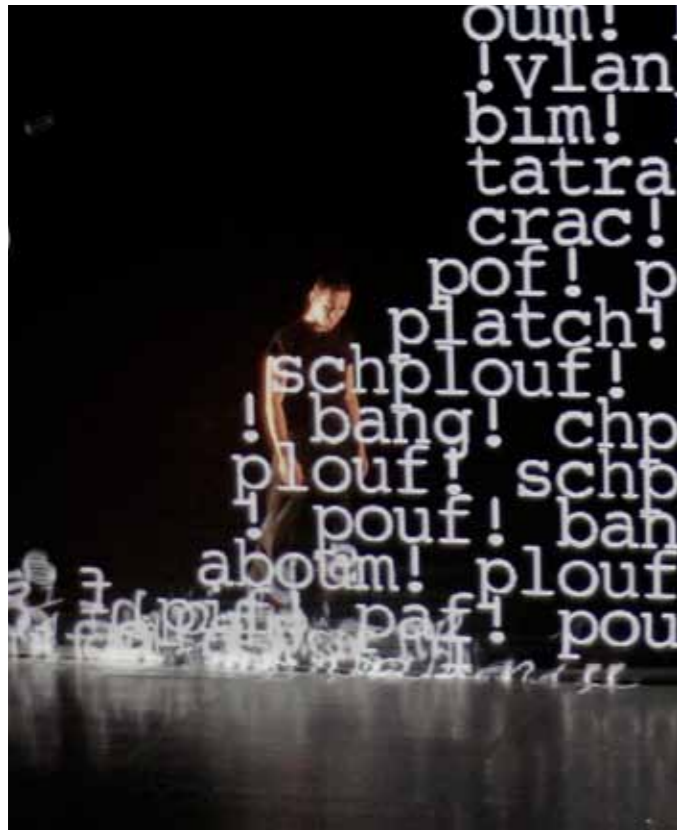


## 2010 Kuandu Arts Festival kicks off with a bang



The 2010 Kuandu Arts Festival has kicked off with a bang, inviting all to “play with us, play with arts” in activities based on this year’s theme, “PLUS,” which stresses cross-boundary mixes of different elements to create unlimited possibilities for arts and integrate life with art.

The October 9 opening ceremony featured local cultures in a parade from the Kuandu Temple to TNUA, the organizer of the annual arts festival, which runs until October 31. A prayer in the form of the indigenous Puyuma people’s rite of passage was performed at the Arts Forum, the most famous site of the TNUA campus, with everyone singing and dancing to welcome the upcoming month of joy from the Kuandu Arts Festival.

The evening was spent with the “Taiwan traditional hip hop” band Kou Chou Ching delighting the audiences with songs in the Hoklo and Hakka dialects, as well as traditional Taiwanese music.

The Kuandu Arts Festival comes closely on the heels of “Transfuture,” an exhibition of art and technology jointly organized by TNUA and the Quanta Arts Foundation.



At the opening ceremony for “Transfuture” – which ran from September 17 to October 2 – TNUA President Prof. Ju, Tzong-Ching noted that Quanta Computer’s chairman, Mr. Barry Lam, is an ardent supporter of art activities. Prof. Ju said he believes the foundation will set a paradigm for collaboration between Taiwanese enterprises and arts institutions.

Prof. Ju pointed out that the exhibition was not only a significant example of enterprises playing a leading role in the arts industry, it was also a breakthrough in the technology of new media art, allowing two completely different fields to learn from and stimulate each other.

Prof. Ju expects both sides to have more opportunities for even closer collaboration in the future in exhibitions, performances, research or teaching.

The opening ceremony took place on September 17 at the Linkou, Taipei County headquarters of Quanta Computer, which is one of the biggest notebook PC makers in the world. The Quanta Arts Foundation was established in early 2010. ◆

Top : “CINÉMATIQUE” will demonstrate the integration of circus and sports in four performances from October 21 to 23. Bottom : “Transfuture” the art and technology exhibition sponsored by the Quanta Arts Foundation, kicks off with “skyline.”



## New Israeli representative visits TNUA



The new representative of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office (ISECO) in Taipei, Mrs. Simona Halperin, received a warm welcome from TNUA President Prof. Ju Tzong-Ching and other school officials during her visit on October 5.

Mrs. Halperin, accompanied by the office’s cultural affairs director, Ms. Liron Sagi Cohen, donated NT\$100,000 as ticket sponsorships for TNUA students and teachers to enjoy the upcoming performances by the Israeli Batsheva Dance Company’s first-ever production in Taiwan.

Prof. Ju noted that Mrs. Halperin’s predecessor, Mr. Raphael Gamzou, is an ardent lover of arts and culture. While heading ISECO in Taipei, Mr. Gamzou maintained friendly interactions and exchange ties with TNUA. He hopes that such friendship can go on under Mrs. Halperin’s leadership at ISECO in Taipei, with collaboration and exchange between both sides in various aspects.

The annual Kuandu Arts Festival invites important groups and individuals to take part in what is now a major arts event in Taiwan. In 2008 and 2009, Mr. Gamzou helped the festival arrange a series of workshops and

performances by famous Israeli actress Gila Almagor, as well as an Israeli film festival. Renowned Israeli choreographer Arkadi Zaides and well-known actress-playwright Miki Peleg-Rothstein also took part in the Kuandu Arts Festival. Graduate students from TNUA’s Department of Filmmaking have also participated in the Tel Aviv International Student Film Festival for a few times.

The visitors were shown around the campus, including the Concert Hall, the Dance Theatre, the Experimental Theatre and the Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts. Mrs. Halperin was impressed by the state-of-the-art facilities, as well as the beautiful scenery of the campus. Mrs. Halperin, who assumed the ISECO leadership in Taipei in August, noted that she hopes that in 2011 Israeli artists can be arranged to participate in TNUA’s activities.

Prof. Ping Heng, dean of the School of Dance, noted that a TNUA alumna, Lee Chen-wei, is a member of the Batsheva Dance Company, which will delight the audiences in Taiwan starting October 15. Lee will be featured in the upcoming performances. ◆

Caption : TNUA President Prof. Ju, Tzong-Ching (fourth from right) and other school officials welcome the new Israeli representative in Taipei, Mrs. Simona Halperin (fourth from left).