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Violinist Shien-ta Su (l) and pianist Lina Yeh (r) performed at TAHW opening ceremony



Traditional Taiwanese wedding demonstration at TAHW Food Fair



Finalists of Traditional Taiwanese Dresses Showcase at TAHW finale



Trip to the Joshua Tree National Park on April 2, 2011

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Soprano Lo Ming-Fang (3rd from right) performed at TACC on June 11, 2011



Dr. Harold Chen presented a seminar on "Down's Syndrome" on June 4, 2011



TACC Gardening Club visited San Diego Botanic Garden on April 5, 2011



Taiwanese American Conference-West Coast attendees visited TACC on July 3, 2011



Professor Liao Ping-Hui presented a seminar on "Food and Imagined Community" on May 21, 2011



Carol Lin, TACC director (2nd from right) with winners of TAHW Youth Karaoke

2011 San Diego Taiwanese American Heritage Week

The Taiwanese American Heritage Week of 2011 was held from May 14th to May 21st at the San Diego Taiwanese American Community Center.

During the open ceremony, Mrs. Sally Wu received the 2011 Kuan Chen Memorial “Mother of the Year” special award. This year’s TACC High School Scholarships were awarded to the following four outstanding graduating high school seniors, Sam E. Gardner, Connie P. Huynh, Jocelynn Nobouphasavanh and Joshua Y. Yang. Congratulation! Also, the Mao-Chun Memorial fund was awarded to Foundation for Developmental Disabilities of San Diego Regional Center. The renowned Taiwanese violinist Prof. Su Shien-Ta provided that evening’s entertainment. This year’s programs included: Taiwanese folk arts & crafts exhibition, food fair, Taiwanese movie series, Matthew Lien concert, special seminar, karaoke competition and traditional Taiwanese dress showcase.



Dr. Charles Tu, chair of Honors and Awards Committee with recipients of 2011 TACC High School Scholarships.

Culture and History Special Lecture (XLII)

Time: 08/20/2011, Saturday, 2:30 PM

Topics: Will Economic Integration Lead to Political Assimilation?

Speaker: Naiteh Wu (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)



With the fast growth of China’s economy and the tremendous scale of its market, Taiwan’s economy has been rapidly integrating into China’s economy over the last decade. Not only is Taiwan’s economy deeply embedded in China’s market and production, with a trade surplus of 77.17 billion US dollars in 2010, the welfare of many people is also vested in the economic relationship with China. In a recent survey conducted in March 2011, 15.4% of the respondents reported that the companies they own or work for have investments in China. The economic integration between the two sides of the strait raises the important issue of: Will the economic integration eventually lead to political assimilation?

This paper tries to answer this question by focusing views on national identity of the general populace, who largely decide the future relationship of the two countries. Comparing the findings from the aforementioned survey with those from previous surveys conducted over the past twenty years, we found that the rising trend of Taiwanese identity has not been impeded by economic integration. People may not agree which name the state in Taiwan should have, and they may have differing views on whether or not there is a new Taiwanese nation. But there is emerging consensus among the general public on the idea that Taiwan should remain an independent political community.

In addition to the opinions and identity inclinations of the electorate, political party competition also has significant effect on the cross-strait relationship, both economically and politically. This chapter also analyzes how economic integration and the two major parties’ positions toward that integration influence their popular support. The KMT presses for active engagement with China while the DPP is reluctant and even resistant. The findings seem to suggest that economic integration has framed the party competition to the advantage of the ruling KMT. The current path of economic integration is therefore likely to continue, but may not pave the way for the political assimilation as some fear and others desire.

Naiteh Wu received Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago in 1987. He worked in his graduate school years as editor for the opposition magazine *The Movement* (xin-chao-liu, literally the new tide) during Taiwan’s authoritarian era. He is currently a research fellow in the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica. He was visiting associate professor of Sociology Department at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1996. He was also the founding president of the Taiwanese Political Science Association (1995-97). He has published papers on the topics of democratic transition, ethnic politics, working class politics, and transitional justice. His current research interest is the issue of national identity in Taiwan.

Culture and History Lecture (XLIII)

Time: 08/27/2011, Saturday, 2:30 PM

Topics: Art and Society of Contemporary Taiwan

Speaker: Shu-Mei Shih, University of California – Los Angeles

What would we discover if we examine contemporary Taiwan art from transnational perspectives? How does art represent questions of Taiwan identity? Conversely, what do we learn about Taiwan society through Taiwan art? This lecture poses these questions as a way to have an open conversation with the audience.



Shu-Mei Shih is a professor with a joint appointment in the department of Comparative Literature and the department of Asian Languages and Cultures at UCLA. Her research focus is literature, film, and art from Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, and the United States. In recent years, she has been promoting both Taiwan studies and the newly emerging Sinophone studies.

Art Exhibition - Our Paintings

July 1, 2011 - August 31, 2011

Place: TACC Gallery



The exhibition "Our Paintings" is presented by Professor Kun-Mu Chen. Several amateur artists from San Diego's Taiwanese community showcase their works at Taiwan Center. The artists are: Kun-Mu Chen, Yen-Jian Chen, Roxana Chiang, Amy Fan, Gene Houng, Ming C. Hsu, Po Huang, Jen-Hao Lee, Yii-Tzu Lin, Jack Liu and Wu-Hung Liu.



TACC Photo Exhibition

September 10, 2011 - October 31, 2011 Reception: September 10, 2011, Saturday, 4:30PM

Place: TACC Gallery

The exhibition is presented by TACC Photo Club. Please come and enjoy the collections of club members' splendid photographs.

Special Health Seminar Series

Time: 08/06/2011, Saturday, 4PM

Topic: Introduction of Diabetes Mellitus

Speaker: Cheng-Ho Chung M.D., Ph.D.

Diabetes Mellitus is a highly prevalent and continuously growing disease with many complications. World Health Organization (WHO) estimates the world's diabetic population in 2030 will breakthrough 366 million.

This lecture will cover the basic diabetes-related knowledge in layman's term, including the classification of diabetes, diabetes causes, symptoms and complications of diabetes, diabetes treatment and latest developments in diabetes daily cares.

Dr. Chung graduated from Kaohsiung Medical University in 2000. He has been serving at the Department of Endocrinology, Taipei Mackay Memorial Hospital. Recently, Dr. Chung received his Ph.D. degree from Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute in San Diego.

Book Club

Date: 07/24/2011, Sunday, 2:30PM

Place: TACC Large Classroom

Book: Formosa and Its Inhabitants

Author: Joseph Beal Steere

Translated by: Lin Hong-Shuen

Speaker: Jau-Fang Wu

Joseph Beal Steere (1842-1940) was an outstanding botanist who graduated from University of Michigan. He explored, investigated, and collected specimens in many regions throughout the American continents and East Asia. He made contributions in the fields of archaeology, botany, anthropology, ethnology, linguistics, paleontology, and zoology.

Exploring Taiwan in 1873, Mr. Steere visited various groups of people, including Pin-pu, Holo, Haka, and some indigenous groups of the mountainous regions. He accurately recorded the existing conditions of the people he observed in late 19th century. His report has been an invaluable reference source for the study of history, anthropology and botany of Taiwan before the Japanese take-over of Taiwan in 1895.

<August's Book Club has been combined with Culture and History Lecture Series.>

Date: 09/25/2011, Sunday, 2:30PM

Place: TACC Large Classroom

Book: Big River Big Sea--Untold Stories of 1949

Author: Lung Ying-Tai

Speaker: Howard Chen

This book is a collection of stories written by author Lung Ying-tai, a Taiwan-born offspring of mainland refugees,

published in August 2009. It tells in detail, the events from the surrounding the conclusion of the Chinese Civil War including Chinese families that were broken up by the civil war that ended in the KMT's defeat in 1949, with some two million escaping to Taiwan. Lung Ying-tai spent more than 10 years researching material for the book and spent 400 days in Changchun, Nanjing, Shenyang, Taiwan's Mazu islands, Taidong, and Pingdong paying a visit to survivors of the Chinese Civil War in order to record their stories.

Hiking Club

Date: 07/01/2011 Friday 8AM

Place: San Dieguito Lagoon Trail, Del Mar

Gathering place: Lagoon Trail Head at San Andres Dr.

Date: 07/16/2011 Saturday 8AM

Place: Moonlight Beach State Park, Encinitas

Gathering place: Parking Lot by 3rd Street

Date: 08/05/2011 Friday 8AM

Place: Torrey Pine State Reserve

Gathering place: State park road side parking Lot

Date: 08/20/2011 Saturday 8AM

Place: Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (West Approach)

Gathering place: Parking Lot by Sorrento Valley Blvd.

Time: 09/02/2011 Friday 8AM

Place: Double Peaks Trail Park, San Marcos

Gathering place: Parking lot at Double Peaks Dr.

Date: 09/17/2011 Saturday 8AM

Place: Escondido's Daley Ranch

Gathering place: Barns and Noble Book Store parking area by Tulip Street

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Ceremony

Date: 09/10/2011, Saturday 5:30PM

Place: TACC Auditorium

Ticket: \$10 before 9/10/11; \$12 on 9/10/11

including: Bento, moon cake and drink

Please purchase the tickets from Taiwan Center.

San Diego Taiwanese Culture Association cordially invites you to this wonderful, fun-filled event.

