

INTERNATIONAL SDG PROJECT SUSTAINABLE CITIES: BETWEEN PROGRESS AND TRADITION



RESULT REPORT

As part of the "Sustainable Cities: Between Progress and Tradition" project, students and lecturers from the two Taiwanese partner universities, National Taipei University of Education (NTUE) and Ming Chi University of Technology (MCUT), visited the design campus for a project week in June 2024. They have been partners for a long time and regularly visit each other, for example, in the form of summer schools. The project focuses on the creative use of water, a resource that will become increasingly valuable in the future, in the construction context. In addition, renewable raw material wood, such as bamboo and logs, will be discussed in Europe and Taiwan.

The Dean, Prof. Dr. Matthias Sieveke, welcomed the guests in the auditorium. In a subsequent campus tour, they were given comprehensive impressions of the workshops and studios and thus gained an insight into the courses offered by the Department of Design.

Throughout the week, the Taiwanese students took part in the workshop "The Flow - Wood Water Exchange" under the direction of Prof. Jörg Obergfell together with students from Trier. The program was rounded off with technical excursions and cultural trips to the region, to the Centre Pompidou in Metz, and to Luxembourg City, where they visited the MUDAM and other things. The students also got to know the delegation from Rwanda, who were visiting the Design Campus at the same time, at sociable evening events such as a joint barbecue.

In Prof. Jörg Obergfell's workshop "The Flow - Wood Water Exchange", the students developed a solar-powered well using found branches, trunks and roots as building materials. The students first went in search of materials in the nearby Weissshauswald forest. They then selected the material together, processed some of it with tools and assembled it as an artistic fountain sculpture. The fountain's water circuit is operated by a solar-powered module panel.

The resulting works were presented at the end of the week in the form of an exhibition. University President Prof. Dr. Dorit Schumann was also a guest at this event and was impressed by the creative results of the international collaboration during the project week: "I will remember the experience of the high-quality exhibitions and inspiring discussions for a long time to come."

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