



Ex-French Minister of Culture Jack Lang visits TNUA

Former French Minister of Culture Jack Lang visited TNUA on October 26, during which he shared his views on art and culture with TNUA President Prof. Ju, Tzong-Ching.

Prof. Ju expressed welcome to Mr. Lang – as well as to his wife and Mr. Christophe Gigaudaut, head of the culture, education and science section at the French Office in Taipei, both of whom accompanied the former minister to the TNUA trip.

The TNUA president noted that Mr. Lang has made many contributions to the development of art and culture, as well as education, and is an influential and respected figure in the international community.

Mr. Lang lauded Prof. Ju for his leadership that, together with the teamwork from the staff and students, has turned TNUA into an exceptional university.

He noted that TNUA is unique in embracing a cross-disciplinary learning that covers six different disciplines of art, while most other arts universities in Europe only specialize in one or a few of the disciplines. He said this gives TNUA students more inspirations.

He said that during his stay in Taiwan, he witnessed its strong vitality and creativity.

He urged local artists to not only keep their passion for art alive, but also keep making suggestions to the government, spurring it to invest more resources into developing art and culture.

Mr. Lang stressed that culture is the core value of a country, and that culture is not a commodity.

Mr. Lang served as France's minister of culture twice – first from 1981 to 1986, and then from 1988 to 1992, and as minister of education, also twice – from 1992 to 1993, and from 2000 to 2002.

Caption: Former French Minister of Culture Jack Lang (left) receives a souvenir from TNUA President Prof. Ju, Tzong-Ching (right).



TNUA delegation in opening concert for MUPA Festival in Thailand

A delegation of 48 TNUA teachers and students from the Department of Music arrived in Thailand on November 19 for an almost one-week visit to sister schools Burapha University and Chulalongkorn University.

During their stay, they held four joint concerts with their counterparts from the sister schools, gifting the delegation with an unforgettable exchange experience.

Prof. Liu, Hwei-Jin, dean of the School of Music, noted that it was the second time that TNUA has been invited to Burapha University to feature in the opening concert for the MUPA Festival.

But there was a difference from last time in 2011 when TNUA's performances were more mixed, offering a variety of attractions that included Peking Opera and silent films, with participation from several departments, such as traditional music, dance and filmmaking.

This year the focus was on music, Prof. Liu said. The delegation's performances included rendition of songs by the TNUA Chorus; and a solo violin recital Prof. Su, Shien-Ta, chairperson of the Department of

Music.

Burapha University President Prof. Sompol Pongthai, as well as other school administrators, professors and students, showed their TNUA guests warm hospitality during their stay.

The TNUA delegation also visited Chulalongkorn University. The TNUA Chorus and the Chulalongkorn University Choir held a joint concert where they sang two songs, "Oh, I Say" and "Alexandra," written by King Bhumibol Adulyadei of Thailand.



Caption: TNUA musicians perform in the "MUPA Festival" in Thailand.