

President of Examination Yuan, Yao Chia-wen Visited TCPA

Trip to Traditional Xi Qu, New Page to Bilateral Exchange



On December 26th, 2007, the president of the Examination Yuan, Yao Chia-wen along with his wife and the Japanese visitors called upon TCPA for the first time, highlighting the government's concern towards the educational heritage and the future development of traditional performing arts in Taiwan. Thanks to the president, Yao and the Japanese visitors' visit that we impressed him by the characteristics of variety of local performing arts and gave a further understanding of teaching and performance of TCPA. All of our members presented our best.

Knowing the importance of traditional performing arts, Mr. and Mrs. Yao along with the Japanese visitors visited TCPA at the end of 2007 for the first time. All the members from our college sincerely welcomed them, hoping to present the best in our teachers' teaching and students' learning as well as a successful cultural exchange.

In order to obtain a further understanding and support from the president, Yao, on the day before the visit, December 25th, the vice president of TCPA paid a visit to the Examination Yuan in advance, reporting

our history, organization, future plan, current problems and their solutions.

On December 26th, the president of TCPA along with the vice president and the deans of departments greeted the president, Yao under the greeting songs presented by the students from the Department of Xi Qu Music (traditional music). Afterwards, a serial of extraordinary attractive performances were presented in the Performing Arts Center. First one is the "Offer of tea" from the Department of Hakka Opera, in which the actors offered tea to the audience and made an impromptu performance from the audiences' rewards. Second, basic skills in martial arts from the Department of Jing Ju (Chinese Opera) revealed the solid training of developing a traditional arts performer. Next, the play "Intimate Justice-Saving" from the Department of Ge Zi Xi (Taiwanese Opera) presented the elegant acting in boat rowing and fishing. And the last, the acrobatics performance called the "eagles' wings" combined the acrobatics with Taiwanese aborigines' worship dance in which the human pyramid described the eagles' symbolic spirit of aborigines.

After the performance, Yao made positive comments on the students' excellent performances and the incredible contributions of TCPA to developing performers in traditional Xi Qu over the past years, and furthermore, on our administration, teaching and learning, and development strategies. What's more, in a limit of time, Yao perambulated the classrooms of Department of Xi Qu Music and Theatre Arts as well as the sites that TCPA has been endeavoring for but where destined for Heng Kuang Elementary School.

Under the splendid teamwork of all our members, Yao not only was impressed by the outstanding performance of the students, but also expected TCPA, the only one that develops the professional traditional performers, to be both of an inheritor who preserves tradition and an innovator who spreads the beauty of traditional performing arts and leads the contemporary trend in traditional performing arts. Since the Examination Yuan and Mucha campus of TCPA are in the neighborhood, Yao's first visit opened a new page of TCPA's cultural exchange with neighbors. We warmly call for a further cooperation to bring out a more eminent success.

Foreign Visitors and Exchanges



12.24.2007
The president of Republic of Palau, Thomas Esang Remengesau, Jr. and the ambassador Li Shih-ming, visited the Bihu Theatre.



01.08.2008
Chechiang Wu Opera Troupe visited and performed.

Report on Second Construction Project

The Second Construction Project: Teaching Buildings and Girls' Dorm costs NT\$485,000,000, including 0.4 billions from the Ministry of Education and the rest from our college. The new building will be 32.8 meters high, including two floors below and 10 floors on the ground, with 17,867.37 square meters of floor space in total. The Second Construction project will relieve the shortage of girls' dorm and parking lots at the same time, providing 526 beds and 94 parking lots. And the new building will have 18 classrooms for general courses, 7 rooms for specialized courses, 9 teachers' offices and department offices, 1 exhibition rooms, 1 storerooms, and 1 multifunction rooms for Department of Jing Ju, Ge Zi Xi, and Hakka Opera respectively.

The original construction lasts 672 days, from March, 2006 to June, 2008. However, due to the neighbors' contestant to the Legislative Yuan, the Taipei City Council, and the Taipei City Hall, the construction was delayed for 519 days. And after the continuous negotiation among TCPA, our neighbors, and government organizations concerned, the construction finally began on December 12th, 2007, accomplished 16.35% now, and will be end in July, 2009.

