

14 August 2008 – TAINAN, TAIWAN – The KHGS International Summer Camp ended on Wednesday night with farewells, exchanges of contact information, several performances, and awards. Students, administrators, and host families were treated to a buffet-style dinner outside the boys' shack. Performances included the Qigong fan dancing by the KHGS campers, skits by both the campers and KHGS students, and a magic performance. Gifts and awards were given to various administrators, sponsors, and volunteers that helped make the camp possible. Finally, after the final certificates were handed to the students, the farewell party died down as students rushed around giving final farewells.



Students enjoying the farewell banquet



A group of students at their table enjoy the bittersweet festivities

The next morning, all the students proceeded to the St. Raphael Opportunity Center where they assisted in activities with the special education students. Students also performed and taught various activities, including the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes." The students at the St. Raphael Opportunity Center also demonstrated their traditional drum cadences, teaching campers the art of Taiwanese percussion.



A drum sequence is demonstrated to the campers by the students at St. Raphael Opportunity Center

Finally, before the bus arrived at Taoyuan Airport, the students made a stop at the EVA Air Training facility in Tainan where an exclusive tour was given, showing the various training equipment and exercises each crew member and flight attendant had to pass before serving on an airplane.



Students explore a life-sized mock-up of a Boeing 747, used to train flight attendants



Campers lounging in the luxurious first-class section of the mock-up airplane



Students explore the computerized training system in the EVA Air Training Facility



Realistic flight simulator used to train EVA Air pilots



Group shot of the students posing in the mock-up plane

Finally, the entire group boarded the bus to go to Taoyuan International Airport, where final farewells were made, and those returning to America headed off to their gates, leaving a country full of tradition and culture but taking with them a new view on the world and many fond memories.