## Daytime Undergraduate Program Freshman Enrollment Rate Exceeds 100%: Tamkang Community Unites to Create a New Chapter

Enrollment Rate Exceeds 100%?! You read that right—Tamkang University's freshman enrollment rate for the daytime undergraduate program exceeded 100% as of September 27! This achievement demonstrates our university's outstanding performance and recognition from both freshmen and their parents, who are eager to join the Tamkang family and strive towards becoming well-rounded individuals with intellectual excellence.

The vision of Tamkang University is encapsulated in the equation  $AI+SDGs=\infty$ , and in recent years, we have made significant progress toward this goal by actively promoting dual-track transformation in digital and net-zero areas, yielding fruitful results. This progress is reflected in Tamkang's impressive rankings in various global university reports, including the QS World University Rankings 2025, U.S. News & World Report's Best Global Universities 2024-2025, THE Impact Rankings 2024, THE Asia University Rankings 2024, WRWU Webometrics Ranking of World Universities January 2024, and the EduRank Best Global Universities 2024.

Tamkang's faculty and students have also performed admirably. For 2 consecutive years, the university ranked first among comprehensive universities in Taiwan for the number of approved projects under the Teaching Practice Research Program for the 2023 and 2024 academic years, with sports-related projects also ranking first nationwide for 2 consecutive years. The number of approved National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) College Student Project Grants also hit record highs over the past 2 years. Additionally, the Aerospace Engineering Department's rocket team successfully launched rockets 3 times in 2 years, fulfilling the mission of the Taiwan Space Agency (TASA). Meanwhile, the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department's robotics team claimed the HuroCup Kid Size All-Around Champion for the 13th time at the Robot World Cup. The College of Education became the first in Asia to receive certification from the World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF).

Tamkang University has also excelled in building a sustainable campus. Collaborating with Microsoft Taiwan and FarEasTone, Tamkang became the nation's first all-cloud smart campus. Its net-zero transformation efforts earned it the National Sustainable Development Award from the Executive Yuan in 2023 and the Gold Award in Energy Saving Excellence from the Ministry of Economic Affairs in 2022. Tamkang was recently awarded the MOE Sports Torch Award for the 2024 academic year and the 23rd ARE-QP Award for Excellence in Quality Practices, advancing its goal of becoming a resilient, glocalized, cloud-smart, and sustainable university city.

Alumni support has also played a key role. Contributions include scholarships, the construction of the Hsu Shou Chlien International Conference Center, support for university development, and the provision of industry-academic internship opportunities. The nationwide summer new student and parent seminars have further solidified Tamkang as a top choice for students.

Chin-Tsai Chen, president of the Tamkang University Worldwide Alumni Association, noted that the university's goal of becoming a resilient, glocalized, cloud-smart, and sustainable university city had made great strides. He expressed pride in the record-breaking freshman enrollment rate and emphasized that this achievement validates the university's foresight and educational excellence. He further stated, "Tamkang University is now recognized by students and parents as a leading institution, and the business community looks forward to welcoming a new generation of talent cultivated by Tamkang—talent that is practical, interdisciplinary, and equipped with the skills to meet industry needs. Together, we will continue to expand the global Tamkang talent pool, contributing even more to the world."

Lawrence Lin, president of the Tamkang University Golden Eagle Club, praised President Keh's efforts in promoting dual-track digital and netzero transformation in recent years and supporting faculty and students in learning, teaching, and research. He emphasized that the excellent results speak for themselves. Lin also mentioned that many Golden Eagle alumni

have been giving back to their alma mater through various means. He added, "The new student seminars organized by 19 local alumni associations annually help students and parents fully understand Tamkang University's educational philosophy and achievements. We are always ready to lend a hand to assist the university and help younger students grow."

Tsang-Chiang Chen, president of the Tamkang University Alumni Association of the Republic of China, congratulated the university on its unprecedented achievement. He expressed gratitude for the efforts of local alumni associations in helping students and parents appreciate Tamkang University's unique educational resources, learning environment, and future prospects, leading them to choose Tamkang. "We congratulate the university and welcome new students to join the Tamkang family," he said.

Chih-Jen Su, president of the Tamkang University Alumni Association Headquarters of Departments, expressed pride in this achievement, stating, "This not only proves the strength of our alma mater's education but also reflects the positive influence of our 320,000 alumni who excel in various industries." He hopes the university will continue strengthening its connections with alumni, leveraging the vast alumni network to create more opportunities for younger students to learn and grow, ultimately cultivating even more outstanding talents with international competitiveness.

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100%, a remarkable achievement. The photo shows freshmen passing through Chinese Palace-style Lantern Boulevard on the day of orientation.