

Exploring the Future: TEDxNTHU

TED stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design. “ It is a global set of conferences owned by the private non-profit Sapling Foundation, under the slogan of ideas worth spreading,” according to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. A group of NTHU students who are curious of new things and frequently inspired by new inventions decided that they will organized themselves and establish a “chapter” of the TED. They spent more than half a year to get themselves organized and with the support of the University, the TEDxNTHU was inaugurated on the 18th of last May under the title of “Who is at the Door of Invention?”

Mr. Juin Chu, a student of engineering indicated that this year’s conference highlighted their concerns for the future and society. TEDxNTHU used animation to remind participants that if we mindlessly accept the current situation and never reflect on our current conditions, we have essentially stop thinking and creating thus, deprive ourselves any progress that we might accomplish.

“Who should be in control of one’s future? What are some of the problems that our society is currently facing?” TEDxNTHU tries to answer these questions by inviting 8 professionals from Academia Sinica, NTHU and Industrial Technology Research Institute to speak at their first conference from different perspectives.

The first speaker was Prof. Daw-Wei Wang of the Department of Physics. Prof. Wang opened the floor by analyzing the issues of low birth-rate, unequal distribution of wealth and the shortage of food and energy that human society is currently facing. After analyzing the roots of these problems, Prof. Wang encourage his audience to start by solving problems that are around them and following up with a loving care of our community and doing it with a strong believe that we can give back to the society that supported us.

Mr. Chin-Hua Chou, Editor-in-Chief of YoWu Report, educated the audience on how to use our time efficiently on beautiful things, and avoid being lost in an era of information explosion.

Prof. Yi-Shin Chen, Department of Computer Science, NTHU, vividly explained on how to obtain the answers you want by inserting environment, knowledge and experience into the bracket and add them on the right side of the equilibrium.

General Director of Industrial Technology Research Institute Creativity Laboratory, Dr. Wen-Jean Hsueh, explained on the benefits of interdisciplinary cooperation. She stated that combining ancient culture and new technology, and interfacing them with innovation and communication, we can discover multiple possibilities for the future.

Last but not the least, were presentations from two young entrepreneurs, the founder of Accuvally Inc, Mr. John Sie, and the founder of iCook, Mr. Richard Lee. They stated that there is no certain requirement of age for entrepreneurship, but passion, persistent and responsibility. The participants were highly encouraged and looked forward to their own future after hearing from Mr. Sie and Mr. Lee.



President Lih J. Chen, faculty, students and participants at TEDxNTHU.



TEDxNTHU "Who is at the door of invention?"



The audience at TEDxNTHU