## Asia Education Leader (AEL) Summer Course 2017 and Winter Course 2018

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Summer Course 2017 (SC2017) and Winter Course 2018 (WC2018) are the seventh and eighth AEL summer/winter courses. In accordance with the current AEL Course curriculum frame, both courses opened three subjects respectively (Table 1).

Table 1: Subjects in the SC2017 and the WC2018

SC 2017 (NNU)	(K-P) Educational Changes in China	
	(A-P) Children Development in China	
	(S-P) Regression Analysis	
WC 2018 (NCCU)	(K-P) Educational Exchange in Rival States	
	(A-P) Right to Education	
	(S-P) Emotional and Behavioral Problems in Adolescents	

Cohosted by the School of Education Science and the School of Psychology at Nanjing Normal University (NNU) (the second time in the AEL Course history), the SC2017 was attended by 24 students, a record high number, on 1 – 14 July 2017. Also for the second time, the College of Education at National Chengchi University (NCCU) welcomed 18 students to the WC2018 on 15 – 26 January 2018. Table 2 specifies the number of students in the two courses.

Table 2: Number of Students in the SC2017 and the WC2018

	SC 2017 (NNU)	WC 2018 (NCCU)
Tohoku University	2	2
National Chengchi University	2	3
Nanjing Normal University	13	6
Korea University	5	4
National Taiwan Normal University	2	3

The SC2017 students had chances to discuss a range of educational issues in the Chinese context and visit local educational facilities in Nanjing. Likewise, students in the WC2018 were guided to local schools and student support facilities in the host NCCU and Taipei to gain first-hand observation at educational scenes. This kind of organized, education-focused and topic-specific field visit in the host society was positively received by the students, with more than 65% of surveyed students strongly agreeing that visits to facilities were meaningful in the two courses.

The upcoming Summer Course 2018 to be hosted by the Department of Education at Korea University is the last summer/winter course in the AEL Course schedule in 2016-2018. All partner institutes have expressed their decision and commitment to continue to work together on the AEL Course after the SC2018. That the AEL Course is a shared vision of all partner institutes has been reconfirmed.



SC2017: Visit to local educational facility\*



WC2018: Group picture on campus\*\*

SC2017: Closing ceremony\*



WC2018: Class activity\*\*

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<sup>\*</sup> Picture courtesy of NNU

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