**National Taiwan University Press Release**

**The Premiere Internship Program for International Students in Taiwan: NTU International Mentorship Program**

**Press Conference and Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony**

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With a mission to better connect Taiwan with the global talent market and cultivate international talents locally, today National Taiwan University hosted the “NTU International Mentorship Program” Press Conference and Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony. The event was hosted by NTU President Chung-Ming Kuan, and invited international chambers of commerce, government organizations, start-ups, local industries, foreign companies, non-governmental organizations and academic research institutions that are participating in the mentorship program this summer. Altogether there were over 70 institutions and 100 representatives joining in the grand event, pioneering the way for international talents to stay in Taiwan.

The NTU International Mentorship Program is the country’s premiere mentorship-style internship program tailor made for international students. Many international students enjoy the work and life environment in Taiwan, but due to language and cultural barriers, they sometimes struggle finding opportunities to build a career in Taiwan. This is why NTU’s Office of International Affairs is launching the International Mentorship Program, with high-level public, private, and third sector organizations offering internship opportunities to international students. Through these internships, international students will have the chance to put theory into practice, and work with experienced mentors to explore career development.

Leading up to the inaugural summer of the program, NTU OIA also hosted two corporate visits, including one to Porsche, giving students the chance to learn about the working environment in Taiwan. Furthermore, OIA held three career training workshops, inviting the Managing Director of ENERCON Taiwan Ltd., Bart Linssen, the Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of Ericsson Taiwan, Dann Yao, and the President of the Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association, Chiayo Kuo, as well as the CEO of the International City Wanderer Education Association, Sunny Yang, to share about resume writing, interview skills, and workplace culture, helping international students develop relevant workplace skills.

During President Kuan’s speech, he expressed that NTU has always hosted the most international students in Taiwan, attracting around 3000 international students from more than 70 countries every year. With their addition, the NTU community has become all the more diverse and multicultural. The NTU International Mentorship Program gives students the opportunity to experience the working environment in Taiwan while still completing their studies, as well as helping them to understand Taiwanese industries, build a local network, and increase their chances of staying in Taiwan in the future. President Kuan said, “I hope all the students participating in the NTU International Mentorship Program will gain industry experience, and explore their own career development and direction. I am grateful there are so many companies and institutions participating in this momentous program, cooperating with NTU to cultivate international talents, and helping NTU fulfill its responsibilities of recruiting, nurturing and retaining talents.”

Representing the public and third sectors, Vincent Shih, the Chairperson of the American Chamber of Commerce Taiwan and General Manager of LinkedIn Hong Kong Ltd. Taiwan Branch, Dr. Eugene Chien, the Ambassador-at-large of the Republic of China and the President and Chairperson of the Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy, Professor Chuang-Chang Chang, the President of the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, participated in the letter of intent signing ceremony, as well as Professor Alan Yang, the Executive Director of the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation.

Representatives from the private sector included Jason Chen, the Chairman, CEO, and President of Gallant Precision Machining, Vincent Tsai, the President and General Manager of the International Ocean Group, Alex Shih, the President of Tonglit Logistics, CK Cheng, the Founder and CEO of AsiaYo, Dereck David Devlin, the General Manager of Atlas Copco Taiwan Ltd., Wayne Chen, the Chairman of Pacific Engineers & Constructors and Branch Manager of Bechtel Overseas Corporation, Taiwan Branch, Michael Lee, the Managing Director of Covestro Taiwan, Benjamin Lamberg, the CEO of Crédit Agricole CIB Taiwan, David Chou, the President of Ericsson Taiwan, Wissam El Rassi, the CEO of Franklab Taiwan Co., Ltd., Wesley Chen, the General Manager of Life Sciences at Merck Group, Revital Shpangental, the Founder and CEO of Anemone Ventures Ltd., and Sean McDermott, the Managing Director of Development for Northland Power Taiwan.

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