

Community Learning: A Tale of Sino-French War in Taiwan

On the 17th of October, students from TKU' s Departments of Insurance and Statistics undertook community learning by serving as volunteers at the Tamsui International Environmental Arts Festival. Statistics student, Wang Zhen-yang, said that “thanks to TKU' s community service program, I' ve had the opportunity to be a part of this Arts Festival, and have a really rewarding experience” . Insurance student, Liu Ling-jie, on the other hand, was impressed by the priority seating for senior citizens arranged by the Tamsui City Hall.

The event was a play, one item in the extensive line up of artistic events organized for the Arts Festival. It was called “the Legend of Sino-French War” , and depicted the battle that broke out as France attacked China in 1884. The production drew largely on local talent, with 200 Tamsui residents included in the play' s mammoth cast. Among the cast was TKU international student Eric Koert. He explains that he was originally practicing martial arts at a local Kung Fu school, and that the play just happened to require actors with a martial arts background. “In the stage show, I play a Taiwanese person skilled at Kung Fu” , he jokes. As for his take on the overall stage performance: “Brilliant! I had no idea there were going to be fireworks, sky lanterns, and firecrackers, but I was soon engrossed in the sparkling display. It created the feeling of a real battle, and I was really touched by it” .

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