

A COOL CULTURAL WEEK: ICE-EATING AND BEER-DRINKING CONTESTS

Last week, various high school alumnus associations organized joint activities to introduce their local cultures. Under the unusual blazing sunshine of early spring, some of them held ice-eating and beer-drinking contests on Poster Street. Others displayed the distinctive cultures of their hometown in the Exhibition Hall of B-Building (EH0B).

Participants of Kaohsiung Alumnus Association' s Ice-eating Contest and Hsingchu Alumnus Association' s Beer-drinking Contest won TKU students' hearty cheer and yell: "Don' t throw out your watermelon!" or "Wow, the beer is spitting out!" The "Ice of Sea" challenges the limit of endurance of the player' s teeth. One of the participants spitted out a mouthful icy watermelon due to failing to resist the coldness. Players from the opposing team tend to add ice to their foe' s container, which created more excitement to the contest. Unknowingly, Hsingchu Alumnus Association and Dept. of Aerospace Engineering hold a similar Beer-drinking Contest in the University Commons. The former group was more celebrated with their variety of drinking method. Due to a time limit, in the beer-drinking contests, some were boozing happily without a red face, while others were choked and spitted out an amazing "waterfall of beer."

Another challenging task in the blazing hot day was to fill a mouthful of meatball into player' s stomach one after another. The Changhua Alumnus Association held the "Pork Dumplings Eating Contest" . The two hosts of the contest, Tu Chiung-jong (sophomore, Dept. of Chemical and Materials Engineering) and Liu Juei-sheng (sophomore, Dept. of Statistics), like the hosts on TV Shopping Channel, entertained the audience with their jokes and humorous words.

The exhibition in EHOB was organized as a survey of the local cultures around Taiwan. Changhua Alumnus Association designed their display with the Taiwan railroad system. Kaoshiung Alumnus Association published a pamphlet— “Weaving Stars around the River Side” —to introduce the characteristics of Kaoshiung City. In addition, Mr. Lin Yao-wen, Chief of Kaohsiung Office of Information and a TKU alumnus from Dept. of Public Administration, supplied many periodicals about Kaohsiung for the display.

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