

TNUA signs MOU with Musikhochschule Lübeck

TNUA and Musikhochschule Lübeck (MHL) have signed a memorandum of understanding, paving the way for cooperation between the two sides in arranging academic exchanges, exhibitions and performances.

With the signing of the MOU, which took place at TNUA on April 7, MHL has become the 47th sister school of TNUA. The MOU was signed by TNUA President Prof. Yang Chyi Wen and MHL Vice President Prof. Dieter Mack on behalf of their respective sides.

Witnessing the signing of the MOU were also Prof. Bernd Ruf from MHL and other TNUA administrators, including Vice President Prof. Chang Chung-Shiuan.

Prof. Yang noted that MHL started introducing crossover music courses more than a decade ago, and has been keen to promote international cooperation between arts institutions and schools.

Prof. Yang said he expects the signing of the MOU to enhance and expand exchanges between the two sides.

Prof. Mack stressed that cross-boundary art exchange is an inevitable trend and becoming a sister school of TNUA will facilitate cooperation between them.

Prof. Mack also gave two lectures during his visit to TNUA on the development of contemporary music in Europe and on trends of crossover music integration, respectively.

Prof. Ruf, a pioneer in promoting crossover between classical and popular music, conducted a series of intensive workshops on April 6 to 11 respectively for students from the Department of Music, and the IMPACT (Interdisciplinary Multimedia Performing Arts Collaborative Technology) music program.

The workshops were part of the preparations for a joint concert between MHL and TNUA musicians at the 2017 Kuandu Arts Festival in October.

Caption: MHL Vice President Prof. Dieter Mack (right) and TNUA President Prof. Yang Chyi Wen (left), along with other administrators, at the signing of an MOU between the two schools.



Caption: OeAD Director General Dr. Stefan Zotti (third from right) meets with TNUA President Prof. Yang Chyi Wen (second from right) during his March 20 visit to TNUA.

OeAD director general visits TNUA

Dr. Stefan Zotti, director general of the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD), paid a visit to TNUA on March 23, meeting with President Prof. Yang Chyi Wen.

Dr. Zotti also met with other school administrators, including: Prof. Hwei-Jin Liu, dean of the School of Music; Prof. Ya-Ping Chen, dean of the Office of Research & Development; and Prof. Chi-Fang Chao, chief director of the International Exchange Center.

The guest was also shown around the campus, visiting the School of Music, as well as TNUA's venues for staging performances and concerts. He said he was impressed by TNUA's facilities and resources.

The OeAD is the Austrian agency for international mobility and cooperation in education, science and research. With more than 200 employees the OeAD supports the internationalization of education.

Dr. Zotti noted that apart from its more famous

achievements in classical music, Austria has also achieved substantial success in other fields, such as Jazz music, new media art and industrial design.

He said Austria's higher education institutions in arts-related fields are highly-rated in the world.

Prof. Yang pointed out that TNUA currently has three sisters in Austria: Konservatorium Wien University, Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien, and Universität Mozarteum Salzburg.

Prof. Yang said TNUA is looking forward to expanding its exchange with more academic and arts institutions in Austria.

Prof. Yang said TNUA is well equipped with facilities for holding all kinds of international activities, such as the upcoming WSD2017 from July 1 to July 9.