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WELCOME REMARKS



Rebecca Wang
Chairperson
Taiwan AID



Linus Lee
Secretary-General
Taiwan AID



Andy Hu
Coordinator
Taiwan AID

Dear Fellows,

Congratulations to you all. This is our first year of the International NGO Fellowship Program. You have been chosen as the top 10 candidates from 172 applicants. We warmly welcome you to Taiwan. This program is an innovative initiative by Taiwan AID and marks the first time Taiwan has brought together numerous NGOs for a collaborative training effort.

In the past, Taiwan has a history of receiving international assistance. We are eager to share our valuable experiences and accomplishments in NGO development with the global community. Taiwan's transformation is notable – from its authoritarian past, the end of martial law in 1987 led to a flourishing of NGOs. Numerous professionals sought opportunities to study and gain practical experience in countries such as Europe and the United States. In 1999, the 921 earthquake struck, and international NGOs came to our aid. This was a pivotal moment for Taiwanese NGOs to actively engage in international humanitarian and development work.

After years of hard work, Taiwan has transitioned from an authoritarian state into a thriving democracy. This democratic transformation has profoundly

impacted NGOs in Taiwan, leading to remarkable achievements. Taiwanese NGOs are actively involved in advocating for public issues and contributing to the legislation. These issues span a wide range, including gender, education, healthcare, social welfare, environmental protection, labor rights, support for migrant workers, sustainable energy, community development, human rights, and more. The collective efforts of Taiwanese NGOs have played a crucial role in ensuring that government policies are attuned to the needs of the people, which results in increased satisfaction and happiness among Taiwanese people and promotes civil society development.

The goals of the International NGO Fellowship Program include:

1. In-depth discussions on the history of Taiwan's NGO development and the sharing of practical experiences.
2. Facilitating partnerships and collaborations between Taiwanese NGOs and those from New Southbound countries.
3. Promoting mutual learning and knowledge exchange among all participants.

We hope that you will apply the knowledge and skills acquired through this program for the betterment of your respective nations.

The core values of this program are "Passion, Innovation, and Collaboration." We trust that you will engage in this program with curiosity and eagerness. Beyond immersing yourselves in Taiwanese culture, we encourage you to get acquainted with your fellow participants and foster a diverse network. Your constructive feedback regarding the program's logistics is also highly appreciated, as it aids us in improving.

The program would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship and support from the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Taiwan. We would also like to thank the Taiwan AID members and workshop speakers representing other NGO panelists for roundtable discussions. Special thanks to host organizations, including the Eden Social Welfare Foundation, Garden of Hope Foundation, Harmony Home Foundation Taiwan, Island Time, Kids' Bookhouse, One-Forty, Taiwan Community Mutual-Care Action Association, Taiwan Equality Campaign, and Taiwan Fund for Children and Families.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Secretary-General Linus Lee and Coordinator Andy Hu for their passion for NGOs. Their dedication makes this program succeed regardless of challenges. I sincerely hope this pioneering initiative is just the beginning of further and boarder collaboration between Taiwan and the Asian partners.

WHO WE ARE

Established by Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation, Zhi-Shan Foundation Taiwan, Eden Social Welfare Foundation, and Taiwan Root Medical Peace Corps, and Field Relief Agency of Taiwan in 2004, and registered in 2013, Taiwan AID (Taiwan Alliance in International Development) is a platform for Taiwan-based nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) with nearly 30 members working all over the world. Members are involved in various sectors, such as medical service, education, information, gender issues, emergency relief, community development, human trafficking, humanitarian assistance, and volunteer service.

Our Purpose/ Vision

Taiwan AID is an NGO platform with the aim of strengthening transparency, efficiency and cooperation among Taiwan-based NGOs involved in international humanitarian aid with the value of humanity, equality, justice, and sustainable development.

Our Mission

- Facilitate an interaction platform for international cooperation, such as seminar
- Facilitate capacity building to improve professional services
- Promote concept of international development through public education
- Advocate and facilitate international development policies
- Establish principles, ethics and regulations of international development and assistance
- Make other efforts in favor of international development and those from New Southbound countries.



OVERVIEW OF NGO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

About the Fellowship

The NGO Fellowship Program provides opportunities for NGO professionals from South Asia and Southeast Asia to gain first-hand experience in the Taiwanese NGO sector. The one-month-long fellowship contains an NGO placement, workshop, and roundtable event with their Taiwanese counterparts.

Key Program Features

• NGO Placement:

Fellows will be placed in Taiwan's NGO according to their professional backgrounds. Fellows will work with the Taiwanese NGO and engage in daily operations for three weeks. Depending on the nature of the NGOs, fellows will engage in event preparation, project management, or fundraising activities.

• Capacity building:

Fellows will attend a four-day workshop at the start of the program. The workshop aims at project management, fundraising, and advocacy. Fellows will also visit civil society sites related to Taiwan civil society.

• Roundtable event:

Fellows will join a roundtable event on the sixth day of the program. The fellows and Taiwanese NGO professionals will together share their practical experience and up-to-date observation in the field.

• Future project collaboration:

Fellows will be expected to propose a project draft at the end of the program for future cooperation in their home countries. The program will provide opportunities for fellows and host NGOs to explore the possibility of future cooperation.

October 1~29, 2023

The Schedule of NGO Fellowship Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Oct. Arrival
2 Oct. • Opening Ceremony • Workshop	3 Oct. Workshop	4 Oct. • Workshop • Site Visit	5 Oct. • Workshop • Site Visit	6 Oct. • Workshop • Roundtable	7 Oct. Weekend	8 Oct. Weekend
9 Oct. Holiday	10 Oct. Holiday	11 Oct. Placement	12 Oct. Yushan Forum	13 Oct. Placement	14 Oct. Weekend	15 Oct. Weekend
16 Oct. Placement	17 Oct. Placement	18 Oct. Placement	19 Oct. Placement	20 Oct. Placement	21 Oct. Weekend	22 Oct. Weekend
23 Oct. Placement	24 Oct. Placement	25 Oct. Placement	26 Oct. Placement	27 Oct. Wrap-Up	28 Oct. Wrap-Up	29 Oct. Departure

THE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Date
Monday, **October 2**

Location
Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs MOFA

Time

09:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony
10:30-11:00	Tea Break
11:00-12:30	Orientation of NGO Fellowship Program.
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Course: Characterizing Civil Society Organizations in Taiwan: History, Typology and Activism Lecturer: Michael Hsiao, Senior Advisor to the President, Taiwan & Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation
15:00-15:30	Tea Break
15:30 - 17:00	Course: Characterizing Civil Society Organizations in Taiwan: History, Typology and Activism Lecturer: Michael Hsiao, Senior Advisor to the President, Taiwan & Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

Date
Tuesday, **October 3**

Location
Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs MOFA

Time

09:00-10:30	Site Visit: Office of the President
10:30-11:00	Tea Break
11:00-12:30	Course: "ZHIBENIZM": the Kids' Bookhouse Lecturer: Chen, Yen-Han CEO, Kid's Bookhouse.
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Course: NGO Crowdfunding Strategy Lecturer: Rikash Lin, Co-Founder&CEO, Calls Over Ridges
15:00-15:30	Tea Break
15:30 - 17:00	Course: Public Diplomacy in the Digital Age Lecturer: Chia-Yo Kuo, President, Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association

Date
Wednesday, **October 4**

Location
Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs MOFA

Time

09:00-10:30	Course: NGO Advocacy and Social Dialogue Lecturer: Ingrid Yeh, Supervisor, International Affairs Department, The Garden of Hope Foundation
10:30-11:00	Tea Break
11:00-12:30	Course: Volunteer Management in NGO Lecturer: Klaus Ding, CEO, VisionYouthAction
12:30-13:30	Lunch

Location
American Institute in Taiwan

13:30-17:00	Site Visit: American Institute in Taiwan
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The Workshop Schedule

Date
Thursday, **October 5**

Location
Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs MOFA,

09:00-10:30	Course: Empowering Change: The Role of Social Innovation in Nonprofit Leadership Lecturer: Kevin Chen, Co-Founder, OneForty
10:30-11:00	Tea Break
11:00-12:30	Course: NGO Advocacy and Social Dialogue Lecturer: Joyce Teng, Executive Director, Taiwan Equality Campaign Sebastian Lin, Deputy Executive Director, Taiwan Equality Campaign
12:30-13:30	Lunch

Location
International Cooperation and Development Fund

13:30-17:00	Site Visit: International Cooperation and Development Fund
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Date
Friday, **October 6**

Location
Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs MOFA

09:00-10:30	Course: Project Cycle Management Lecturer: Nina Kao, CEO, Overseas Medical Mission Center of Changhua Christian Hospital
10:30-11:00	Tea Break
11:00-12:30	Course: Project Cycle Management Lecturer: Nina Kao, CEO, Overseas Medical Mission Center of Changhua Christian Hospital
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Round-Table: NGO International Development Lecture Series: A Dialogue Between Asian NGOs and Taiwan. Topic: The Disadvantaged Empowermen: Female 、 LGBTQ+ 、 HIV/AIDS 、 Disabled
15:00-15:30	Tea Break
15:30 - 17:00	Round-Table: NGO International Development Lecture Series: A Dialogue Between Asian NGOs and Taiwan. Topic: Education and Community Development: Asian Experiences

INTRODUCTION OF LECTURERS



CHARACTERIZING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN TAIWAN: HISTORY, TYPOLOGY, AND ACTIVISM



Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao

Chairman,
Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao is the Adjunct Research Fellow of Institute of Sociology in Academia Sinica, Taiwan; Chairman of both Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) and the Executive Committee of Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), National Cheng-Chi University; and Senior Advisor to the President of Taiwan since 2016. He is also the Chair Professor of Hakka Studies, National Central University and Honorary Chair Professor of Southeast Asian Studies, National Chi-Nan International University. Internationally, he is the chairman of both the Consortium of Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) and Consortium of Global Hakka Studies (GHAS).

Course Description:

Introduction: 1. Clarification of various related concepts: NGO, NPO, the third sector, social force, voluntary sector, civil society (organization) (CSO), public sphere (realm). 2. All concepts more or less point to one central issue of the relations between "society" and "state" in an organizational form, and those organizations are outside "business" and "state".



"ZHIBENIZM": THE KIDS' BOOKHOUSE

Chen, Yen-Han

Chairman/CEO,
Kids' Bookhouse.

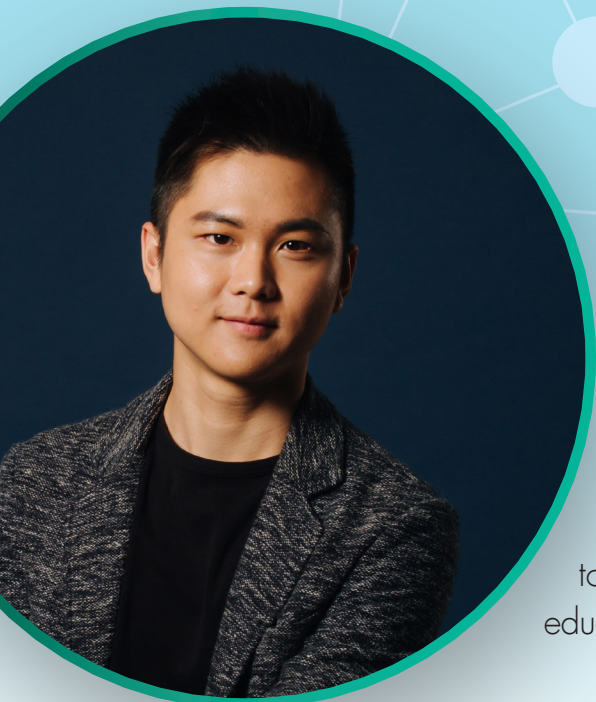


Yen-Han Chen was born in 1991. He is the eldest son of Mr. Chen Jun-lang ("Chen Pa"), the founder of Kids' Bookhouse. Yen-Han graduated from the Department of Economic and Financial Law, NUK. He was selected as the Becoming ACES in 2022. He is dedicated to education and regional revitalization.

Course Description:

For 24 years, Kids' Bookhouse has been taking care of the children in the Zhiben area who are unfairly treated by families, communities, and schools due to their vulnerability. We hope to "give back to children the rights that they simply just being a happy child." Thinking as a father or as a mother, Kids' Bookhouse insists on building a complete support system no matter the cost.

The social and educational work currently being carried out for the disadvantaged in the region not only aims to improve academics and careers but also carries out education in the form of nation-building; it aims to make structural changes with the aim of breaking through the predicament of capitalism and try to create the next In this era of people getting along with each other, there are new possibilities -" Zhibenizm"



NGO CROWDFUNDING STRATEGY

Rikash Lin

Co-Founder & CEO, Calls Over Ridges

Start up: Co founded Calls over Ridges, aims to guide children through education by incubating educational NGOs throughout Asia. (2015)

Educational impact : Created a system to provide long-term, quality education for kids at the epicenter of the 2015 Nepal earthquake, bringing 8,000 underprivileged students back to school. (2015~2018), expanded operation to the Philippines and Sabah (2023)

Fundraising: Recruited 5500 regular donors via 7 crowdfunding events in 7 years. (2015~2022)

Leadership: Empowered Nepali young leaders to take over by establishing an education NGO. (2015~2018)

Innovation: Initiated an online incubation program to empower young leaders from Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Myanmar, by providing participant-centered workshops, mentor sessions, and kick-off funds. (2020~2022)

Course Description:

In this course, you'll discover how to engage with online crowdfunding and approach public donors. We'll take it step by step, diving into real-life cases. Throughout the course, we'll uncover essential elements like defining your target audience, selecting the right marketing channels, crafting promotional strategies, and creating compelling marketing content.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Chia-Yo Kuo

**President,
Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association**

Chiayo Kuo is the founder and president of the Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association, an independent NGO dedicated to enhancing Taiwan's visibility through public diplomacy. Chiayo also serves as a member of the International Affairs Committee of the Taiwan Network Information Center, the National Human Rights Commission of the Ministry of the Interior, and the board of Radio Taiwan International.

Course Description:

With the rapid development of digital technologies and the transformation of international affairs in the digital era, it is crucial for non-profit organizations to leverage digital platforms to increase visibility and connect with global audiences. For the past four years, the Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association (TDDA) has been devoted to increasing Taiwan's international visibility through public diplomacy. It has launched collaborative projects with more than 25 countries, including Vietnam, Kosovo, and the United States.

Yet, what the next steps will be and the transformation of International Affairs in the post-COVID era? How can non-profit organizations leverage digital tools to advance their objectives and enhance their impact? During this speech, I will share insights on executing international projects in the digital age. By embracing digital strategies, non-profit organizations can better achieve their goals and create a more significant global impact.

NGO ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE

Ingrid Yeh

**Supervisor, International Affairs Department,
The Garden of Hope Foundation**

Ingrid currently serves as the Supervisor of International Affairs Department in the Garden of Hope Foundation, which is the largest women's organization in Taiwan, Executive Board Member of Global Network of Women's Shelters, Secretariat of Asian Network of Women's Shelters, founding member of Asia Network to End GBV, and the organizer of Asian Girls Campaign.

Course Description:

The vision of the Garden of Hope Foundation is "A World Free from Gender-based violence." This 35-year-old women's organization in Taiwan provides services mainly for three causes: "Sexual Assault," "Intimate Partner Violence," and "Children's Rights." Over the years, the Garden of Hope Foundation has insisted that advocacy and service go together. Advocacy is not only dialogue with the government for a sound gender-equal legal structure, but also dialogue with the general public for gender education. The myth, discrimination and unfriendliness of the society towards gender-based violence usually cause further harm and stigma to the victims, which requires continuous active communication and education.

This workshop will use the experience of the Garden of Hope Foundation in advocating in Taiwan as an example to share with the participants. Through productive discussions, participants will be able to share with each other what works in advocacy and come up with solutions to challenges encountered during advocacy.



VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT IN NGO

Klaus Ding

**Executive Director,
Vision YouthAction (VYA Taiwan)**

Klaus Ding is the founding Executive Director of Vision Youth Action Association. He is also the board member of Taiwan AID and Chief Planner of Taiwan International Work Camp. He served as Vice President of the international organization "Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA)" from 2010 to 2014. Klaus Ding received his Master of Laws in European Studies in Nan-Hua University, Chayi, Taiwan .

Course Description:

Outline of Volunteer Management in NGO workshop

- About VYA Taiwan
- Why NGO/Your project needs volunteer?
- Volunteer Management circle
- Case studies on volunteer Management
- The process of incorporating volunteers into your project
- Group discuss/Start to incorporate volunteers into your project
- Conclusion - How to retain volunteers in your project/Org



EMPOWERING CHANGE: THE ROLE OF SOCIAL INNOVATION IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Kevin Chen

Co-Founder, One-Forty



Kevin Chen is the founder and CEO of One-Forty, which is a non-profit organization committed to Southeast Asian migrant worker issues. He has worked at the CSBIX design studio with a specialization in Creating Shared Value, which helps companies to solve social issues. He was one of the founders of social media "Career for Change," and a long-time participant of the social activities aimed to "flip jobs." He graduated from the Department of Business Administration, National Chengchi University, and was an exchange student at Guanghua School of Management, Peking University. He joined a 3-month slum care project in India, and also helped with community counseling in Mianyang of Sichuan after the Wenchuan Earthquake.

Course Description:

Sustaining Social Innovation: Learn strategies for continuous innovation, fostering adaptability, and forging impactful partnerships.

Building a Strong Brand: Discover how to create and maintain a compelling brand identity to gain support, credibility, and trust.

Effective Digital Communication: Explore the digital landscape to amplify your message, engage your audience, and expand your reach.

Leadership for Excellence: Develop leadership principles that drive innovation, accountability, and sustainability in nonprofits.

Attracting Top Talent: Gain insights into recruiting and retaining passionate individuals aligned with your mission.

NGO PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT

Dr. Nina, Kao Hsiao Ling

CEO, Overseas Medical Mission Center
of Changhua Christian Hospital



Dr. Nina, Kao Hsiao Ling is the CEO of Overseas Medical Mission Center of Changhua Christian Hospital and the Executive Director of Taiwan AID Board Members, the international cooperation alliance of Taiwan's NGOs. Dr. Nina is a professional international project manager and has been devoting herself to international works for more than 15 years. She dedicated to mobilize the public and private sectors' resources to conduct the international program in developing countries. Dr. Nina also concerns about the development effectiveness and effective cooperation development. She joined the regional networking of CPDE (CSOs Partnership for Development and Effectiveness) to organize the workshop for CSOs in Taiwan to promote Enabling Environment, SDGs implementation, transparency, and accountability.

Course Description:

Project Cycle Management (PCM) is the term given to the process of planning and managing projects, programs and organizations. It is used widely in the business sector and is increasingly being used by development organizations. Development projects sometimes fail because they are badly planned and do not take account of some important factors, particularly the needs and views of stakeholders. PCM is based around a project cycle, which ensures that all aspects of projects are considered. A central value of the PCM method is that aspects of the project are reconsidered throughout the project cycle to ensure that any changes which have occurred are included in the project design. As a result, projects are more likely to be successful and sustainable.

In this project management session, we will discuss the following topics

- Project identification
- Project design
- Stakeholder analysis
- Problem analysis
- Logical frameworks
- Completing a log frame
- Summary of objectives
- Assumptions
- Indicators and evidence
- Proposal
- Action planning
- Implementation and evaluation
- Reference : <https://reurl.cc/E170gA> ; <https://reurl.cc/2E09K9>



Joyce Teng

NGO ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE

Joyce Teng

Executive Director, Taiwan Equality Campaign

Sebastian Lin

Deputy Executive Director, Taiwan Equality Campaign

Joyce Teng is the Executive Director of Taiwan Equality Campaign (previously known as "Marriage Equality Coalition Taiwan".) Before Taiwan Equality Campaign, she participated in some activist groups focusing on different issues like environment protection, women rights and transformational justice since 2010, and served as the Legislative assistant for the parliament of Taiwan between 2013 to 2015, and then dedicated herself to same-sex marriage legalization since 2016.

Joyce holds M.L. of National Taiwan University. With experience in the Parliament and her legal background, Joyce was responsible for the advocacy of LGBTI+ rights policies and legal reform. She advocated for inclusive political participation and representation since 2018, and acted as the Deputy Executive Director of Taiwan Equality Campaign. She then takes the position as Executive Director in December 2022, leading Taiwan Equality Campaign on LGBTI+ rights advocacy.

Sebastian Lin(He/Him) is the Deputy Executive Director of Taiwan Equality Campaign (previously known as "Marriage Equality Coalition Taiwan".) He graduated from the Department of Social Work and double majored in Business Management at National Taipei University. Sebastian engaged in LGBTQ+ movement in Taiwan since 2011, and dedicated to LGBTQ+ rights, gender equity education, and creating LGBTQ+-friendly workplaces.



Sebastian
Lin

During the 2018 national referendum in Taiwan, Sebastian played a key role in advocating for gender equity education, dispelling misconceptions, and facilitating connections among LGBTQ+-friendly educators nationwide. Since joining the Taiwan Equality Campaign in 2020, he has been responsible for speech coordination, advocacy training, corporate partnerships, LGBTQ+ inclusive workplace projects, and international collaborations.

Course Description:

Taiwan Equality Campaign is previously "Marriage Equality Coalition Taiwan," a task-oriented coalition formed by 5 different SOGI rights organizations in November 2016. The coalition integrated the power from civil society and dedicated to advocacy, social education, grassroots organizing and international collaboration. The coalition has officially registered as an independent organization, Taiwan Equality Campaign, in May 2020. Taiwan Equality Campaign continues the projects, including enhancing political participation of LGBTQ+ community, social education, and international collaboration, aiming at creating a discrimination-free society for LGBTQ+ community and making Taiwan an inclusive and friendly country. During the lecture, we would start from introducing our path of advocacy and all the lessons learned, and share our strategic thinking of social communication for LGBTI+ rights.

NGO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LECTURE SERIES

NGO PROFESSIONALS DIALOGUE

Date
Friday, **October 6, 13:30-17:00**

Location
Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs
(5 Floor, No. 280, Sec. 1, Dunhua S. Rd., Daan Dist., Taipei City)

Agenda

Time	13:30-14:00	14:00-14:10	14:10-15:30
Event	Registration	Welcome remarks	Empowerment for minority group Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Eden Social Welfare FoundationGarden of Hope Foundation
Speaker			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Syeda Samara Mortada (Bangladesh)Mr. Stephen Christian P. Quilacio (Philippines)Mr. Chan Myae Aung (Myanmar)Ms. Sara Amjad (Pakistan)Ms. Lay Thida (Myanmar/ Thailand)

15:30-15:50	15:50-17:00
Tea Break	Education and community development: Asian experience Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Taiwan Fund for Children and FamilyZhi-Shan Foundation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Jerlyn Rabaca (Philippines)Mr. Ade Nuriadin (Indonesia)Mr. Wai Yan Phyo Naing (Myanmar/ Thailand)Mr. Ashok Poudel (Nepal)Ms. Ngo Bao Linh (Vietnam)

THE INTRODUCTION OF FELLOWS



Ade Nuriadin

**Director,
Yayasan Tana Sanggamu Foundation,
Indonesia**

Ade Nuriadin is a sustainable agriculture practitioner with a master's degree in communication. He is the founder and director of the Tana Sanggamu Sindue Foundation who is also active as a producer, director, cameraman, and scriptwriter for several fiction and documentary movies. Currently, He and a group of female and young farmers in the villages are developing a sustainable agricultural system through the INO-ANA movement (collaboration of women and young people) to improve community welfare and promote sustainable environmental preservation.

Placement: Island Time

Location: Hlan

Ashok Poudel

CEO, Nidisi Nepal, Nepal

Ashok Poudel, Founder and CEO of Nidisi Nepal, holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science/Arts. With a commitment to making a difference, I've been privileged to aid earthquake victims on-site in 2015 and subsequently serve as a project coordinator. I played a pivotal role in establishing water centers, ensuring clean drinking water supply to schools and entire villages in western Nepal. Coordinating educational projects has been a passion, involving collaboration with schools, students, and donors. Furthermore, I've contributed to innovative sustainability projects, including coordinating the implementation of the first plastic road in the western part of Nepal under the Revalue project. Beyond work, I am captivated by diverse cultures and enjoy immersing myself in travel, mountain hiking, and continuous learning.

Placement: Kids' Bookhouse

Location: Taitung



Introduction Of Fellows

Chan Myae Aung

Liaison Officer, Association for Aid and Relief, Japan, Myanmar

Chan Myae Aung is a social development worker especially for People with Disabilities. So, I am working as a Liaison Officer of AAR Japan. AAR Japan is an international NGO born in Japan, recognized and registered by the United Nations and support people who are facing difficulties due to conflicts and disasters, and aim to create a society where everyone can have hope. I am a staff of AAR Japan, Myanmar Head office that is also operating a vocational training school for Person with disabilities. I want to be a part of the developing for Society for All (Inclusive Society) and I want to create a society that respects the rights of People with disabilities. I have been doing development work for people with disabilities for over 10 years (together with various Disabled People Organization). I love to meet with people and want to get friends, knowledges, contact, networks and want to share my experiences. I want to be a good person for society.

Placement: Eden Social Welfare Foundation **Location:** Taipei



Jerlyn Rabaca

Program Director, Espoir School of Life, Inc., Philippines

Jerlyn Rabaca serves as the Program Director at Espoir School of Life. Simultaneously, she is pursuing her Doctorate in Education. Her journey began on the ground as an educator, and she has transitioned into a role as a Technical Assistant in the Department of Education, bridging the gap between teaching and policymaking. Jerlyn has extended her educational expertise internationally, working as an educator in Thailand and volunteering for education initiatives in the Myanmar-Thailand border refugee camp.

At present, Jerlyn leads an organization with a clear mission: to foster a culture of inclusivity through holistic education for children and families in remote communities and on islands. Her aspiration is to establish a model project that uplifts impoverished communities, driven by local stakeholders who sustain the program. This innovative approach involves reciprocity, where students receive free education, local teachers are empowered, and parents engage in social enterprise, creating a cycle of support and growth.

Placement: Taiwan Community Mutual-Care Action Association

Location: Pingtung

Lay Thida

Communications Manager, The LinQ Foundation, Thailand

Lay Thida was born in Loikaw, Kayah state in eastern Myanmar. An English graduate (Taunggyi University), she joined the very first YFS Art of Documentary Filmmaking course in 2005. A regular sound recordist on YFS productions, her directorial debut Just A Boy earned her a Heinrich Boell Foundation Documentary Award in 2007. Her subsequent work includes portraits of an ex-poppy grower (A Farmer's Tale, 2007), a young development worker (The Change Maker, 2008), and a short but hard-hitting documentary about domestic violence in Shan State (Unreported Story, 2011). In 2010 she received a Charles Wallace Trust Fellowship to attend a documentary course at the National Film and Television School in the United Kingdom. A Fulbright scholar, she took an MA in Development in International Policy Studies in Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey CA in 2013 before returning to Myanmar in 2015 where she has continued to make films and focused her career on communications until she moved into Thailand in 2022.

Placement: Taiwan Equality Campaign **Location:** Taipei



Ngo Bao Linh

Community Project Coordinator / Consultant, Dream&Do School for Future Changemakers, Vietnam

Ngo Bao Linh is an education activist with a strong dedication to educational equity, especially building inclusive and relationship-based learning environments in Vietnamese schools. She has been working as a community project coordinator in an educational center named Dream&Do School for Future Changemakers in which she focuses on connecting schools to their local communities as well as promoting pedagogies for social-ecological transforming. Along with her professional work, Linh has developed a pioneering educational initiative called The Classroom Circle that advocates for the application of Restorative Justice principles and practice in replacing punitive school policy. Besides, Linh actively participates in regional forums for young social changemakers, such as GPPAC, YSEALI, and ASEAN Foundation Youths. By participating in the NGO Fellowship Program, Linh expects to contribute her knowledge and skills to strengthen the network with young social activists and utilize the resources provided to make a positive impact on the community.

Placement: Taiwan Fund for Children and Families **Location:** Taichung



Introduction Of Fellows

Sara Amjad

Co-Founder, Mashal Girls Foundation, Pakistan



Sara Amjad is a young feminist belonging to District Swat/Malakand adjacent to District Bajaur which has border with Afghanistan. She is the co-founder of Mashal Girls Foundation which started its journey as a pilot program in January 2019 to provide Menstrual Hygiene Management training to adolescent girls in schools, raising awareness about importance of girl’s education, Leadership in district Malakand, Bajaur and Mohmand which are on the border line with Afghanistan and is a war hit zone between religious extremists and the army where people are living under a strong tribal, feudal system, based on patriarchy. During the course of her work she found out that in her home town of District Malakand 70% of school going girls who observe periods report to miss 24 school days per year which affects their education.

Placement: Garden of Hope Foundation

Location: Taipei

Syeda Samara Mortada

Coordinator, Bonhishikha, Bangladesh



Syeda Samara Mortada is a feminist activist, and a SRHR expert currently working as the CoFounder-Coordinator of Bonhishikha, a feminist organization in Bangladesh, that works towards achieving equality of genders, across the spectrum by removing gender-based stereotypes, and in creating a platform for youth to share their gendered experiences, using arts as the main form to interact. Samara is an advocate of equal rights and bodily autonomy and contributes regularly to national and international dailies on the said topic. She is a core organizer of the RageAgainstRape movement in Bangladesh, and core member of the coalition called Feminists Across Generations. Samara is an IVLP Fellow, and an Acumen Fellow, 2021.

Placement: Garden of Hope Foundation

Location: Taipei

Stephen Christian P. Quilacio

Executive Director, Center for HIV & AIDS Responses, Philippines



Cagayan de Oro City-based Stephen Christian Quilacio may be known as a party-goer (and yes, there's nothing wrong with that!). But this Bachelor of Architecture grad is serious when it comes to LGBTQIA and HIV advocacies - e.g. he founded Northern Mindanao AIDS Advocates (NorMAA) to mainstream the issues of people living with HIV in Mindanao; and produced "Lima" and eventually "Red Lives" via community theater to share HIV-centric stories particularly to grassroots community. Pushing for fringe communities to no longer be excluded is what drives Stephen; and "if this can be done in a fun way, so much the better," he smiled.

Placement: Harmony Home Taiwan

Location: Taipei

Wai Yan Phyto Naing

Program Consultant & Field Technical Officer, Raks Thai Foundation, Thailand.



Wai Yan Phyto Naing is a skilled leader with extensive experience in the private, public, and multilateral sectors. Currently, I work for Rask Thai Foundation, a prominent local NGO in Thailand, and a member of CARE International. I am proud of my track record of engaging employees at all levels, implementing strategies for future goals, and creating workplace programs for colleagues and communities. I leverage my team-building and strategic thinking skills to consistently deliver high results and achieve organisational milestones. With over eight years of experience, including in challenging environments, I possess resilience, diversity, and intercultural communication skills. I excel in analytical thinking, organisation, diplomacy, public relations, and decision-making. I am also adaptable to diverse contexts and rapidly changing environments, given my experience living as a vulnerable citizen amidst political unrest in Myanmar. Currently, I reside in Bangkok, Thailand, to pursue professional growth, fulfil my ambitions, and financially support my retired parents as the eldest child.

Placement: OneForty Location: Taipei

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Eden Social Welfare Foundation

Ms. LIU HSIA (劉俠), a female wheelchair writer suffering from rheumatic arthritis, witnessed the discrimination against persons with disabilities in Taiwan. In response to God's calling and with a great love for the persons with physical and mental disabilities, she decided to create a place where the disabled are truly cared for and loved - The Garden of Eden in Dreams. On December 1, 1982, She donated her income from publishing and initiated a group of Christians who shared her vision to bring persons with disabilities as well as other socially marginalized group. Eden Social Welfare Foundation was founded to serve persons with disabilities as well as other socially marginalized groups.



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The Garden of Hope Foundation

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The Garden of Hope Foundation (GOH) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization established in Taiwan in 1988. Starting from providing a safe haven for young girls caught up in the sex industry and expanding to one of the largest organizations in Taiwan that provide services such as women's shelters, drop-in centers, counseling, temporary housing, employment training, social work, legal aid, and outreach programs.



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Harmony Home Association, Taiwan

Harmony Home Taiwan is a non-profit organization established by Nicole Yang in 1986. Our mission is to provide shelter, care, treatment access, and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their children in Taiwan. We have two service centers in Taiwan, and we offer care and housing services to about 100 individuals each year. Our services are provided to people with HIV, disabilities, recovering intravenous drug users, women with HIV released from prison, men who have sex with men, migrant workers, and foreigners with difficulties.

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Island Time

Island Time is founded by Lai Qing Song and Yang Wenquan in 2019. They collaborated with a group of farmers from Shengou and local youth dedicated in creative industries in Yilan to initiate the Island Time. Its mission is to carry forward the ideal of Grains East Club and Liang Bai Jia, assisting urbanites with a dream to have a rural life to realize their aspirations of returning to the countryside and embracing a life close to the land. It also promotes the development of a six-level new agriculture, establishing a foundation for the self-sustaining economy of communities of small farmers.



Kids' Bookhouse

The founder of the Kids' Bookhouse, Chen, Junlang(Chen Dad), returned to his hometown in 1999 to devote himself to children's education. He had offered daily after-school company, dinner, after-school tutoring and various diversified education, such as sports, music, programing, and etc. In 2019, Chen Dad passed away suddenly, but his genuine kindness created a circle that continues to involve more people, and this circle is still running. As of now, there are 8 book houses for after-school companion, 1 employment-training center opens to the public, and 1 home healthcare clinic. Their services cover 14 local communities, serving approximately 200 children per day, nearly 100 parents and the elderly. Over the past twenty years, Kid's Bookhouse has touched the lives of over 3,000 children.



One-Forty

One-Forty is a non-profit organization that strives to provide education for Southeast Asian migrant workers. Since 2015, we have been focusing on empowering Southeast Asian migrant workers, by helping them acquire practical knowledge and skills throughout their journeys in Taiwan. We want to extend our influence to their lives back home, to give them the means of becoming financially independent. We wish to help them break out of the vicious circle of poverty. At One-Forty, we organize regular cultural exchanges, to offer consistent opportunities to the Taiwanese public and migrant workers to interact, communicate, and empathize with each other, and to bring them to recognize the stories and values of one another.



Taiwan Community Mutual-Care Action Association

TCMCAA Taiwan Community Mutual-Care Action Association is dedicated to promote the concept of "Mutual-Care" in remote areas, islands, and indigenous territories in Taiwan, including urban indigenous settlements. It aims to establish and restore mechanisms for community-based care, thus developing diverse caregiving models suitable for community environments.



Taiwan Equality Campaign

Taiwan Equality Campaign is previously "Marriage Equality Coalition Taiwan," a task-oriented coalition formed by 5 different SOGI rights organizations in November 2016. The coalition played a key role in same-sex marriage advocacy, through the journey of lobby, Constitutional Court and referendum, the coalition integrated the power from civil society and dedicated to advocacy, social education, grassroots organizing and international collaboration. The coalition has officially registered as an independent organization, Taiwan Equality Campaign, in May 2020. Taiwan Equality Campaign continue the projects including enhancing political participation of LGBTQ+ community, social education and international collaboration, aiming at creating a discrimination-free society for LGBTQ+ community and making Taiwan an inclusive and friendly country.



家扶基金會
Taiwan Fund for Children and Families

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TFCF is an international non-governmental organization headquartered in Taichung, Taiwan. Our mission is to support vulnerable children and their families, both in Taiwan and worldwide. We started with financial support from foreign donors but have since become a self-independent organization driven by our commitment to the well-being of children in need. Through generous contributions and donations from the public, we are able to make a meaningful impact on the lives of countless children and families.

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