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# Higher Education-Nobel Laureated Asso. to Foster Global Research

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The association is chaired by NTU President Wen-Chang Chen, with CMU President Ming-Chyi Huang, NCKU President Meng-Ru Shen, and Fubon Life Chairman Fu-Hsing Lin serving as vice chairs.

To invite Nobel laureates to Taiwan for academic exchanges and long-term cooperation, the Taiwan Higher Education–Nobel Laureates Association was officially launched on March 15, 2025. With support from government, industry, academia, and research sectors, the association is aimed to enhance Taiwan’s research capacity and global visibility by fostering interactions between Nobel laureates and institutions. Through such exchanges, it seeks to inspire young scholars and students while elevating the nation’s innovation and scientific literacy.

During the inaugural meeting, NTU President Wen-Chang Chen disclosed that the initiative had been made possible thanks to the generous support of Mr. Raymond Sung, founder of Lite-On Technology, and the encouragement

of Academician Yuan Tseh Lee. NTU has partnered with the International Peace Foundation (IPF) to undertake the Taiwan BRIDGES Program, an international exchange initiative. The project has garnered high-level attention, with President Lai Ching-Te meeting with IPF Chairman Uwe Morawetz in mid-2024 and expressing his hope that more Taiwanese universities would benefit from the program.

Under the Taiwan BRIDGES framework, the association and Academia Sinica will jointly invite 25 Nobel Prize laureates to Taiwan between November 2025 and April 2026, for campus visits and lectures across multiple institutions. These laureates—recipients of the Nobel Prize in Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, and Peace—

will bring unparalleled expertise to Taiwan’s academic community. The first Nobel laureate under the program is scheduled to deliver a keynote speech at NTU in November 2025.

To integrate resources and expand participation, the association welcomes not only universities but also corporations and non-profit organizations. As of now, the association includes 17 public and private universities, 14 companies, and the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI). Even after the Taiwan BRIDGES program concludes, the association will continue to support Taiwan’s higher education and strategic research priorities—strengthening the nation’s presence in the global research landscape.

## Note:

### The association’s academic members include:

Tatung University, China Medical University, Asia University, Tunghai University, National Sun Yat-sen University, National Central University, National Chung Hsing University, National Cheng Kung University, National Chengchi University, National Tsing Hua University, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, National Taipei University of Technology, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, National Taiwan Normal University, Tzu Chi University, and Taipei Medical University.

### Corporate and institutional members include:

Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), GlobalWafers, SynCore Biotechnology, Taiwan Mobile, Lite-On Technology, GIGABYTE Technology, TECO Electric & Machinery, JUT Foundation for Arts and Architecture, Pegatron Corporation, AAEON Technology, Yageo Corporation, Fubon Life Insurance, Fubon Financial Holding, Wistron Corporation, and Shin Chang Co., Ltd.