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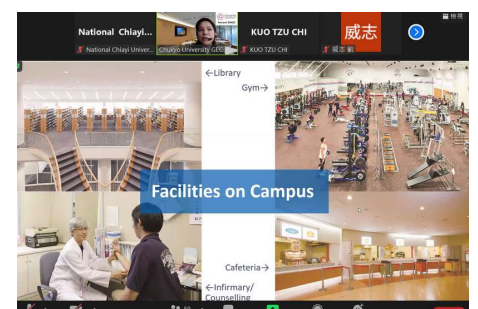
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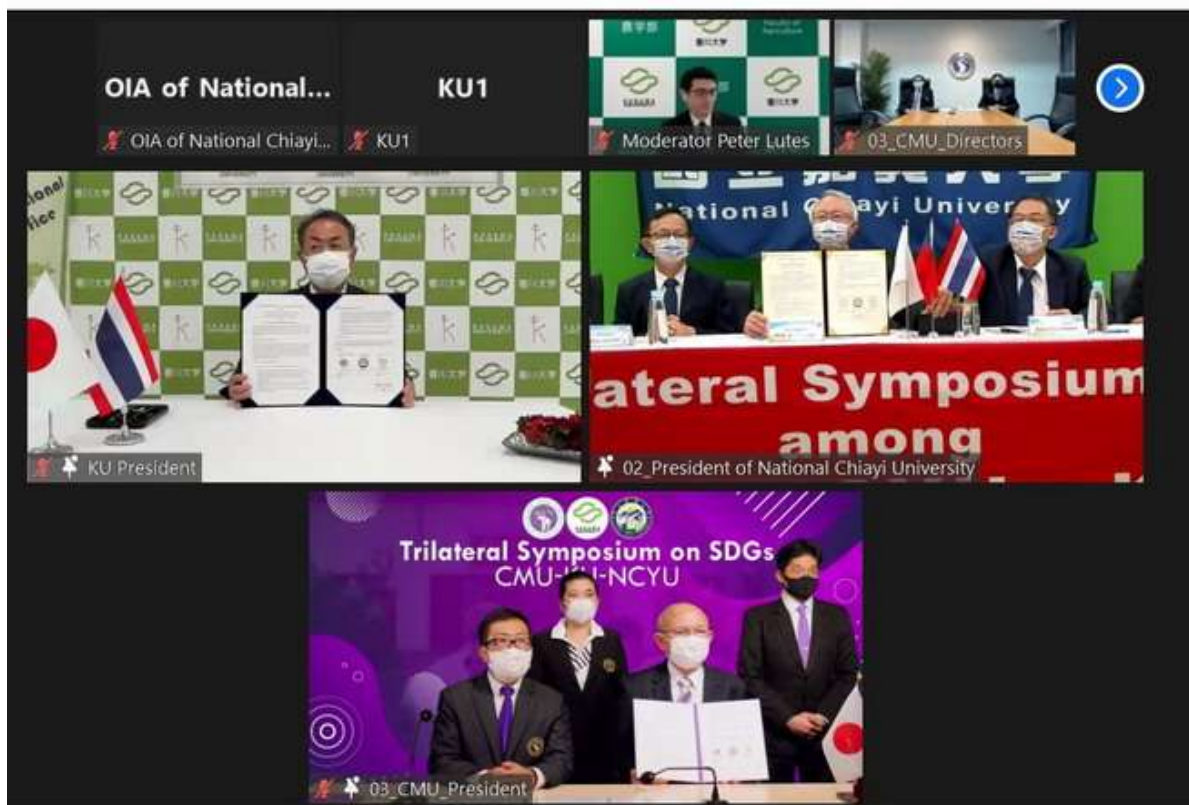


2021 Virtual Trilateral Symposium on SDGs among CMU-NCYU-KU



The 2021 virtual Trilateral Symposium on SDGs was jointly organized by National Chiayi University (NCYU), Taiwan, Chiang Mai University (CMU), Thailand, and Kagawa University (KU), Japan in September 2021. About 300 students and faculties had participated in this symposium. The opening ceremony of the symposium was held in the Lantan media studio by Professor Chyung Ay, President of NCYU. A memorandum of cooperation was signed among the three institutions, with a view to promoting the exchanges of substantive research or educational activities through joint seminars or joint symposiums which would be held once every two years by each institution.

“The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the impact of COVID-19” is the theme of this symposium. The sustainable development-related topics on health, food, technology, and education, as well as the global impact of COVID-19 on the livelihoods of students are discussed. A total of 25 NCYU outstanding students from various fields had participated in the SDGs discussion. The symposium provides a valuable academic dialogue platform for sharing among the students and teaching staff of the three institutions through breakout sessions. In addition, the 25 NCYU students have successfully completed the three seminars on September 1, 8, and 22, respectively. Their efforts and spirit of participation are well-recognized by the teachers of the host university.



The Vice President of NCYU, Professor Chi-Shih, Chu thanked the teachers and administrators of the three institutions for their hard work in preparing this virtual symposium during the virtual closing ceremony on September 22. He conveyed his appreciation to the students for their active participation. The success of this symposium is a starting point for more collaborations and exchanges among the three institutions.

NCYU Joins Hands with Japanese and Thai Sister Universities to Protect Marine Ecosystems and Promote SDGs by Organizing a Joint Beach Cleanup Event



Following a recent Taiwan-Thailand-Japan online seminar on issues related to SDGs, the students of National Chiayi University, Kagawa University (Japan), and Chiang Mai University (Thailand) together held the 2021 Online Joint Environmental Cleanup Event at Dongshi Natural Ecological Exhibition Center on November 27. The activity was held with the aim of marine ecosystem conservation. Together, they contributed to the implementation of the SDGs for sustainable environmental development.

On the morning of the event, Vice President Chishih Chu; Head of the International Cooperation Division of the Office of International Affairs, Angel, Hsi-I Chen; Professor Yen-chu Hung of the Department of Computer Science & Information Engineering; Assistant Professor Jo-Szu (Ross) Tsai of the Department of Biological Resources and about 50 participants including their families, students, and community members attended the opening ceremony of this cross-country event organized together by the three universities. Subsequently, the participants headed to the designated site for beach cleaning respectively. The main beach cleaning site for NCYU participants is at the Aogu Wetlands and Forest Park, while the participants of Kagawa University (Japan) are designated to clean Kamano Beach. Affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, the participants of Chiang Mai University (Thailand) could only pick up trash and garbage around the campus. Having endured the cold sea breezes along the 40-meter-long beach, the NCYU faculty members and students picked up 140.9 kg (923 pieces) of garbage and trash after a lot of hard work.



Vice President Chishih Chu stated that the ocean accounts for three quarters of the Earth's surface and represents 99% of the living space on the planet by volume. Nowadays, the ocean has been severely polluted; 90% of the plastic waste found under the sea is disposable items (e.g., garbage bags), and 20% of the coral reefs have been destroyed around the world. As a result, marine organisms will face the crisis of acidification in the living environment, which may cause a sharp decrease in fish species, a striking reduction in fish catch volume, and a decline in economic output. After the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, the three sister universities have continued to deepen cooperation by organizing the cross-country online joint beach cleanup event and working together to protect the marine ecosystems of each region. The event has become another exceptional example of innovative cooperation among the cross-country sister universities.

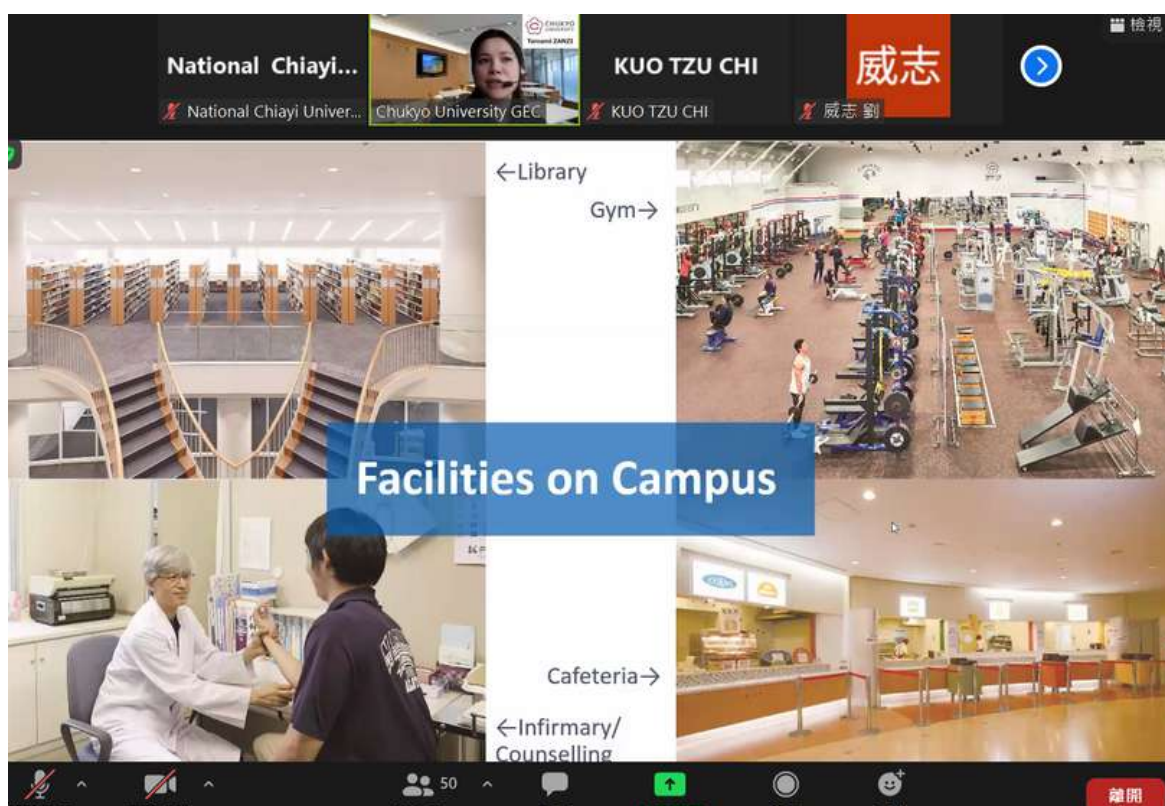


Online Seminar on Student Exchange Program at Sister University, Chukyo University, Japan



NCYU and its sister school, Chukyo University, Japan, jointly organized the "Online Seminar on Chukyo University Student Exchange Program" on the morning of September 24 (Friday), with a view to keeping NCYU students in line with international standards during the pandemic. About 50 NCYU students had participated in this seminar. The representative of the Office of International Affairs of Chukyo University was invited to introduce the university's geographic location, course overview, living environment, and the student exchange program. The exchange students recommended by NCYU will be exempted from tuition fees. In addition, scholarships will be provided to 20 exchange students that each student will be given a scholarship of 150,000 yen per semester. The Buddy Program also will be arranged for the international exchange students by pairing them with existing local students. It helps international exchange students to accelerate their adaptation to the new learning environment and gain an in-depth understanding of Japanese culture. It also develops an international perspective for both international exchange students and local students through two-way cultural exchanges and interactions. NYCU students raised questions regarding the school's accommodation arrangements and the programs of study during the Q&A session, and the atmosphere was warm and harmonious.

The friendship between the two institutions began in 1931, and the friendship has spanned more than 80 years. The spirit of "KANO" has passed on since the baseball matchups back in those years. Both institutions also signed an academic cooperation agreement in 2015. In addition to baseball exchange activities, the collaboration will also be expanded to other diversified cooperation opportunities such as academic exchanges, teacher, and student exchanges, etc.



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