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Thurgood Marshall College Fund signs MoU with National Tsing Hua University



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On September 10, 2013, A large delegation from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Tsing Hua University (NTHU.) The signees of the document representing the two institutions were **Johnny C. Taylor Jr.**, President and CEO of TMCF and Academician **Lih J. Chen**, President of NTHU.

"Having visited a number of fine institutions in South Africa, Malaysia, Mainland China, and Singapore over a three-year-period, TMCF concluded that National Tsing Hua University was the ideal university partner for our 47 university member-schools," said Mr. Taylor, Thurgood Marshall College Fund President & CEO. *"We knew, from our very first visit earlier this year, that our schools' combined attributes could result in the launch of a student and faculty exchange program that would serve as a model for higher education institutions throughout the world."*

Members of the TMCF delegation, besides Mr. Taylor, are

- **Done Clavo**, Events Manager & Special Assistant to the President & CEO,
- **Misha Lesley**, Vice President of Programs,
- **N. Joyce Payne**, Senior International Affairs & STEAM Advisor to the President,
- **Sharron Herron-Williams**, Interim Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Alabama State University,
- **Devi Alipoe**, Director and Professor, Office of Global Programs, Alcorn State University,
- **Sanjiv Sarin**, Vice Provost for Research, Graduate Programs and Extended Learning, North Carolina A&T State University

"NTHU is truly honored to inaugurate serious and sustainable collaborations with TMCF," exclaimed President Chen. *"We are especially excited to interact with the ever growing importance of the African American community. This importance is undoubtedly manifested in the mission and operations of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Therefore it is my hope that the agreement between NTHU and TMCF will unveil a new era of intense intellectual interactions between United States and Taiwan in particular, Asia in general in the 21st century!"*

"We are especially excited that the TMCF delegation resonated well on the suggestion that as the first item of collaboration, NTHU be the host of "Thurgood Marshall Days" in the Republic of China," concluded Dr. Chen.



According to its website, “*Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) is named for the U.S. Supreme Court’s first African-American Justice. Established in 1987, TMCf supports and represents nearly 300,000 students attending its 47 member-schools that include public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), medical schools and law schools. TMCf helps students with a clear intention and the motivation to succeed and acquire a high-quality college education at an affordable cost. TMCf also efficiently connects high performing, world-ready students with top tier employment opportunities —access that students or employers might not have on their own. Through its scholarships and programs, TMCf plays a key role in preparing the leaders of tomorrow.*”

“*In the 21st century, United States and Asia play a critical, if not fundamental role in the tranquility of the world,*” according to **Da Hsuan Feng**, Senior Vice President for Global Strategy of NTHU. “*As President Chen mentioned, in this new century, the voice and influence of United States will be coming more and more from its African American component. Yet, the interaction between this critical component of the United States and Asia has a great deal of room for improvement. I am particularly pleased to note that the leadership of TMCf has the*

foresight to close this gap. NTHU will definitely do its part to bring this new interaction to a new and intense level in the years to come.”

About National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)

National Tsing Hua University is a research university with a long and proud tradition. Since the re-establishment in Hsinchu in 1956, the university has been known for her excellent academic programs as well as her spacious verdant campus. NTHU initially began in Taiwan with nuclear sciences studies, and gradually expanded to include general sciences and engineering; in the past twenty years, the social sciences and humanities, life sciences, information sciences, and management sciences were added. Over the last fifty-five years, NTHU has transformed herself into a comprehensive university and is recognized globally in many disciplines. There are thirteen Academia Sinica Academicians on the faculty, and sixteen professors awarded with various National Chair Professorships. Among the fifty thousand alumni, there is one Nobel Laureate Yuan Tseh Lee and twelve Academicians. The university development, with active participation from all staff members, has been built on a transparent and progressive platform, and the campus life is visibly permeated with vitality and enthusiasm, with the eight colleges complementing each other in scholastic endeavors. The per-student funding from the Ministry of Education's "Toward World-Class Universities Project" surpasses all other universities in Taiwan. In the 2013 ranking of Shanghai Jiaotong University for universities in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau, NTHU is among the top three universities.