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# NTU's First-Ever iNGO Academy Boosts International Engagement

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Youth Development Administration Director-General Hsueh-Yu Chen, and Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department of NGO International Affairs Elvie Wu attending the ceremony. NTU President Wen-Chang Chen, NTU Executive Vice President Shih-Torng Ding, Vice President for International Affairs Hsiao-Wei Yuan signing agreements with NGO founders and CEOs, officially inaugurating the iNGO Academy. By joining hands with civic groups, NTU hopes to cultivate talents who can connect Taiwan to the world.

Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) play an important role in advancing Taiwan's relations with the international community and realizing its sustainability goals. To foster talent with the competencies and skills to participate in NGOs, NTU hosted the orientation and signing ceremony of the "NTU iNGO Academy" in January. This program not only offers all-English courses so students will acquire the necessary knowledge and language skills, but also a 16-week internship with local NGOs, ensuring that the participants are competent and have the hands-on experience to make valuable contributions to global issues.

According to NTU President Wen-Chang Chen, the NTU iNGO Academy collaborated with Impact Hub Taipei and introduced students from five countries and nine colleges to different types of NGO internship programs. The participating NGOs included international organizations in Taiwan, such as Good Neighbors and Jane Goodall Institute Taiwan, Taiwanese organizations with international outreach, such as Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation, Step30,



NGO representatives who attended the ceremony, including Director Kuan-Hsiung Hsieh of Good Neighbor Foundation, Founder of Step 30 Yu-Jen Yang, Co-founder of One-Forty Kevin Chen, Jane Goodall Institute Taiwan Executive Director Kelly Kok, and Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation CEO Yi-Ling Chen.

The Garden of Hope Foundation, and The Mustard Seed Mission, and NGOs focused on Taiwan's international relations, such as the Center for Asia-Pacific Resilience and Innovation (CAPRI), One-Forty, and Digital Diplomacy. It is hoped that students in the program will develop a passion for NGOs and be motivated to work for the realization of Taiwan's sustainability objectives through their internships and academic endeavors.

Besides attending the NTU iNGO Academy, NTU students may voluntarily form charity clubs to support people in rural areas locally and internationally and utilize their expertise to provide services to communities. One especially prominent student club is the World Volunteer Society, which is dedicated to serving the public, connecting Taiwan's volunteer team with the world, and increasing the participation of Taiwanese youth in NGOs and Non-profit Organizations (NPOs). In all these ways, they aim to enhance Taiwan's international visibility. The University has recognized the remarkable performance of these dedicated students with the NTU Social Contribution Award.



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