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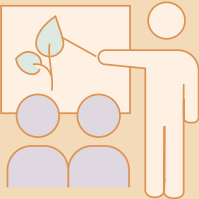
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Devoting NT\$ **460** Million Dollars
To **Social Engagement**
in Nearly 4 Years

The Transformative Magic of Circularity
Free On-campus Environmental Education Program
Totally **173** Sessions
Benefiting **9,958** Teachers and Students
(As of the end of January 2026)



FENV Campaign
Waste Batteries for Reusable Bags
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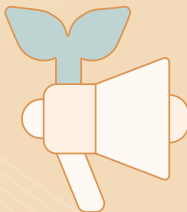
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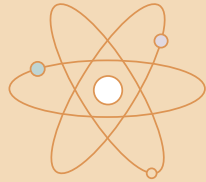
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APG Polytech Exploring
Recycling Challenges and Opportunities
With **200** Elementary School Students



Y.Z. Hsu Science Award
Awarding Nearly
NT\$ **220** Million Prize Money to Date



Environmental Week
By FEPV and AEON Mall
4 Consecutive Years

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2,440 Contestants to Date
NT\$ **17.18** Million Total Prize Money



Y.Z. Hsu Innovation Forum
91% Satisfaction

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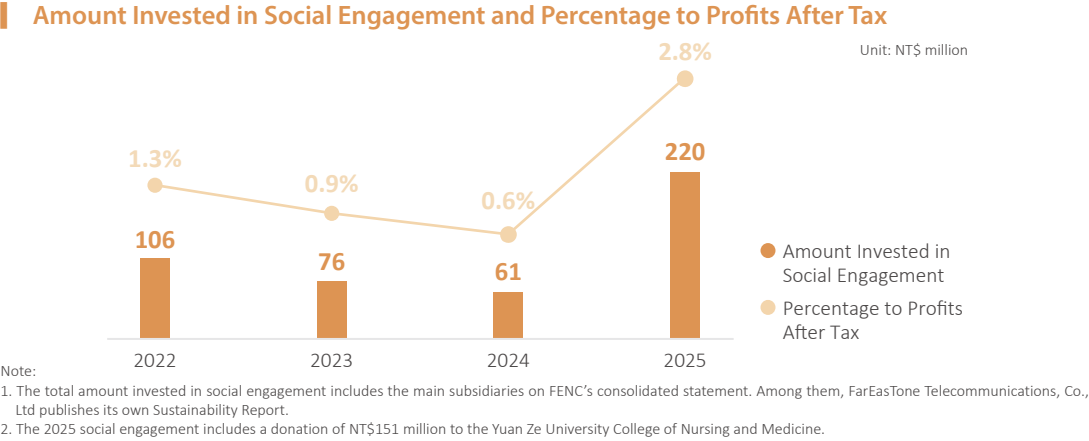
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	The number of community, engagement, exchange or non-profit events held or with FENC participation
2035 Long-Term Target	85
2030 Medium-Term Target	70
2027 Short-Term Target	50
2026 Target	40
2025 Target	30
2025 Progress	225 Achieved
Action Plan	Engage in sustainable development, non-profit and environmental education or improvement campaigns in local communities. Donate to non-profit programs, sponsor traditional and cultural festivals in local communities and provide scholarships to local schools. Engage or take part in the exchange with the authorities as well as local governments and residents. 4 QUALITY EDUCATION 9 INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Sustainability Issues

	Community Relations
Significance and Purpose of Management for FENC	With the belief, “benefited from the society, returning benefits to the society,” all FENC production sites maintain ongoing stakeholder communication and engagement to assess the needs of local communities and the society thoroughly. Its active participation in and support for non-profit programs unfold though diverse means, giving back to society in multiple ways. Meanwhile, FENC strives for healthy community development by monitoring the environmental impact of its operations consistently.
Management Approaches and Effectiveness Evaluation Mechanisms	Develop the Community Relations Management Plan. Engage and communicate with local communities to fully assess the needs and formulate corresponding measures. Devote active participation in and support charity and non-profit activities. Review the progress of each production site on a regular basis. Monitor community impact caused by operational activities closely; provide details promptly in the event of environmental or occupational accidents and reinforce preventative management.
Authority	Environment, Occupational Safety and Community Relations Team - Community Relations Community relations management units at each production site

With the belief, “benefited from the society, returning benefits to the society,” FENC has been dedicating itself to public welfare and charity for over half a century. By leveraging its core strengths and capital, the Company promotes educational, cultural, environmental and community development, giving back to society through the power and influence of synergy within the entire Far Eastern Group (FEG), which include the non-profit foundations. FENC is returning benefits to the public, embracing social diversity, inclusion and mutual prosperity.



5.1 Social Engagement at FENC Sites

FENC’s worldwide operation spans across Taiwan, mainland China, Vietnam, Japan ,U.S. and Malaysia. For years, FENC has been building rapport with residents in the communities adjacent to its operation sites, such as Hsinchu County and Taoyuan City in Taiwan. The Company engages community organizations and provides resources, such as venues for community assemblies or fire drills. The Company also extends a helping hand to the underprivileged members of the community, conducts beach cleanup campaigns and helps schools and local neighborhoods clean their environment. Volunteers from all FENC sites contributed a total of 13,223 hours to non-profit causes in 2025. In order to promote the circular economy, recycling and reuse, FENC formed partnerships across disciplines to develop environmental education programs, spreading the seeds of recycling and circularity.

5.1.1 Expanding Social Impact Through Core Strengths

With its core strengths as the engine, FENC promotes environmental protection and recycling while raising public awareness by creating a free on-campus environmental education program, providing free environmental outreach displays and sharing circular economy case studies during exhibitions. The Company is also the incubator of the pillars of sustainability by offering student internship and industry-academia collaboration at its production sites. Specifically, OPTC received 80 teachers and students from schools such as the Affiliated Tao-Yuan Agricultural and Industrial Senior High School of National Taipei University of Technology in October 2025. During their visit, OPTC led the



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students on a tour of the plant with a presentation given by experts explaining the production process. It was an opportunity for the students to gain firsthand knowledge regarding the equipment and operational procedures in the industry with insights into the significance of petrochemical safety, environmental management and sustainable production from the field. The experience is beneficial for improving their professional capabilities. Sustainability issues such as carbon reduction, wastewater management and the circularity of resources were also introduced, giving additional dimensions to the visit by honing their professional and ESG proficiency. For the educators, such programs address the lack of field education and limited practical and industry knowledge; for students, these programs nourish their aspirations for future careers.



FENC on Campus, Sharing ESG Practice and Vision for Sustainability Transformation

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

9 INDUSTRY MONITOR PERFORMANCE

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR RESILIENCE

On April 24, 2025, Humphrey Cheng, President of Corporate Management, was invited to an interdisciplinary general study course at the Yuan Ze University (YZU), where he spoke on “Building a Sustainable Business Model: The FENC Experience.” He engaged the students and faculty members with FENC’s environmental, social and governance implementations as well as the Company’s achievements in building sustainable business models and future goals. FENC approaches the R&D of green products with a holistic range of recycling technologies, tackling recycling from the land, ocean and air. FENC has also established five major carbon reduction strategies emboldened by innovative AI applications to refine operational efficiency and carbon reduction performance throughout the entire Company. While diving deeply into the environmental and governance fronts, FENC also commits to talent development and supply chain management, advancing towards its 2030 targets for sustainability transformation. Such conviction brought FENC to the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29), sharing with the world its achievements in the circular economy and carbon reduction.

Vice President Allen Sha was invited to speak at the National Taiwan Normal University on November 20. His speech, titled “Circular Innovation: The New Driving Force of Sustainability,” explained FENC’s ESG branding management and aggressive actions towards net zero 2050, including setting “the three 50s” as the 2030 targets and reaching the carbon reduction target ahead of schedule. He also shared FENC’s achievements in green technologies, which gave birth to the world’s first certified 100% recycled polyester tire cord fabric and chemically recycled airbag yarn and created midsoles from recycled materials through partnerships with major brands. FENC also enriched the meaning of its operations by building a circular lifestyle for the public, creating smart recycling machines such as iCIRCLE and iTrash while empowering students and the general public with the knowledge of recycling through long-term environmental programs and activities in Taiwan and internationally. In 2024, FENC was inducted for the first time into the Dow Jones Sustainability Emerging Markets Index (now renamed Dow Jones Best-in-Class Emerging Market Index), becoming the first and only industrial conglomerate in Taiwan to be selected and making its debut in S&P Global Sustainability Yearbook 2025. The Company is building a global paradigm of ESG practices.

FENC participated in the 2025 Sustainable Education Action Selection organized by 5% Design Action, a social design platform. The campaign echoes the essence of industry-academia partnerships exhibited through Earth Solutions and the Textbook for Sustainable Development. Out of 82 projects from Taiwan, FENC’s Circular Economy Campus Program was selected to receive the certification of 2025 Textbook for Sustainability SELECT during the Earth Solutions 2025 Sustainable Design Action Summit on April 22.

Creating Sustainable Impact from Gaming to Real Life

1. FENC x Beitou Refuse Incineration Plant, Celebrating 10-year Partnership by Unveiling the Rebirth of PET Bottles with New Displays

FENC and Beitou Refuse Incineration Plant under the Department of Environmental Protection, Taipei City Government have been partners promoting recycling during a decade-long journey. Since April 2015, FENC has been designing and producing educational displays for the Egret Academy, the environmental educational center at the plant. The displays, which feature the circular economy of recycled PET bottles, have undergone two updates. After discussing in-depth with the academy and assessing the needs of the educators and visitors, FENC customized the content and format accordingly and presented the displays to the academy for environmental education purposes completely for free. With the brand-new displays, FENC is embracing its 10-year partnership with the Egret Academy!

The new design sheds light on the recycling and remanufacturing process of PET bottles, illustrating how colored PET bottles become transparent and colorless; how composite materials are simplified, which improve recycling efficiency and recycled material quality. Visitors may also utilize built-in interactive devices for a closer look at the evolution of PET bottles.

The displays, which were installed for the Egret Academy in 2015, have welcomed 13,094 visitors, including students of all ages and members of the public. Also among them were visitors from Hong Kong, Palau, South Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, the Marshall Islands, Sri Lanka and Paraguay. The educational effort fostered exchanges and promoted sustainability home and abroad, a quintessential representation of FENC’s dedication to promoting the circular economy and environmental education.



Unveiling ceremony of the new recycling displays



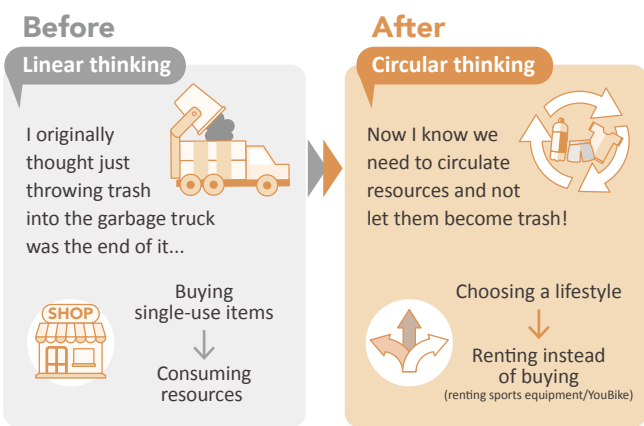
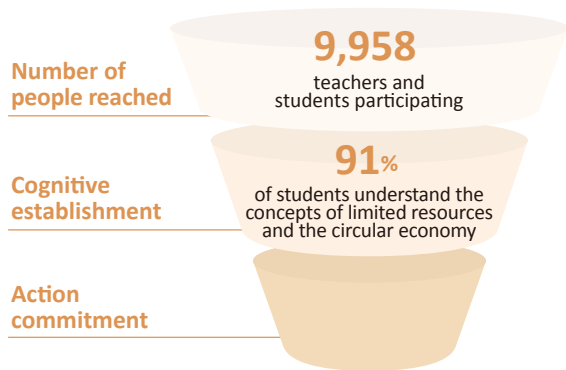
Environmental educators using new recycling displays during student sessions



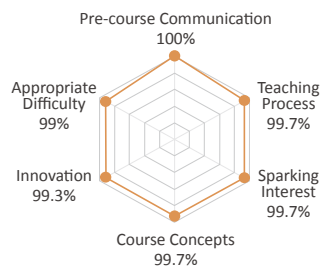
2. Sowing Circularity in 80 Minutes

The depletion of resources is increasingly recognized as a global threat, putting responsibilities on environmental education to evolve from the conveyor of knowledge to the driver of behavioral changes. Working with the social enterprise, Friendly Seeds, FENC co-developed “The Transformative Magic of Circularity,” an on-campus program designed for elementary schools with an educational focus on the circular economy. Beginning in 2022, the program has been delivering innovative and interactive content packed in 80 minutes. Statistically, the results are quite noticeable; qualitatively, the influence is also far-reaching with impacts on cognitive reframing and intergenerational communication.

The program reached 9,958 teachers and students through 173 campus sessions in over 230 hours, providing intensive resources on sustainability for schools in Taiwan. The program departs from the traditional classroom format with gamified design such as “The Magic Puzzle” and “The Demon King,” transforming students from passive listeners to active explorers. This is the most profound effect observed from 7,746 pieces of student feedback. Keyword analysis reveals that gamification (The Magic Puzzle) is the key to engage student interests and to ingrain rigid concepts such as linear/circular economy into their minds. Based on the questionnaire, as high as 91% changed their perception towards “the finitude of resources” and “circular economy.” The program turned abstract economic concepts into languages that students could understand and accept, creating spillover effects that reached beyond the classroom. As many as 87% of the participating students promised to reuse and recycle after school, and some even expressed the intention to pass the knowledge to the next generation.



Additionally, the program received high marks from educational professionals for its innovative design, with 99% of participating teachers acknowledging the program as being “a program demonstrating innovative qualities.” The positive feedback is a testimony that this program has the power to connect businesses, schools and communities, generating a collaborative force in advancing the circular economy.



Video Documentary on “The Transformative Magic of Circularity”

3. Environmental Week with FEPV and AEON Mall

FEPV and AEON Mall co-organized an Environmental Week event in Vietnam to promote recycling and the value of recycled products to local residents. The two companies also signed a memorandum of understanding for the creation of Vietnam's first closed-loop PET recycling project. PET bottles collected by AEON Mall are remanufactured by FEPV into high-quality rPET as a raw material for new products. In 2025, a total of 220,000 PET bottles were recycled through this closed-loop project, totaling 4,468 kilograms and the equivalent of avoiding approximately 7,908 kgCO₂e of carbon emissions.

The Environmental Week event made its debut in 2022. In the following year, the event was expanded from southern to northern Vietnam with activities held at AEON Mall's four nationwide locations. FEPV engaged the public through lectures, video presentations, quizzes and exhibition booths about PET bottle recycling and remanufacturing technologies, and the smart recycling machine was placed on site to show the participants how the PET bottles were crushed into flakes during recycling. The 2025 event, which zoomed in on the theme, "Bottle Recycling · Sowing the Future", aimed to keep waste away from landfills and ocean by instilling environmental knowledge in the younger generation. With staff's instruction, participants cleaned and flattened the bottles after removing the caps and labels to make recycling more efficient. For every 20 PET bottles recycled, participants received one canvas bag made of 100% recycled materials. The event reached 23,000 local residents, and a total of 8,435 PET bottles were recycled.

In addition, FEPV held the ECO Contest 2025 at three AEON Mall branches in southern Vietnam for students aged 11 to 13. With the theme, “Green Generation–Act for the Environment,” the competition evaluated students’ knowledgeability in recycling, sorting and environmental protection, helping them understand the importance of waste classification and raising environmental awareness among the younger generation.



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4. Exploring Recycling Challenges by Connecting School Reading to Reality with APG Polytech

APG Polytech was invited to the Buffalo Elementary School in South Carolina, U.S. to provide a realistic perspective on the environmental concerns the world is facing. With 200 students in the audience, APG Polytech shared how corporate and individual efforts could be the engine of environmental changes by focusing on recycling and reuse. The concept echoed The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, the school reading at the time. APG Polytech helped students understand the complexities and challenges of addressing plastic pollution, which involve standards, logistics, technologies and regulations that require concerted efforts from all sectors. They were also reminded that everyone could make a difference by properly collecting and processing recyclable waste to achieve circularity. APG Polytech took the opportunity to expand its sustainability outreach, impressing upon the young minds the concept of circular economy.



5.1.2 Community Care and Sustainability Action

All FENC sites engage in a wide spectrum of community activities with the aim of fulfilling the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Among them, APG Polytech has a long track record of supporting and caring for the local community. Every Thanksgiving, APG Polytech invites employees to participate in Crosslight of Hope—Thanksgiving Food Drive with the mission to gather ingredients for families in need to prepare a healthy Thanksgiving feast. The 2025 initiative helped more than 230 families. Employees from APG Polytech showed strong support by purchasing, packaging and delivering the food themselves. It is the hope that this meaningful campaign may strengthen the bond and trust between APG Polytech and the local community while giving employees a deep sense of fulfillment as they tend to the needs of local families.



Created in 2019, FENV’s Caring Connection program has entered its seventh year. The program is designed to lend a helping hand to employees and their families during difficulties, and in 2025, assistance was provided to two employees whose family members suffered a serious illness and death. The financial donation, in the equivalent of eleven-month salaries for each, helped alleviate their burden and stress.



Sending Love with Zero-dollar Market for Lunar New Year



In 2025, on the eve of the Lunar New Year, FEPV organized a zero-dollar market with the Red Cross and Bàu Bàng District Police in Vietnam. In the spirit of sharing and an effort to enhance community connection, the event encouraged the needful to come and receive; the affluent to come and donate with a primary focus on disadvantaged local residents and the visually impaired. The market offered daily necessities such as rice, instant noodles, cooking oil, fish sauce, salt, sugar and MSG. Though without monetary value, the love and care these goods represent were priceless. One participating employee commented, “I feel immensely proud that my company organized such a meaningful community event, where we can take part and share decent humanistic values. While those who received the supply expressed their gratitude in a matter of seconds, I will remember how my heart was touched forever.” This purposeful campaign helped many employees value and identify with their workplace while adding to a sense of belonging and cohesion.



Since 2024, FEAV has been sponsoring the purchase of medical equipment, constructing facilities, providing potable water purifiers and taking on the responsibility of maintaining and repairing the purification equipment for the Đình Phước Elementary School in Dầu Tiếng District of Bình Phước Province, Vietnam, which improved the learning environment as well as safety and health conditions for the schoolchildren. During the reporting year, all FENC production sites continued devoting themselves to social engagement, advocating the protection of marine and terrestrial ecosystems, eradication of poverty and promotion of environmental knowledge with the ultimate goal to achieve the common good.

Coast to Community, Protecting Earth Through Volunteering

In April 2025, Hsinpu Chemical Fiber Plant, Kuanyin Chemical Fiber Plant, Kuanyin Dyeing and Finishing Plant, OPTC, FEFC and OGM mobilized 188 participants, including employees and their families, to take part in the FENC Beach Cleanup Campaign.



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The employees worked in groups, collecting more than 1,000 kilograms of coastal debris and sorting them into recyclable, non-recyclable and hazardous waste. OPTC launched another beach cleanup campaign in April with 50 employees and 50 volunteers from Baiyu Village of Guanyin District, Taoyuan City. They provided cleanup and maintenance at the Daku River estuary and the Baiyu Algal Reef Reserve, working in sync and determined to protect the natural habitat. The Baiyu algal reef is formed by Crustose coralline algae, a type of calcifying red algae which deposits calcium carbonate. Slow growing in nature, however, the deposit accumulates only a few millimeters each year, and to reach the present scale, it would require thousands of years. With their porous structure, algal reefs are an ideal hiding place and breeding ground for crustaceans, mollusks and echinoderms, and therefore, foster a rich mix of marine life. They are also the ideal spot for ecological and nighttime observation, play irreplaceable roles in maintaining ecological balance and habitat conservation nearshore.

OGM collaborated with the Office of Coast and Resource Circulation Construction of Taoyuan City Government and promoted a corporate coastline adoption and cleanup program. The stewardship encourages corporations to adopt and provide long-term maintenance for specific coastlines. OGM employees clean the adopted coastline every Wednesday afternoon, and each year, the plant holds two large-scale beach cleanup campaigns. A total of 60 employees participated in the 2025 events, during which art installations were included as a creative outreach to convey environmental concepts. Interactive components were also arranged to guide participants to reflect upon issues caused by marine debris, raise environmental awareness and encourage actions through fun and interaction.



PFEM participated in a beach cleanup event organized by the Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association. Twelve employees, led by senior executives, patrolled the coastline, identified and sorted the recyclable and non-recyclable waste they collected and moved them to a centralized location for disposal. The clear division of labor and safety guidelines helped the PFEM staff cleaned the coastline with efficiency, and the experience gave them a better understanding of issues surrounding marine debris and plastic waste reduction. The event also enhanced the cohesiveness and participation in ESG initiatives. Meanwhile, with collaborative efforts from multiple industry peers, the event provided an opportunity to protect the environment by leveraging industry influence through cross-enterprise partnerships.



In November 2025, FENV held an environmental campaign targeting local residents and children with the supermarket chain, Co.opmart. The participants were offered reusable bags for the waste batteries they collected to promote proper battery disposal and increase their awareness of the environmental consequences caused by improper disposal. The reusable bags acted as the incentive to minimize the consumption of single-use plastic bags. Trivial games with questions about environmental protection were held with Co.opmart coupons as prizes. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd, 500 reusable bags were handed out, and 98 kilograms of waste batteries were collected and disposed of, effectively raising the local environmental awareness.



5.2 Social Engagement by Corporate Foundations

FENC has been branching into charitable causes since the 1960s, devoting attention to education, arts, culture, healthcare and technology while dedicating corporate resources to humanitarian care for local communities. It is the hope that by providing long-term support in social engagement, FENC will bring warmth to all who are in need.

Vision and Direction for Social Engagement

	Quality Healthcare SDG 3.8	Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential healthcare services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.
	Youth Talent SDG 4.3	By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university.
	Industry Evolution SDG 8.2	Achieve higher levels of productivity of economies through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high value-added and labor-intensive sectors.
	Social Development SDG 11.3	By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.

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Establishing the Non-Profit Organizations to Contribute to the Society

Tech Sector



Far Eastern Y. Z. Hsu Science and Technology Memorial Foundation (Chinese)

Established in 2001

Educational Sector



Asia Eastern University of Science and Technology (Chinese)

Established in 1968

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Yu Chang Technological and Commercial Vocational Senior High School (Chinese)

Established in 1980



Yuan Ze University

Established in 1987

Arts and Culture Sector



Far Eastern Memorial Foundation (Chinese)

Established in 1976

Medical Sector



Far Eastern Medical Foundation

Established in 1977



Far Eastern Memorial Hospital

Established in 1981



Far Eastern Polyclinic (Chinese)

Established in 1988

5.2.1 Quality Healthcare

Improving Quality of Medical Service with Medical Institutes: Far Eastern Memorial Hospital/ Far Eastern Polyclinic

Mr. Yu-Ziang Hsu, who founded FEG, had a profound awareness of the urban-rural gap in medical resources and the lack of modern medical centers for emergency and critical care in New Taipei City. This awareness prompted him to make donations and establish the Far Eastern Medical Foundation in the 1970s with the aspiration to shorten the distance to medical care and make healthcare equity a reality. Setting a comprehensive healthcare network as the aim, the foundation offered free clinics for the disadvantaged, delved into to medical research and built medical facilities, which filled the void in healthcare institutions at last when the Far Eastern Memorial Hospital (FEMH) in Banqiao was completed in 1981. The foundation extended its reach to Taipei City with the inauguration of the Far Eastern Polyclinic in 1988. For over four decades, this unwavering resolve has grown into a strong shield guarding the health of millions.



34 climate and health management specialists trained by FEMH

Far Eastern Memorial Hospital (FEMH) has officially begun its 44th year of service. It is the first medical center in New Taipei City and has grown over the years. FEMH currently offers 81 medical specializations, 1,415 beds and 150,000 monthly out-patient appointments with two medical centers. Its dedication to patient service is acknowledged by the National Quality Award as well as Disease Specific Care Certification.

In June 2025, FEMH teamed up with the Taiwan Institute of Sustainable Energy and launched the Climate and Health Manager Program. The certification ceremony was held on August 20 for 34 members who completed the professional program. Multiple senior executives took the initiative and joined in, which is a show of FEMH's determination to promote sustainability and its support for the Healthy Taiwan Cultivation Plan. The program underscores the hospital's commitment to developing diverse talent and fulfillment of social responsibility and medical sustainability.

5.2.2 Youth Talent

Establishing Educational Institutes That Facilitate Diverse and Adaptive Learning: Asia Eastern University of Science and Technology / Yu Chang Technical and Commercial Vocational Senior High School / Yuan Ze University

FENC values diverse and adaptive learning, encouraging students to apply what they have learned to achieve self-fulfillment. Over the years, the Company has established the Oriental Institute of Technology, Yu Chang Technical and Commercial Vocational Senior High School and Yuan Ze University, providing students with options in terms of the right educational environment based on career development to bridge the gap between what students learn at schools and the skills required at the workplace. Since 2012, the affiliates of FEG expanded the practical training program for students. As of today, 1,161 students have participated in the industry-academia internship program and entered the companies after graduation. Such programs have created a win-win for students, corporations and society. (Please refer to [4.1.2 Recruitment and Retention](#) .)

Asia Eastern University of Science and Technology (AEUST), formerly known as Oriental Institute of Technology, co-hosted the 2025 industry-academia research presentation with FEMH in April. The presentation, co-organized by seven departments of AEUST and 12 units within FEMH, featured 26 interdisciplinary collaborations that zoomed in on net-zero emissions and AI. The highlights included tangible results and benefits of cutting-edge applications, such as wearable devices and smart healthcare, which embody the hospital's belief in clinically oriented education-industry integration in R&D.



Dr. Kuan-Ming Chiu, President of FEMH (center), and Mao-Chuan Huang, President of AEUST (fourth right), during the industry-academia research presentation

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Yu Chang Vocational High School (YCVS) celebrated its 55th anniversary in 2025. With the conviction that education leads to national prosperity, YCVS is cultivating new talent for the new era through enhanced curriculum, in-depth industry-academia collaboration, expanded international outlook and integrity education. The aim is to enrich students with pragmatic skills, digital savviness, innovative abilities, agile mindsets, global perspective and teamwork capabilities. The curriculum, which encompasses courses that incorporate industry trends co-developed through corporate partnerships, is empowering students with skills aligned with the job market, such as AI applications, smart manufacturing and e-commerce. Special projects are also emphasized and students are encouraged to participate in worldwide skills competitions, helping them hone professional capabilities through hands-on experiences.



YCVS celebrating its 55th anniversary

In 2025, the Center for Sustainability and Social Responsibility of YZU started University Social Responsibility and Community Development, an interdisciplinary course during which faculty members took students on a visit to HiFong Good Food, an organic farm in Xinfeng Township, Hsinchu County. During the field trip, the students tried rice farming, getting their hands on seed germination, seedling rolling and sowing, as well as operating rice transplanters and tractors, an experience of agricultural evolution from manual to mechanical operation. It was an educational trip which helped them understand the relationship between agroecology and sustainability and how to safeguard food security while balancing the development of technology and ecology. From March 15 to 23, the Down Syndrome Foundation hosted the March 21 World Down Syndrome Day campaign, during which YZU curated the exhibition, Talents Discovered, in collaboration with cooseii, an image co-creation platform. YZU students and children with Down syndrome co-created the 100 images on display. Radiant with vitality, they are an emblem of the advocacy for non-profit causes and actions towards social inclusion.



YZU students in the fields with hands-on experience in organic farming and sustainable agriculture

Shining International Spotlight Onto Taiwan With International Competitions: Taiwan Young Student Physicists’ Tournament

To build a solid foundation in science education among young students, Y. Z. Hsu Science and Technology Memorial Foundation started the Y. Z. Hsu Competition-Taiwan Young Student Physicists’ Tournament in 2009 with the Department of Physics, National Taiwan Normal University. The competition is open to high school student teams around the nation. Students who perform well during the competition will be recruited to the national team, which will train with professors from National Taiwan Normal University and compete in the International Young Physicists’ Tournament (IYPT).

The twelve questions for contestants of the Taiwan Young Student Physicists’ Tournament are selected from the 17 questions published by IYPT. The tournament attracts students from top high schools each year. They conduct experiments or simulations based on each question; report and debate over their findings with other contestants during the tournament. The 17th Taiwan Young Student Physicists’ Tournament (TYPT) was held in 2025. More than 50 schools have participated over the years, including Taipei Municipal Chien Kuo High School, Taipei First Girls High School and Affiliated Senior High School of National Taiwan Normal University. A total of 2,440 students have competed in the tournament and awarded NT\$17.18 million in prizes. Since 2010, the Far Eastern Memorial Foundation has provided full sponsorship covering the food, accommodation and transportation expenses for team Taiwan to compete in IYPT. Team Taiwan was among the 35 teams heading for Lund, Sweden for the 38th IYPT in July 2025. The number of competing teams set a record high, and fierce competition ensued. The team came through and won the silver medal, which brought the total number of medals team Taiwan took home over the years to two gold, seven silver and six bronze medals, marking an impressive record.

Feedback From the 38th IYPT Taiwan Team Members



IYPT team leader
Zi-Qing Zeng (third left), Department of Physics, National Taiwan University

It takes pure passion for physics to commit to this competition, or it’s quite easy to give up halfway.

Skills such as presentation and data analysis can be acquired along the way. Passion, however, is the key that motivates a competitor to power through each hurdle.



IYPT team advisor
Professor Hsu Yung-Yuan, Department of Physics, National Taiwan Normal University (first left)

The IYPT can essentially be seen as simulated physics research. Students are faced with unknown physical phenomena, and they must rely on scientific mindsets and methods in order to identify the essence of the problem and propose reasonable explanations with proof.

This characteristic highlights the unique value of promoting TYPT in Taiwan. For high school students who have yet to start college education, the competition serves as valuable initiation into the academic world. It also documents the journey as they develop independent thinking through research practices.

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The influence of the Taiwan Young Student Physicists’ Tournament (TYPT) is far-reaching. The tournament prompted the establishment of physicist’s clubs in Taipei Municipal Jianguo High School and Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Senior High School. The questions given during the tournament are also taught during the physics courses. At the National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei American School, National Changhua Girl’s Senior High School and Mingdao High School. Starting in 2014, the National Taiwan Normal University has been offering speculative physics, which discusses questions from the International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT) during a current year. The instructors guide students to navigate through the thought process of inference, speculation and research. Many science programs in Taiwan also started referencing the physics materials referenced during IYPT, such as the national competition for innovative science teaching aids; physics tournaments for high schools and colleges; national competitions for high school physics inquiry and practice; national and regional science fairs.

The K-12 Education Administration of Ministry of Education recognizes that TYPT as well as the International Young Physicists’ Tournament (IYPT) national team training and competition plan improves science competency among high school students, expands their world view and boost their competitiveness. Since 2023, the K-12 Education Administration has assumed the role of project advisor, encouraging the students and faculty members winning IYPT medals with certificates of recognition. The official recognition from K-12 Education Administration is beneficial in terms of cultivating talents in scientific research for the long term. It also attracts more top-performing students to compete, accumulating the momentum for scientific and technological innovation for the society.

Coverage of the 2025 TYPT (Chinese)

Inspiring Next Generation Talents to Embrace Emerging Fields With Platform of Exchange: Y.Z. Hsu Innovation Forum

Y. Z. Hsu Science and Technology Memorial Foundation hosted the first Y. Z. Hsu Innovation Forum in 2013 to encourage youth to enter the field of science and technology and create a new future for the next generation. In 2025, six more Y. Z. Hsu Innovation Forum were held. FENC brought the forum to senior high schools, including Tainan First Senior High School, National Experimental High School at Hsinchu Science Park,Taipei Municipal Zhongshan Girls High School, Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School, Affiliated Senior High School of National Taiwan Normal University and Taipei Municipal Song-Shan Senior High School. This arrangement gives high school students exposure to diverse technological fields. Winners of Y. Z. Hsu Science Award are invited as speakers and panelists to share their experience and legacy, inspiring young students to embrace emerging technological industries. Based on the satisfaction survey, the satisfaction rate reached 91%.

Session and Turnout of 2025 Y. Z. Hsu Innovation Forum

Session	Tainan First Senior High School	National Experimental High School at Hsinchu Science Park	Taipei Municipal Zhongshan Girls High School	Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School	Affiliated Senior High School of National Taiwan Normal University	Taipei Municipal Song-Shan Senior High School
Speaker	Professor Kuan-Pin Su China Medical University (The 21st Y. Z. Hsu Science Chair Professor–Biopharmaceutical)	Professor Ray-Hua Horng National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (The 21st Y. Z. Hsu Science Chair Professor–Optoelectronics)	Professor Moo-Been Chang National Central University (The 22nd Y. Z. Hsu Science Chair Professor–Green Technology)	Professor Muh-Hwa Yang National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (The 22nd Y. Z. Hsu Science Chair Professor–Biopharmaceutical)		
Influence	A total of 712 participants attended the six lectures on site, which received a 91% satisfaction rating overall.					



Lecture at Affiliated Senior High School of National Taiwan Normal University



Lecture at Taipei Municipal Song-Shan Senior High School

Speaker: Professor Moo Been Chang, National Central University

Curiosity Sparked by a Chimney: What Led a High School Student Down the Path of Environmental Engineering?

“When I was your age, I was quite intrigued by the smoke billowing out of chimneys,” said Professor Chang. He stood on the podium, glancing in a way as though traveling back to his youth. Back then, he always pondered on why smoke drifted the way it did, to where it drifted and how it could be purified. In an era that predates Google, self-initiated explorations were the only method to find answers, and it was this curiosity that led him down the path of environmental engineering, a path he has walked for over three decades.

Speaker: Professor Muh-Hwa Yang, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Beyond Treating Illnesses, Humanistic Qualities a Must for Physicians

The first essential quality is lifelong learning. Obtaining medical licenses is only a beginning, a foundation that enables an efficient path to acquire new knowledge in the future. The second are humanistic literacy and communication skills. Physicians cannot seclude themselves within an ivory tower. Interacting with all walks of life is a must, which requires empathy. The third is to wear two hats, one of a physician and the other a scientist. While undergoing medical training, physicians must also engage in scientific research.

2025 Y. Z. Hsu Innovation Forum (Chinese)

Video footage of 2025 Y. Z. Hsu Innovation Forum (Chinese)

5.2.3 Industry Evolution

Encouraging Academia to Accelerate Technological Research, Development and Innovation: Y.Z. Hsu Science Award

Far Eastern Y. Z. Hsu Science and Technology Memorial Foundation is founded on the mission to promote “technology and innovation.” Since 2002, the foundation has been presenting Y. Z. Hsu Science Award to encourage academia for dedication to innovative research and development in the technological fields. The foundation consistently exerts efforts and resources into the cause, making Y. Z. Hsu Science Award one of the most prominent awards in scientific research in Taiwan. As this award marches into its 23nd year in 2025, it is now one of the most significant technology awards in Taiwan and the number of applications reached 259. Over 181 scholars and experts participated in the peer review and chose 27 winners for Science Chair Professor, Science Paper Award, Yuan Ze Chair Professor and Outstanding Professor Award. Among them, winners of Y. Z. Hsu Science Chair Professor received NT\$15.7 million. Over the 23 years of the award history, 522 awards have been presented with NT\$220 million in prize money, which is a remarkable record.



Director Peter Hsu (center) and Tonia Katherine Hsu (third left) with winners of the 23rd Y. Z. Hsu Science Award

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After devoting decades of effort and resources, the Y. Z. Hsu Science Chair is now one of the prominent science awards in Taiwan. Among past awardees, many went on to become the academicians of Academia Sinica, the most prestigious honor in the academic field, including academicians Lih-Juann Chen, Chung-Yuan Mou, Shie-Ming Peng, Li-Chyong Chen, Pan-Chyr Yang, Huey-Kang Sytwu, Soo-Chen Cheng, Ann-Shyn Chiang, Chien-Hong Cheng and Shang-Cheng Hung.

Far Eastern Y. Z. Hsu Science and Technology Memorial Foundation (Chinese) 

5.2.4 Social Development

Nearly half a century had passed since the founding of Far Eastern Memorial Foundation. In recent years, the foundation has been sponsoring a multitude of arts and cultural events and organizations, including Historic Tour Month of Far Eastern Architectural Design Award, children’s vision care campaigns and the Little Yellow Cap campaign for promoting vulnerable individual protection services (VIPS). The foundation also funded Ming Hwa Yuan Arts and Cultural Group, Rhong-Shing Chorus, Asian Cultural Council and Confucius-Mencius Society of the R.O.C., publishing Confucius-Mencius Monthly and editing Confucius-Mencius Journal. Such support has provided ample resources for more arts and cultural organizations to flourish and release the infinite power of art. The investments made by the foundation over the last four years had reached nearly NT\$160 million, and the 2025 highlights are as follows:

A Musical Gathering, the Christmas Charity Performance by School Wind Bands from Taipei City and New Taipei City

The Far Eastern Memorial Foundation continued hosting the Christmas wind band performance in 2025 with a student ensemble from elementary and secondary schools in Taipei City and New Taipei City. This charity event, a collaboration with the Taipei City Government, featured 12 schools, including Zhonghe Elementary School, Bei Da Elementary School, Shulin Elementary School, Haishan Elementary School, Zhong-Yi Elementary School, MingChuan Elementary School, Mingde Junior High School, Jinhua Junior High School, HaiShan High School, Yong-Ping High School, Hsin Tien Senior High School and Chenggong High School. (Six elementary schools, two junior high schools, four senior high schools) The ensemble of 571 students performed world-renowned masterpieces, adding to the joyful Christmas atmosphere while offering an opportunity for students to learn from one another. The performance was highly praised by the audience.



Charity Wind Band Performance at Christmasland in New Taipei City 

2025 Far Eastern Architectural Design Award: The Splendor of Tamsui–A Fusion of Eastern and Western Architecture

Encouraged by the resounding success of the first Historic Tour Month in August 2022, the program returned in 2025 with eight tours scheduled for September, all of which were fully booked moments after the registration began. The 2025 tours took nearly 400 visitors to Tamsui District, New Taipei City with Professor Chien-Lang Lee as the program consultant; Professor Tsung-Hsien Chou, a renowned historian, and Professor Ching-Chih Lee, known as the urban detective, as the speakers. After the informative lectures, participants enjoyed the history and architecture as field expert Charles Lin led them on a stroll through century-old Yinshan Temple, Longshan Temple, Oxford College and Fort Santo Domingo, immersing in the tales and legacy of cultural aesthetics and historic architecture.



Global Livestream and Outdoor Broadcast Celebrating 20th Anniversary of Berliner Philharmoniker's Debut in Taiwan

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Berliner Philharmoniker’s debut in Taiwan, the symphony orchestra, led by chief conductor Kirill Petrenko, performed at the National Concert Hall in Taipei from November 11 to 13 in 2025. The last performance was livestreamed globally and broadcast outdoors, reenacting the debut two decades ago. The Far Eastern Memorial Foundation was invited to partake in this momentous musical celebration by sponsoring the global livestream. The musical feast allowed FEG to connect with the world through rhythms and culture, co-creating musical wonders around the globe.



Broadway Musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The Far Eastern Memorial Foundation sponsored the Taiwan debut of the musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, an adaptation from Roald Dahl's internationally famed classic novel of the same title. The 20 performances of this Broadway spectacular in Taiwan were made possible by a partnership with a top U.S. Broadway production team. With advice from the team, the technical crew was able to hone their skills in stage design, lighting, costumes, makeup and captioning, which in turn emboldens the management talent and cultural industry in Taiwan with competitive strength in the international arena.

