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NTU Celebrates Its 96th Anniversary with a Grand Ceremony

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| Winners of "Student Social Contribution Special Award" – Group Award: "Moonteacha."

On November 15, 2024, National Taiwan University (NTU) celebrated its 96th anniversary with a grand ceremony held at the university's main sports complex. Presided over by President Wen-Chang Chen, the event brought together former presidents, alumni from around the globe, and distinguished guests from various sectors to honor NTU's legacy and ongoing contributions.

In his address, President Chen introduced NTU's recent advancements in teaching, recruitment, and research. He also highlighted the university's international collaborations, including the establishment of joint international R&D centers with partner institutions such as the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in the U.S., Kyushu University in Japan, and the University of Grenoble Alps (UGA) in France. These partnerships, along with NTU's role in the formation of an international academic alliance of top universities, are aimed to enhance global cooperation and academic excellence.



| President Chen expressing his hope that the NTU community will embrace the spirit of "turning the impossible into the possible."

Honorary Doctors Recognized for Their Scientific and Business Achievements

President Chen introduced two distinguished recipients of NTU Honorary Doctor degrees this year. Prof. Alain Aspect, a 2022 Nobel Laureate in Physics, was recognized for his pioneering research on quantum entanglement and Bell's inequalities, which laid the foundation for quantum technology development. Chairman Daniel M. Tsai of Fubon Group was honored for his exceptional contributions to the finance, telecommunications, and e-commerce sectors, as well as his dedication to social welfare and education.

In his acceptance speech, Chairman Tsai expressed deep gratitude to his alma mater. He warmly dedicated the honor to his father, Wan-Tsai Tsai, the founder of Fubon Group, whose exemplary leadership and philanthropy inspired him. Reflecting on his student days at NTU's College of Law, Tsai emphasized the importance of combining legal knowledge with creativity to achieve innovative business strategies.

Commending Distinguished Alumni and Social Contributions

The ceremony also featured the announcement of ten Distinguished Alumni for 2024, selected for their remarkable achievements in academia, industry, and social service. These alumni exemplify NTU's core educational values and serve as role models for the NTU community. They have been invited to participate as speakers in the NTU Lectures on the Intellectual and Spiritual Pilgrimage series, to share their professional insights and inspiring life stories with current students.

Additionally, the ceremony also honored students who demonstrated exceptional commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development. This year, the "Student Social Contribution Special Award" recognized four individual recipients: Clevan Lee (Department of Psychology), Ying-Chieh Huang (Department of Public Health), Julian Chen (School of Forestry and Resource Conservation), and the student group "Moonteacha." These awardees also exemplify NTU's motto, "Integrity, Diligence, Fidelity, and Compassion," for their demonstrated altruism and dedication to the betterment of society.

Looking Ahead to the Centennial

President Chen concluded the ceremony by encouraging the entire NTU community to embrace the spirit of turning the impossible into the possible and uphold the university's aspiration to become a "University for the Universe." Lastly, he underscored NTU's commitment to fostering future leaders who will advance society and tackle global challenges with innovation and compassion.



Chairman Daniel M. Tsai accepting the NTU Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from President Chen.



The ten Distinguished Alumni with President Chen (group photo).