, Berkeley, Yang Tse, Professor of Comparative Literature at Brown University,

Cheng Chih-Ming, Professor of Economics at Georgia Institute of Technology, Kuo Syh-yen, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering at University of Arizona, Huang Chua-Huang, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering at Ohio State University, Chiao Chien, Professor of Anthropology at Indiana University Bloomington, Wang Philip, Professor of Recreation & Tourism Management at Kent State University, Wu Tiee-Jian, Professor of Mathematics at University of Houston, and Fu James, Professor of Statistics at University of

Manitoba.<sup>[10][11][12][13][14]</sup>



President of University of Virginia in 1992

by the Founding President Mu Tzung public education and research of Tsann. marine biology in Taiwan, to jointly establish the College of Marine Sciences and Graduate Institute of Marine Biology in Kenting National Park, Checheng, Pingtung.<sup>[15]</sup>



Charles Moore, Dean of Yale School of Architecture, presented his design idea at the final round of International Campus Design Competition of NDHU.

In 2000, NDHU establish the first College of Indigenous Studies in Taiwan, which is commonly regarded as most leading institution for Indigenous Studies in Asia. In 2005, NDHU was in academic partnership with the National Museum of Marine Biology and Interchanging university planning with the Aquarium (NMMBA), the most



The university planning committees included Mu Tzung-Tsann, Founding President, and Alan Kreditor, vicepresident of University of Southern California.

Prior to the merge with Hua-Shih, NDHU was the first university in Taiwan to offer degrees in Natural Resources Management (NRM), Environmental Policy (ENP), Tourism and Recreation Management (TRM), Kinesiology (KIN), Biotechnology (BOT), Ethnic Relations and Cultures (ERC), Indigenous Arts (INA), Indigenous Social Work (ISW), Ethnodevelopment (ENDEV), Creative Writing (CRW), Global Logistics Management (GLM).<sup>[16]</sup>

### National Hualien University of Education (1947-2008)

The National Hualien University of Education (Commonly known as Hua-Shih; 花師) was one of Taiwan's oldest normal schools established in 1947 under National Government of the Republic of China in Hualien City as Taiwan Provincial Hualien Normal School (TPHNS) in response to the nation's reconstruction and development after World War II. In 1949, Hua-Shih established Affiliated Primary School of Taiwan Provincial Hualien Normal School to provide a training ground for the School's students, which cultivated the winner of Oscar Best Director, Ang Lee.

Followed the rapidly arising demand for teachers serving for compulsory education purpose, the school was renamed Taiwan Provincial Hualien Junior Teachers' College in 1964, National Hualien Teachers' College in 1987, and granted university status in 2005.

Hua-Shih was Taiwan's first institution to offer MEd and PhD in Multicultural Education, MA and PhD in Folk Literature, as well as one of four institutions in Taiwan to offer MS and PhD in Science Education.<sup>[17]</sup>

Prior to the merge with NDHU, Hua-Shih has cultivated many notable alumni, including Tsai Ping-kun, Principal of Jianguo High School and Taichung First Senior High School, Tang Chih-Min, Founding Principal of Affiliated Senior High School of National Chengchi University and Director of Department of Education of Taipei City Government, and Chang Ming-Wen, Director of Department of Education of New Taipei City Government.<sup>[15]</sup>

hope that students can maintain a rational attitude towards communication and pay attention to their own safety."

## National Dong Hwa University

In 2008, with 2.5 billion support from Ministry of Education, National Dong Hwa University merged with the National Hualien University of Education into the university with 5th widest range of disciplines in Taiwan, and renamed the newly integrated College of Education into Hua-Shih College of Education in memory of sixty-year dedication of education by National Hualien University of Education.

Meanwhile, NDHU established College of The Arts as the first art school in Eastern Taiwan and College of Environmental Studies as the first college in Taiwan dedicated to sustainability and environmental management in interdisciplinary approach. In 2014, Maw-Kuen Wu took over as NDHU's president, who is the International Fellow of National Academy of Sciences and Distinguish Professor of Applied Physic at Columbia University.

During his presidency, Sunflower Student Movement was happened, Wu was first president among Taiwanese universities, publicly supporting the activist by announcing that:<sup>[18]</sup>

"As the president of NDHU, I greatly admire students who not only focus on their studies, but also concern about current affairs and courage to express their own positions. This is the concrete implementation of democratic and free education, as well as a positive force for promoting the advancement of the country. Therefore, I highly respect the student's protest actions, but I also In 2018, Chao Han-Chieh took over the 4th president of NDHU, who is the Fellow of Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and Fellow of British Computer Society (BCS).

In 2020 anniversary day, NDHU signs the first "Commitment to Sustainable Development Goals" among Universities in Taiwan to announce its determination to sustainable world, and release the first GRI sustainability report.<sup>[19]</sup> In 2022, NDHU established Huilan College (洄瀾學院) and Rift Valley Interdisciplinary Shuyuen Undergraduate Program (縱谷跨域書院), the first undergraduate college and program in Eastern Taiwan.

The fully integrated NDHU consolidated its reputation in many disciplines and prestige in Eastern Taiwan, and reflected in its rankings and other accolades.<sup>[20][21][22]</sup>



Campus view of National Dong Hwa University



A view of Dong Lake and NDHU College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## Campuses

National Dong Hwa University's three campuses are known for their natural settings.



National Dong Hwa University Campus View

## Shoufeng

NDHU's main campus, Shoufeng Campus, is situated in rural town of Shoufeng, Hualien. It is located in Papaya Creek Alluvial Plain of East Rift Valley, ringed by Central Mountain Range and Coastal Mountain Range, about 35 kilometres (22 mi) south of Taroko National Park, 15 kilometres (9.3 mi) south of Hualien

City, and north of the Tropic of Cancer.<sup>[23]</sup>



Overview of NDHU Main Campus

Yale School of Architecture.

NDHU's 251-hectare (620-acre) campus is Taiwan's largest flat land university campus, which was designed in

postmodern style by Charles Moore, the dean of

<sup>[24][25]</sup>



NDHU Dong Lake and College of Indigenous Studies

for its distinctive architecture and natural setting. The academic area are on the center of the campus, containing library, art museum, concert hall, arts workshop, and academic & research buildings. The

NDHU Concert Hall within the College of The Arts is the largest performing arts hall in Eastern



A view of Taroko National Park Taiwan.<sup>[26]</sup>

The two dormitory communities are adjacent to academic area, one is on the east, the other on the west. The Athletic facilities surrounds academic area, including stadium, swimming pools, athletic field, baseball field, basketball court, tennis court, volleyball court, kayak, and facilities for Project Adventure.<sup>[27]</sup>

In 2016, NDHU runs solar university project, constructing the first batch of rooftop photovoltaic solar panels. As of 2021, the solar energy covers 40% of NDHU's annual electric usage, which is the best ever performance achieved by any university in Taiwan.<sup>[28][29]</sup>

## Meilun

The Meilun campus was the main campus of National Hualien University of Education before it was merged with NDHU. The 12.26-hectare (30.3-acre) campus is located in Hualien City's Meilun district near the Qixingtan Beach on the Pacific Ocean.<sup>[30]</sup> In 2020, NDHU collaborated with Lee Yuen-Cheng, founder of Boston International Experimental Education Institution and an alumnus of NDHU, to establish the first international school within the campus, namely Hualien International School.<sup>[31][32]</sup>

## Pingtung

NDHU's Graduate Institute of Marine Biology is based at the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium (NMMBA) in Chechung Township in Pingtung County, standing in Kenting National Park and facing the Taiwan Strait in the west. The National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium is a well-known marine museum for academic research and marine education in Taiwan.<sup>[33]</sup>

## Organization and administration



The view of Qixingtan Beach

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NDHU serves over 10,000 students and confers undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in a comprehensive range of fields. The university is organized from its 39 departments and 56 graduate institutes into 8 colleges and over 70 research centers.



The Beaches in Kenting National Park

## Governance

### University Officials



NDHU Administration Building and Dong Lake

College is governed by College Council, composed of the dean, the associate dean, heads of departments and graduate institutes, and current students.

NDHU's supreme official is president, which is responsible for the overall operation of the university in a chief executive role. The president of NDHU is elected for a term not normally exceeding eight years by representatives from university, student, alumni, society. The president of NDHU appoints one to three vice-presidents and deans of administrative offices, including Office of Academic Affairs (OAA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), Office of International Affairs (OIA), Office of Student Affairs (OSA), and Office of General Affairs (OGA).<sup>[34]</sup>

The deans of college are elected for a term not normally exceeding 6 years, which are responsible for administration of the college-level affairs. The NDHU's

## University Council

NDHU's governing body is the university council, which oversees the academic policy and management of NDHU and the conduct of its affairs, and approves NDHU's long-term plans. It consists of president, vice-presidents, deans, heads of department, and current students. The university council was established to ensure that every aspects of the university have a continuing voice in the management of NDHU.

## Academic organizations

NDHU is organized into seven academic colleges and one undergraduate college: College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Science and Engineering (CSAE), School of Management (SOM), Hua-Shih College of Education (HSCE), College of The Arts (ARTS), College of Indigenous Studies (CIS), College of Environmental Studies and Oceanography (CESO), and College of Huilan (CHL).

Within these colleges are "departments" and "graduate institutes", which either represent one academic discipline such as Computer Science, or assemble adjacent academic disciplines such as the Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Leisure

Studies.<sup>[30][35]</sup>

Faculties and schools	Founded
<u>College of Humanities and Social Sciences</u>	1995
<u>College of Science and Engineering</u>	1995
<u>School of Management</u>	1995
<u>College of Indigenous Studies</u>	2001
<u>Hua-Shih College of Education</u>	2005
College of The Arts	2005
<u>College of Environmental Studies and Oceanography</u>	2022
College of Huilan	2022



NDHU Campus View  
from Hwa Lake

National Dong Hwa  
University Library

Dong Lake Bridge

Lakeside Restaurant

## College of Humanities and Social Sciences

NDHU College of Humanities and Social Sciences (Chinese: 國立東華大學人文社會科學學院; CHASS) was founded by Yang Mu, Professor Emeritus at University of Washington and Founding Dean at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. CHASS supports interdisciplinary academic training and research in the fields including law, economics, history, sociology, psychology, Taiwan and regional studies, public administration, creative writing, sinophone literature, Chinese language and literature, English literature, TESOL.<sup>[36]</sup><sup>[37]</sup>

NDHU's M.F.A. in Creative Writing was the first and most recognized MFA program in Chinese-speaking world, which had cultivated many emerging outstanding literary talents in Taiwan.<sup>[38]</sup><sup>[39]</sup><sup>[40]</sup><sup>[41]</sup>



NDHU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Building II

NDHU CSAE has 8 departments:  
Applied Mathematics (AM), Physics

The college offers four PhD programs, Ph.D. in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (TCASL), Ph.D. in Asia-Pacific Regional Studies (APRS), Ph.D. in economics, and Ph.D. in Chinese Literature, and has over 10 research centers. The European Union Research Centre (EURC) is funded by European Union (EU) and one of the seven university centers allied with the European Union Center in Taiwan (EUTW) to facilitate European Studies and academic exchange between Eastern Taiwan and European Union.<sup>[42]</sup>

## College of Science and Engineering

NDHU College of Science and Engineering (Chinese: 國立東華大學理工學院; CSAE) is founded by Hsia Yu-Ping, Chair Professor at California Institute of Technology and Yale University, as the two largest of 8 colleges within NDHU.



NDHU College of Science and Engineering Building II, the home to college provides more than 40

(PHYS), Chemistry (CHEM), Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine (BMM), Electrical Engineering (EE), Computer Science and Information Engineering (CSIE), Materials Science and Engineering (MSE), Opto-Electronic Engineering (OEE).

Engineering-related departments



NDHU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Building I

degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.<sup>[43]</sup><sup>[44]</sup>

In 2021, *Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject* ranked NDHU No.5 in Computer Sciences, No.8 in Engineering, and No.8 in Physical Sciences in Taiwan, the best ever position achieved by any university in Eastern

Taiwan.<sup>[45]</sup> ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects ranked NDHU No.4 in Electrical & Electronic Engineering in Taiwan, which was only next to National Taiwan University (NTU), National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), and National Tsing Hua University (NTHU).<sup>[46]</sup>

## School of Management

NDHU School of Management (Chinese: 國立東華大學管理學院;



NDHU College of Science and Engineering Building III, where the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine is based.

NDHU SOM) was founded as Graduate Institute of Business Administration in 1994. It has six academic departments and a graduate institute: Business Administration, International Business, Finance, Accounting, Information Management, Logistics Management, Tourism, Recreation, and Leisure Studies (TRLs). The college offers degree programs—undergraduate, MBA, MIM, EMBA, MSc, PhD, and dual degree with oversea partner universities.<sup>[47]</sup>

The overview of NDHU School of Management Building In 2021, *ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects* ranked NDHU School of Management 101-150th in the world for Hospitality & Tourism Management, holding the same statue with Indiana University Bloomington, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and University of Ottawa.<sup>[46]</sup>

### Hua-Shih College of Education

Hua-Shih College of Education (Chinese: 國立東華大學花師教育學院; Hua-Shih) traces its roots back to Taiwan Provincial Hualien Normal School established in 1947, as Taiwan's first normal school after World War II and one of nine exclusive schools dedicated to early childhood and primary education in contemporary Taiwan. Hua-Shih's PhD program has 2nd largest Indonesian graduates among all the programs in Taiwan and was the first institution in Taiwan to offer MEd and PhD in Multicultural Education.<sup>[48]</sup> The college became one of eight colleges at NDHU in 2008. Nowadays, Hua-Shih offers over 20 programs—BEd, MEd, MSc, PhD in Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education, Educational Administration, Special Education, Physical Education and Kinesiology, Multicultural Education, and Science Education.<sup>[49]</sup>

### College of The Arts

NDHU College of The Arts (Chinese: 國立東華大學藝術學院; ARTS) is the first art school to be established in Eastern Taiwan, which is organized into three departments — Music, Arts and Design, Arts and Creative Industry.



The Building of NDHU College of The

Arts in 2020

majors.<sup>[50]</sup>

The college offers over 15 programs, including B.A., B.F.A., M.A., M.F.A., into Creative Design, Studio Art, Indigenous Art, Visual Art

Education, Creative Industry Management, and Taiwan's 1st PhD in Interdisciplinary Arts. NDHU ARTS also offer Bachelor of Music and Master of Music into nine



A view of NDHU Concert Hall

majors — Piano, Vocal Music, Choral Conducting, Violin, Viola/Cello, Flute/Clarinet, Percussion, and Taiwan's 1st Jazz & Jazz Vocal

In 2025, QS World University Ranking ranked NDHU College of The Arts 201-260th in the world (4th in Taiwan) for Art & Design, holding the same statue with KU Leuven, University of Barcelona, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.<sup>[51]</sup>

## College of Indigenous Studies



The Building of NDHU College of

NDHU College of Indigenous Studies (Chinese: 國立東華大學原住民族學院; CIS) was first in Taiwan and most renowned institution for Indigenous Studies in Asia. Established in 2001, NDHU CIS traced its roots back to Graduate Institute of Ethnic Relations and Cultures in 1995, which was founded by Chiao Chien, Professor of Anthropology at Indiana University Bloomington and Founding Chair of Anthropology at Chinese University of Hong Kong.

NDHU CIS was the first institution in Taiwan to grant degree in Ethnic Relations and Cultures (ERC), Indigenous Arts, Indigenous Development, Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Affair, Indigenous Social Work (ISW), and Indigenous Language and Communication (ILC), which offering over 10 programs- B.A., B.S.S., B.S.W., B.I.A., M.S.S, M.S.W. Ph.D. in these disciplines. The International Ph.D.

in Indigenous Studies was established in 2023 for overseas students who seek to discover knowledge and culture of Taiwanese indigenous peoples.<sup>[52][53]</sup>

## College of Environmental Studies and Oceanography



Ecological and Environmental Education, Environmental

NDHU College of Environmental Studies and Oceanography (Chinese: 國立東華大學環境暨海洋學院; CESO) was established in 2022 through the merger of College of Environmental Studies (CES) and College of Marine Sciences (CMS) to serve purpose of interdisciplinary trends of sustainability studies. The College of Environmental Studies (CES) was established in 2009 by merging five graduate institutes — Natural Resources and Management, Environmental Policy, Earth Science, and Biological

NDHU Graduate Institute of Marine Biology (IMB) is based at National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium (NMMBA).

Resources and Technology into a school of Environmental Studies. The College of Marine Sciences formerly was a graduate school at NDHU that was founded in 2005 as an academic collaboration with National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium (NMMBA) in Kenting National Park, which set the first record on academic collaboration between higher education and museum in Taiwan.<sup>[54]</sup>

NDHU CESO emphasize on interdisciplinary collaborative approach in solving environmental and marine issues with its two department and graduate institute — Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (NRES) and Graduate Institute of Marine Biology (IMB), and five research centers – Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Ecology and Sustainability (CIRES), Center for Disaster Prevention Research (CDPR), Environmental Education Center (EEC), Campus Center for the Environment (CCE), and Eastern Taiwan Earthquake Research Center (ETERC).

The college offers seven programs — BSc, MSc, PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (NRES), MSc in Marine Biotechnology, MSc in Marine Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology, and PhD in Marine Biology. NDHU CESO with College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) and College of Indigenous Studies (CIS) to offer MSc program in Humanity and Environmental Science (HES), the first in Taiwan.<sup>[55]</sup>

## Affiliated schools

- National Dong Hwa University Experimental Primary School
- National Dong Hwa University Experimental Primary School Affiliated Kindergarten Affiliated
- Preschool of National Dong Hwa University

# Academics

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## Research



NDHU Dong Lake

NDHU faculty and researchers have included one International Member of National Academy of Sciences (NAS), four Fellows of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), seven Fellows of Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), one Fellow of British Computer Society (BCS), one Fellow of American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), one Fellow of Optical Society of America (OSA). The university is ranked as 7th university in Taiwan with greatest research impact by CNCI Index, an evaluation undertaken by

Ministry of Education (MOE).<sup>[56]</sup> According to SCImago Journal Rank, NDHU is ranked 5th most innovative academic institution in Taiwan and 332th in the world.<sup>[57]</sup>

According to Times Higher Education World University Ranking, NDHU is one of academic institutions with largest research impact for Computer Science (No.1 Citations in Taiwan, 149th in the world) and Engineering (No.3 Citations in Taiwan).<sup>[58][59]</sup>

The University Ranking by Academic Performance ranked NDHU No.1 research impact in Taiwan for Information & Computer Science.<sup>[60]</sup> The Academic Ranking of World Universities ranked NDHU No.5 in Taiwan for Electrical & Electronic Engineering (401–500 in the World)<sup>[61]</sup> and No.5 in Taiwan for Hospitality & Tourism Management (101–150 in the World).<sup>[62]</sup>

The SCImago ranked NDHU 5th for Oceanography, 7th for Plant Science, 8th for Aquatic Science, 8th for Medicine, 9th for Engineering, 10th for Geography and Planning.<sup>[63]</sup> NDHU's MSS in Ethnic Relations and Cultures was selected as a Fulbright Program for its Taiwan's leading research in Indigenous Studies, which is funded by U.S. government.<sup>[64][65]</sup>

## Libraries

National Dong Hwa University Library stands as the tallest building on campus, offering a spectacular view of the main campus and the Huadong Valley. NDHU library holds over two million volumes in both Chinese and foreign languages, is eighth largest academic library in Taiwan. The university library is one of only two legal deposit university libraries, alongside National Taiwan University, entitling it to request a free copy of every book published in Taiwan and Nationalist publications.<sup>[66]</sup>



NDHU Main Library The library is regarded as the Pinnacle of

knowledge and freedom. This is reflected in a motto often heard on campus: "Academics should be the highest temple of a university, not a place where power prevails over knowledge." This motto underscores the core values of Academia, emphasizing the value of

academic freedom, which views knowledge and freedom as the soul and essence of the university.<sup>[67]</sup>

In addition to the University Library and its dependents, it has several specialized libraries; for example, the Yang Mu Library, established in 2016 in honor of the renowned literary figure Yang Mu, which was a gift from Tzu-Hsien Tung, Cofounder of ASUS, and houses all collections of Yang Mu's books, rare poetry collections, and manuscripts from the University of Washington, HKUST, Academia Sinica, and his own home.<sup>[68]</sup> The Sinology Library was established in 2019 through donation from acclaimed sinologist Cheng Ching-mao, which houses a collection of over ten thousand Cheng's rare international and Japanese sinology books and historical materials.<sup>[69]</sup>

## Admission

Admission to the undergraduate program, Rift Valley Interdisciplinary Shuyuen (縱谷跨域書院), is one of the most selective undergraduate programs in Taiwan. For the Fall 2021 program students, NDHU only accepted of 7.1% applicants.<sup>[70]</sup>

## Rankings and reputation

### University Rankings

#### ■ Top 5 Most Innovative University in Taiwan by SCImago

NDHU is ranked No.5 in Taiwan and 332th in the world in Innovation Ranking by SCImago Journal Rank.

#### ■ Top 5 High Potential University in Taiwan by THE Young University Ranking

In 2021, NDHU is awarded as Top 5 high potential University in Taiwan and 251–300th in the world by Times Higher Education Young University Rankings.<sup>[75]</sup>

#### ■ Top 10 Universities in Taiwan by THE World University Ranking

In 2020, NDHU is ranked No.10 in Taiwan by Times Higher Education World University Rankings. In terms of Research Citation and International Outlook, NDHU is ranked No.9 and No.7 in Taiwan by 2021 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.<sup>[72]</sup>

#### ■ Top 10 Impact Universities in Taiwan THE Impact Ranking

In 2023, NDHU is ranked No.10 in Taiwan by Times Higher Education Impact Rankings. The university is ranked 67th in the world for SDG 7 and ranked 98th in the world for SDG 15.<sup>[72]</sup>

#### ■ Top 7 National University in Taiwan

NDHU was elected 7th of public university in "Top 10 Public Universities" published by *Global Views Monthly* (GVM; 遠見雜誌), which is Evaluated by all presidents of higher education in Taiwan.<sup>[76]</sup>

#### ■ Top 4 in Electrical & Electronic Engineering in Taiwan by ARWU

NDHU's Electrical & Electronic Engineering (E&EE) program is ranked No.4 in Taiwan and 401–500th in the world by ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, which holding equal status as Rice University, University of Missouri, and University of Illinois at Chicago.<sup>[46]</sup>

#### ■ Top 5 in Computer Science in Taiwan by THE

NDHU's Computer Science program is ranked No.5 in Taiwan and 301–400th in the world by THE World University Rankings 2022 by Subject, which holding equal status as McMaster University, University of Florida, and University of Arizona. In terms of Research Citation, NDHU is ranked No.1 as the most influential university in Computer Science in Taiwan.<sup>[72]</sup>

#### ■ Top 7 Engineering Schools in Taiwan by THE

NDHU's Engineering programs are ranked No.7 in Taiwan and 600–800th in the world by THE World University Rankings 2022 by Subject.<sup>[72]</sup>

#### ■ Top 4 in Hospitality & Tourism Management in Taiwan by

## ARWU

NDHU's Hospitality & Tourism Management program is ranked No.4 in Taiwan and 101–150th in the world by *ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects*, which holding equal status as University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Indiana University Bloomington, and University of Ottawa.<sup>[46]</sup>

### ■ Best 6 Universities in Humanity, Social Science, Law, Business in Taiwan by GVM

NDHU was selected "Best 6 Universities in Humanity, Social Science, Law, Business (文法商) " by *Global Views Monthly* (GVM; 遠見雜誌), which is the best position for any university in Eastern Taiwan.<sup>[77]</sup>

## Student life

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### Student body

For the 2022/23 academic year, NDHU had a total full-time student body of 10,000, consisting of 7,600 undergraduate students and 2,400 postgraduates. The male to female ratio for undergraduate students was approximately even at 1:1. In 2022, NDHU had one of Taiwan's largest international student bases, with 13.7% of the student body from 57 countries outside of Taiwan. NDHU boasts the largest number of students from Eswatini, Kyrgyzstan, Belize, Malawi, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, thanks to its exclusive partnership with the International Cooperation and Development Fund of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for computer science program. This partnership provides full scholarships to elite students from Taiwan's diplomatic allies.<sup>[78][79][80]</sup>

### Teaching and learning

NDHU is a highly residential research university offering over 40 undergraduate majors and over 70 graduate degrees. NDHU introduced Taiwan's first Modular Curriculum Model, Learning Community Program, and Blank Credits Program. Many colleges of NDHU was selected into first round of "Key Bilingual Colleges" by Ministry of Education.

#### Modular Curriculum Model

The four-year, full-time undergraduate program runs Taiwan's first modular curricula with low barrier for double major and minor.<sup>[81]</sup>

For 2022-year graduates, more than 40% and 20% of students obtained minor and double major degrees respectively, making it the second-highest and forth-highest university in Taiwan.<sup>[82]</sup>

#### Learning Community Program

National Dong Hwa University rankings

Global – Overall	
<u>QS World</u> <sup>[51]</sup>	1001-1200 (2022)
<u>RUR World</u> <sup>[71]</sup>	787 (2022)

<u>THE World</u> <sup>[72]</sup>	1001–1200 (2025)
<u>USNWR Global</u> <sup>[73]</sup>	1303 (2022)
<b>Global – Business and economics</b>	
<u>ARWU Hospitality &amp; Tourism Management</u> <sup>[62]</sup>	101–150 (2021)
<b>Global – Liberal arts and Social Sciences</b>	
<u>QS Art &amp; Design</u> <sup>[51]</sup>	201–260 (2025)
<u>QS Social Sciences &amp; Management</u> <sup>[51]</sup>	501–550 (2025)
<b>Global – Science and engineering</b>	
<u>ARWU Electrical &amp; Electronic Engineering</u> <sup>[61]</sup>	401–500 (2021)
<u>RUR Computer Science</u> <sup>[74]</sup>	394 (2023)
<u>THE Computer Science</u> <sup>[72]</sup>	301–400 (2022)
<u>THE Engineering</u> <sup>[72]</sup>	601–800 (2022)
<b>Regional – Overall</b>	
<u>QS Asia</u> <sup>[51]</sup>	301–350 (2022)
<u>THE Asia</u> <sup>[72]</sup>	301–350 (2022)
<b>National – Overall</b>	
<u>QS National</u> <sup>[51]</sup>	15 (2022)
<u>THE National</u> <sup>[72]</sup>	12 (2022)
<b>National – Business and economics</b>	
<u>ARWU Hospitality &amp; Tourism Management</u> <sup>[46]</sup>	4 (2021)
<b>National – Science and engineering</b>	
<u>ARWU Electrical &amp; Electronic Engineering</u> <sup>[46]</sup>	4 (2021)
<u>RUR Computer Science</u> <sup>[74]</sup>	6 (2023)
<u>THE Computer Science</u> <sup>[72]</sup>	5 (2022)
<u>THE Engineering</u> <sup>[72]</sup>	7 (2022)

In 2018, NDHU ran a learning community program, students can form interdisciplinary project-based learning communities with support of scholarship.<sup>[83]</sup>



The Sustainability Education class at

Qingshui Cliff process is not limited by semesters, and the acquired abilities and

### Brick Program

NDHU introduced Taiwan's first "Brick Program" (Break / Redefine / Imagine / Catalysis / Kindle). It consists of 20 one-credit "blank courses" that are retrospectively recognized. Students propose their own topics and plan their learning, while teachers provide consultation

and support. The practical learning

single discipline. Students can apply for credit recognition at any time during their studies and receive certification for learning achievements ranging from 1 to 20 credits.<sup>[84]</sup>

Some of the proposals participated in by NDHU students include: using art creation to promote practical actions on environmental issues, teaching an elective course at their own high school for younger students, promoting international exchanges through postcards, supporting reading and education for disadvantaged rural youth, and organizing the Hult Prize international competition.<sup>[85]</sup>

### Key Bilingual Colleges

In 2022, NDHU School of Management and NDHU College of Science and

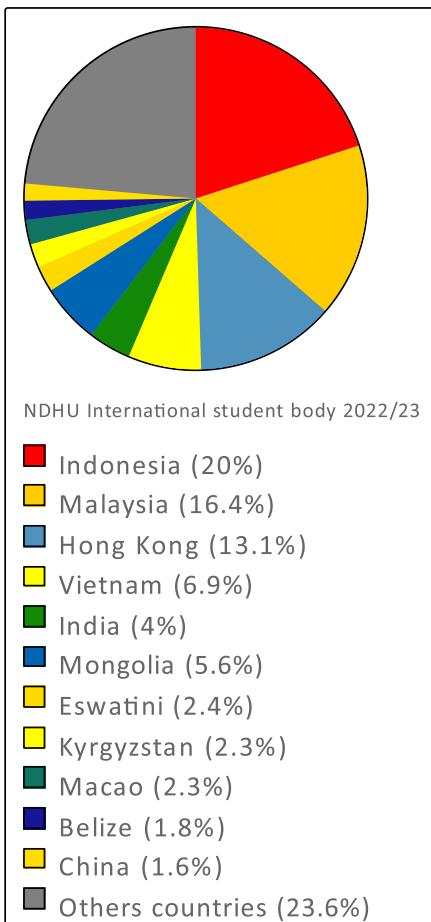
Engineering were selected into first round of "Key Bilingual College" (雙語重點學院) in "Program of Bilingual Education for Students in College" (大學雙語學習計畫) by Ministry of Education (MOE) for its highly internationalized curriculum, faculties, and students, which received high funding for expansion of English curriculum and teaching.<sup>[86]</sup>

### Sports

NDHU has 14 varsity teams, covering 11 sports disciplines, including track and field, swimming, basketball, volleyball, soccer, badminton, softball, baseball, table tennis, lacrosse, tennis, taekwondo, triathlon, and orienteering. The coaching staff consists of professors from the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology and instructors from Physical Education Center.<sup>[87]</sup>

Chen Shih-Hsin, the first Taiwanese Olympic taekwondo gold medalist, served as NDHU's taekwondo coach, to train Olympic gold medalists.<sup>[88]</sup> Wang Cheng-Pang, first Taiwanese Olympic silver medalist for Olympic archery team, was NDHU's archery coach, to train next Olympic medalists.

In the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Games, NDHU achieved a record of 7 golds, 4 silvers, and 9 bronzes, ranking among the top five universities with the sport-related department. At the 2023 World University Games, multiple members of the NDHU Varsity Team were selected for the national team in track and field, swimming, and taekwondo.<sup>[89]</sup>



## Festival and Events

### Dong Hwa Corner Art Festival

The Dong Hwa Corner Art Festival was firstly co-curated in 2014 by Tien Ming-Chang, Professor of Art and Design, and the "Corner Art Team", a cross-disciplinary and intercollegiate team. The festival adopted the concept of "Corner, discover the beauty of art!" and collected hundreds of artworks from teachers and students across the NDHU. The artworks were displayed in every corner of the NDHU campus, with the main axis of "Living Museum" as the curatorial theme. A "NDHU Art Treasure Map" was designed to provide participants with a map to find the exhibits in various places, conveying the spirit of "art is around us".[\[90\]](#)



Dong Hwa Corner Art Festival

Let the creators and visitors get to know NDHU, this beautiful university, again and discover the different faces of NDHU.

As long as you are interested and passionate about artistic creation, everyone can be a creator and embellish every corner of NDHU with your own works.

— Tien Ming-Chang  
(2014)



The 4th Dong Hwa Corner Art Festival  
Treasure Map

The above are the two major curatorial concepts of the "Dong Hwa Corner Art Team". During the art festival, "Artist Lectures" were held, inviting artists from various places to share their creative experiences and communicate with the NDHU creators. The artists who participated included Taiwan's contemporary female artist Wang Xiaoqing, Taiwan's environmental artist Li Kaiti, Taiwan's indigenous artist Zhang Enman and other creators.[\[91\]](#)[\[92\]](#)

### International Culture Night

NDHU International Cultural Night is an annual extravaganza, which is a grand arts festival brings together students from around the world who use music, dance, singing, and various other forms of expression to convey their cultures to the audience.



The NDHU International Cultural Night includes Taiwanese representative performance by the Indigenous Dance Troupe from NDHU College of Indigenous Studies.

With the theme of the voices and dances of Taiwan's 16 indigenous tribes, the troupe presents the rich and diverse Taiwanese indigenous cultures, blending tradition with modernity through contemporary dance and showcasing their unique charm. It also features student performances from countries such as India, Indonesia, Thailand, Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Mongolia, and Indonesia. These students showcase the distinctive cultural features of their respective countries through their performances, including the songs and dances of the South Pacific island nations, African drumming and saxophone performances by Caribbean countries, and the poetry and dance of Mongolia.[\[93\]](#)

Beyond being a stage for performances, International Cultural Night also serves as a platform for cultural exchange. Through this event, international and local students have the opportunity to collaborate and deepen their understanding

and friendships. Additionally, International Cultural Night invites students and teachers from nearby schools in the community, promoting interaction and communication between NDHU and its local community.

For International Cultural Night 2022, there are over 200 international students from 21 countries participated in the performances, and the host has students from Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Estonia, Belize, and exchange students from the

[University of Edinburgh](#), which showcases NDHU's internationalization and its emphasis on multiculturalism.<sup>[94]</sup>

## Global partnerships

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### Global Universities

NDHU has academic partnerships in teaching and research with more than 500 universities across the Americas, Asia, Oceania, Europe, Middle East and Africa, including [University of California, San Diego](#) in San Diego, [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) in Madison, [Purdue University](#) in West Lafayette, [University of California, Irvine](#) in Irvine, [University of Edinburgh](#) in Edinburgh, [University of Nottingham](#) in Nottingham, [Uppsala University](#) in Gotland, [Peking University](#) in Beijing, [Fudan University](#) in Shanghai, [Nanjing University](#) in Nanjing, [Freie Universitaet Berlin](#) in Berlin, [Universitat de Barcelona](#) in Barcelona, [University of New South Wales](#) in Sydney, [Korea University](#) in Sejong, [Yonsei University](#) in Seoul, [Tohoku University](#) in Sendai, [Hokkaido University](#) in Sapporo.<sup>[95][96]</sup>



The vice-president Yuan-Ron Ma signed

an agreement with [University of Nottingham](#) in 2022.

### Dual Degree Programs

NDHU established over 10 dual degree programs throughout the world, including Dual-MSc in accounting with [Tohoku University](#) in Japan, BachelorMaster with [University of Essex](#) in UK, Dual-PhD with [UCLouvain](#) in Belgium, Dual-MA with [Hiroshima University](#) in Japan, Dual-BBA with [University of Technology Sydney](#) in Australia, Dual-PhD with [Macquarie University](#) in Australia, and Bachelor-Master with [Lincoln University](#) in New Zealand, Dual-MBA with [University of Texas Arlington](#) in United States, Dual-MBA with [ESC Rennes School of Business](#) in France.

### VIP Consortium

NDHU is one of Taiwan's three universities at VIP Consortium (Vertically Integrated Projects Consortium), a global alliance of higher education institutions with Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) programs. The universities of consortium are across Europe, America, Asia, which was founded by several universities including [University of New South Wales](#), [Arizona State University](#), [Georgia Institute of Technology](#), [New York University](#), and [University of Michigan](#).<sup>[97]</sup>

### Mandarin Education

NDHU Chinese Language Center is one of Taiwan's greatest impact institutions in Mandarin education. The university is selected as first round of 10 Mandarin Education Centers in "Taiwan Huayu BEST Program" by [Ministry of Foreign Affairs \(MOFA\)](#) and [Ministry of Education \(MOE\)](#) to jointly promote international cooperation program in Mandarin Education in United States and Europe.<sup>[98]</sup> The university runs two oversea Chinese Language Centers at [Howard University](#) and [Oakland University](#) in the United States to bring Taiwanese Mandarin education to the partner universities. NDHU is also selected one of nine universities in "Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarship" by MOFA to expand academic cooperation and Mandarin education with European universities and selected one of five universities in "Africa Elite Talent Cultivation Program" with [National Taiwan University](#), [National Taiwan Normal University](#) by MOE to expand Taiwan's academic impact and Mandarin education to African.<sup>[99][100][101]</sup>

## Research Institutes

NDHU further establishes academic partnerships with global research institutes, including [Academia Sinica](#), [National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium](#), [National Academy of Marine Research](#), [National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering](#), [Central Geological Survey](#), [Central Weather Bureau](#), [European Union Centre in Taiwan](#), [Defence Institute of Advanced Technology in India](#), [Polish Academy of Sciences in Poland](#), [Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences in China](#).<sup>[102][103]</sup>

## Notable people

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### Alumni

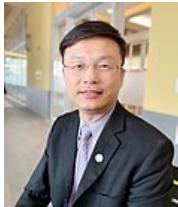
Notable present and past NDHU faculty include:



Incumbent Director of Department of Education, Taipei City Government Tang Chih-Min (AA)<sup>[104]</sup>



Deputy Mayor of Taipei and Principal of Chien Kuo High School Tsai Pingkun (AA)



Incumbent Director of Department of Education, New Taipei City Government Chang Ming-Wen (MEd)



The 13th & 14th Principal of Chien Kuo High School Wu Hsiung (AA)



The Chinesespeaking world's Master of Special Education Wu-Tien (AA)



Taiwan's first indigenous principal Tiway Sayion (AA)



The Taiwan's  
Master of  
Indigenous Music  
Lin Dao Sheng (AA)



The KMT Caucus  
Chair at  
Legislative Yuan  
Fu Kun-chi  
(MPA)



The DPP Caucus  
Secretary  
General at  
Legislative Yuan  
Chen Pei-Yu  
(MEd)



The Taiwan's  
famous novelist  
Gan Yao-ming  
(MFA)



Music singer  
Yoga Lin (BA)

Less than 30 years, NDHU alumni have contributed to society in field of arts and sciences, business, sports, and public & international affairs.

- Tzu-Hsien Tung (Honorary PhD), incumbent chairperson of Pegatron, co-founder of ASUS Computer Inc. and its former vice chairman.
  - Yoga Lin (BA), famous Taiwan Pop Music Singer
  - Gan Yao-ming (MFA), famous Taiwan novel and essay writer
  - Fu Kun-chi (MPA), KMT caucus chair at Legislative Yuan and former Magistrate of Hualien County.
  - Chen Pei-Yu (MEd), DPP caucus secretary general at Legislative Yuan (Taiwan)
  - Tsai Ping-kun (AA), Deputy Mayor of Taipei, former Deputy Mayor of Taichung, Deputy Minister of Culture, and Principal of Chien Kuo High School and Taichung First Senior High School.
  - Tang Chih-Min (AA), Founding Principal of Affiliated Senior High School of National Chengchi University, Distinguished Professor of Graduate Institute of Administration and Policy at National Chengchi University, Director of Department of Education at Taipei City Government.<sup>[104]</sup>
  - Wu Wu-Hsiung (AA), 13th Principal of Taipei Municipal Chien Kuo High School, the Taiwan's 1st high school.<sup>[105]</sup>
  - Chang Ming-Wen (MEd), Director of Department of Education, New Taipei City Government.<sup>[106]</sup>
  - Lin Da-kuei (MSc), Vice President & Partner at KPMG Cybersecurity in Taiwan.<sup>[107]</sup>
  - Liu Li-wei (BBA), Partner at Deloitte LTD.<sup>[108]</sup>
  - Wang Li-yu (MBA), Founder of Chatime, the world's leading teahouse.<sup>[109]</sup>
  - Wang Ching-chi (MBA), President at Château Hotels & Resorts, former president of Farglory Hotel.<sup>[110]</sup>
  - Chen Sao-liang (MBA), President at Taiwan International Ports Corporation.<sup>[111]</sup>
  - Liu Wei-zhi (BS), Direct of the Board at Advantech.<sup>[112][113]</sup>
  - Wang Chia-ching (MA), Vice President at Google Inc. in Taiwan.<sup>[114]</sup> Ben Tsai
  - (MA), Vice President at Cathay Venture.
  - Lin Allen (BS), Associate Vice President at Foxconn.<sup>[115]</sup>
- Wang Cheng-pang (AA), the member of Chinese Taipei's silver medal men's archery team at 2004 Summer Olympics.

## Faculty

Notable present and past NDHU faculty include:



Laureate of Newman Prize for Chinese Literature (2013) and Cikada Prize (2016) Yang Mu	The first Taiwanese nominee of Man Booker International Prize (2018) Wu Ming-yi	Laureate of Japanese Order of the Rising Sun of Emperor of Japan (2014) Cheng Chingmao	Laureate of Chinese Lifetime Achievement Award in Anthropology (2015) Chiao Chien	Taiwan's first International Fellow of National Academy of Sciences (2004) Maw-Kuen Wu	Laureate of Les Grands Prix from Institut de France (2016) Chen-Wei Liu[116]
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Foreign Member of A.M. Prokhorov Academy of Engineering Sciences, Russia (2016) ChiaLiang Cheng



Life Fellow of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Li-Chun Wang[117]

Fellow of Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and Fellow of British Computer Society (BCS) Han-Chieh Chao



Fellow of Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Ching-Nung Yang

Fellow of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and President of National Applied Research Laboratories Faa-Jeng Lin

Fellow of American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Lin,Chia-Chih

Fellow of Optical Society of America (Optica Fellow) Ching-Hwa Ho[118]

Director of Board of Directors of Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Yin-kann Wen

Director of Board of Directors of Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Jin-Lung Lin



Chairman of Taiwan Institute of Economic Research Chung-Shu Wu

Chairperson of National Communications Commission of Republic of China (Taiwan) Shyr-Hau Shyr

Chairperson of Transitional Justice Commission of Republic of China (Taiwan) Yang Tsui

Chairperson of Council of Indigenous Peoples of Republic of China (Taiwan) Paelabang Danapan

Chairperson of Research, Development and Evaluation Commission of Republic of China (Taiwan) Chu Chin-Peng

## ## Getting Started

### ### Logging In

1. Navigate to the login page by clicking "Login" in the top-right corner
2. Enter your email and password
3. Select "Student" as your role
4. Click "Sign In"

### ### Navigation

- **Desktop**: Use the sidebar on the left to navigate between different sections
- **Mobile**: Tap the menu icon in the top-left corner to access the navigation menu
- Notification badges will appear on the Announcements and Messages icons when you have unread content

## ## Student Dashboard

Your dashboard is your personal hub that displays:

- Your profile information
- Recent contacts for messaging
- Quick access to your clubs and events

### **\*\*How to use:\*\***

- Access your dashboard by clicking on your profile picture and selecting "Profile" or by navigating to the Student Dashboard from the sidebar
- Use the "Message User" button to start new conversations

## ## Browsing and Joining Clubs

### ### Finding Clubs

1. Click on "Clubs" in the navigation menu
2. Browse the list of available clubs
3. Use the search bar to find specific clubs by name or description
4. Filter clubs by category using the category buttons

### ### Viewing Club Details

1. Click on a club card to view detailed information
2. On the club details page, you can see:

1. Club description
2. Upcoming events
3. Club announcements
4. Member information

#### ### Joining a Club

1. Navigate to the club's details page
2. Click the "Join Club" button
3. Once approved, you'll receive a notification and gain access to member-only content

#### ## Events Calendar

##### ### Browsing Events

1. Click on "Calendar" in the navigation menu
2. View events in calendar view or list view
3. Filter events by:

1. Date (click on a specific day)
2. Club (using the dropdown)
3. Category (using the dropdown)

#### ### Registering for Events

1. Click on an event to view details
2. Click "Join Event" to register (note: some events may require club membership)
3. Your registered events will appear in your profile

#### ### Event Reminders

- You'll receive notifications for upcoming events you've registered for
- View all your registered events in your profile under the "Events" tab

#### ## Announcements

##### ### Viewing Announcements

1. Click on "Announcements" in the navigation menu
2. Browse all announcements or filter by:
  1. Club (using the dropdown)
  2. Type (All, Public, Members-only)
  3. Search for specific content

### **### Interacting with Announcements**

- Like announcements by clicking the heart icon
- Comment on announcements in the comment section
- View attachments by clicking on them
- Announcements are automatically marked as read when viewed

## **## Messaging System**

### **### Starting New Conversations**

1. Click on "Messages" in the navigation menu
2. Click "New Message" to start a conversation
3. Search for and select a user to message

### **### Managing Conversations**

- View all your conversations in the left sidebar
- Click on a conversation to view and respond to messages
- Unread messages are highlighted and counted in the navigation badge

## **## Group Chats**

- Access club group chats through the messaging interface
- All club members can participate in group discussions

## **## Profile Management**

### **### Viewing and Editing Your Profile**

1. Click on your profile picture and select "Profile"
2. View your personal information, clubs, and events
3. Edit your profile by clicking the edit button
4. Update your:
  1. Profile picture (click on your current picture)
  2. Personal information
  3. Bio
  4. Interests

### **### Managing Your Password**

1. Go to your profile
2. Select the "Change Password" tab
3. Enter your current password and new password

4. Click "Update Password"

## ## Settings

### ### Appearance Settings

1. Click on "Settings" in the navigation menu
2. Choose between light and dark mode
3. Your preference will be saved for future sessions

### ### Language Settings

1. In the Settings page, select your preferred language
2. The system currently supports English and Traditional Chinese
3. Click "Save Settings" to apply changes