

A Group of 19 from Hiroshima University of Economics, including two teachers, one academic staff and sixteen students, has come to visit the Department of Economics between August 24 and August 27, 2016. During the 2016 overseas excursion, the delegation headed by Professor George Harada, director of international exchange office, and Professor Kenichi Kawamura, the President & Representative Director at Research Associates for Sustainable Community, first went to Hanoi, Vietnam for a four day visit before they came to Taipei.

On the afternoon of August 24, hosted by a teacher and six local students from Economics department, the Japanese students and accompanying guests went to some attractions including Taipei 101, famous night markets and iconic temples. After a night of hanging out, students quickly make friends with each other. It provides an exciting opportunity for both Japanese and Taiwanese students to develop intercultural understanding and to form an international peer connecting.

On the morning of August 25, professor Yuan, Soochow University, delivered a two hour lecture titled "Negotiation and Cooperation: through game theory analysis", to the students. On the afternoon, the group visited the National Palace Museum with a booked tour in Japanese. The tour guide happened to be an alumnus of Soochow University. She gave a great tour and insight into the museum's culture and history. Professor Hung-Lin Tao, the chair of Economics department extended a warm welcome to the guests later at the welcome dinner reception.

On August 26, the delegation went to visit the Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation. After spending an hour at the Nangang headquarters, the group took a high speed train to Taoyuan, there they visited the Operational Control Center, the high light of this trip, and had a great lunch at the THSRC employee restaurant. At that afternoon, they went to visit the Tzu Chi Foundation, one of the largest humanitarian organizations in Asia. The students are especially impressed by Tzu chi's achievement in recycling projects.

The Department of Economics in Soochow University is committed to creating a vibrant and supportive culture conducive to the students' international mobility and intercultural learning. We are very proud to have hosted the visiting delegation of Hiroshima University of Economics in this August. We are looking forward to hosting more similar events in the future