

## Activities Involving Murakamiharuki Studies at TKU

【Reported by Yi-feng Lu, Tamkang Times】 The Center for Murakamiharuki Studies in cooperation with the Distance Education Development Section held a lecture last semester on the most recent novels and literature related to Murakamiharuki, which lead to the development of three courses on TKU' s Open Course Ware (at link <http://ocw.tku.edu.tw>). Director of the Center for Murakamiharuki Studies, Chiu-kuei Tseng, explained that the courses are run by three professors of the Department of Japanese: Chia-lin Wang, Yu-ching Liao and Yasushi Uchida. He stated, “The long-distance online courses are designed to give people a deeper look into the literature of Murakamiharuki Studies, which will lead to more developments in future research.”

### Murakamiharuki Short Films

For the reading competition regarding Murakamiharuki' s, “A Little Happiness” , there will be a short film contest. There are no restrictions to the filming or props, but the short film is restricted to a 3 minute time limit. Chiu-kuei Tseng expressed, “Short films can be a fun and effective way to have an academic exchange. Everyone is welcome to participate.” The competition will be assessed by a literature expert and 5000 NT will be awarded to the winner. For more details see website ( <http://www.harukistudy.tku.edu.tw/main.php>)

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