

**Global Environmental Education Partnership
Asia-Pacific Regional Center (GEEP APRC)
2026 International Environmental Issues and Education (IEIE)
Workshop
【Brochure】**

【Sustainability • Taiwan's Experience • Global Practice】

Empowering Youth for Sustainable Development



I. Purpose of the Program

Driven by the core spirit of "Global Vision, Local Action," this workshop aims to strengthen Taiwan's leadership in environmental education across the Asia-Pacific region while actively responding to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Using Taiwan as a starting point, we guide participants in analyzing local environmental issues alongside global ecological threats, sparking innovative solutions to tackle environmental crises. As we pursue the 2050 Net-Zero Emissions goal, we look beyond waste management to scrutinize the source of waste—the consumption of resources.

The coffee industry's "water footprint," for instance, is a critical issue. The production of one liter of coffee consumes 140 liters of water. With climate change intensifying, water efficiency has become central to the industry's sustainability. Aligning with Taiwan's "Net-Zero Transition" policies—focusing

on "Lifestyle Transformation" and "Zero-Waste Low-Carbon Diets"—this workshop explores the environmental impact of coffee production, specifically addressing the 111,000 tons of coffee grounds generated annually in Taiwan. We will share how public-private partnerships turn policy into practice, from the Ministry of Environment's regulatory framework to the "reverse logistics" system of convenience stores. Through the "Sustainable Management Platform for Plant-Based Residues," participants will discover how coffee, tea, and fruit residues can be upcycled into high-value products such as functional fabrics and cosmetics, showcasing the journey of Taiwan's economy from one of resource depletion to a regenerative circular economy.

II. Organizers

Sponsored by Ministry of Environment

Co-organized by the GEEP APRC and Environmentally Friendly Seeds Co., Ltd.

III. Date

Aug 10 (Mon) to 11 (Tue), 2026 (2 days, 1 night).

IV. Venue

- Come True Coffee - Shenji New Village, Taichung
- Infinitoblu Co.,LTD (Changhua)
- Hotel National (Taichung)

V. Participants and Qualifications

This program is designed for students from Asia-Pacific countries who are studying in Taiwan. However, a number of local students interested in environmental education and practitioners in environmental education will also be selected to participate. Priority will be given to individuals who have never taken the workshop before. The organizer will verify that applicants have the following qualifications before selecting participants.

- International students studying in Taiwanese universities and colleges under the *Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*.

- Finalists from the MOENV's Environmental Youth Leader competition, students studying environment-related fields, or those interested in environmental education (including master's and doctoral students). Must provide documents to verify their English proficiency.
- Practitioners in the environmental education field in Taiwan. Must provide documents to verify their English proficiency.

VI. Number of Participants

Thirty (30) international students and five (5) local participants will be selected for the program. There may be a waiting list depending on availability of spots.

VII. Registration and Deadline



- Register online at <https://reurl.cc/3kZo5M>
- Registration is open from May 15 (Fri) through June 15 (Mon), 2026. The final list of participants will be posted on the GEEP Asia-Pacific Regional Center website (<https://geepaprc.org/en>) on June 22 (Mon). All successful applicants will receive an official admission notice via email.

VIII. Confirmation Deposit

To guarantee attendance, participants must pay a confirmation deposit which will be returned at the end of the program.

- Upon receiving notification of acceptance, participants must pay a confirmation deposit of NT\$1,000 by the date specified in their acceptance e-mail. Participants who fail to pay by the deadline will forfeit their spot in the program. The deposit will be returned in cash to participants who complete the program. It will not be returned to those who fail to attend the program or do not complete it.
- The "Attendance Confirmation Deposit" is recommended to be paid via "Deposit without Passbook" (無摺存款) at any branch of Taipei Fubon Bank. Please ensure your full name is noted on the deposit slip.
- Any additional transaction fees incurred by interbank transfers or post office remittances must be covered by the payer.

Payment method	ATM transfer or pay at the bank counter
Remittance bank	Taipei Fubon Bank, Jingmei Branch 台北富邦銀行 景美分行
Account No.	00670102012459
Account name	Friendly Seed Co., Ltd. 環境友善種子股份有限公司

- After paying the deposit, participants must e-mail an image of their proof of payment receipt and their program confirmation letter to complete the registration process.
- If participants cannot attend the workshop, they must contact a co-organizer by phone or e-mail before **July 13 (Mon), 2026**, so another applicant may take their spot. A remittance fee of NT\$30 will be charged when refunding the participant's deposit. The deposit will not be refunded if the participant cancels after the deadline.

IX. Program Fees

The organizers will cover all costs for courses, meals, accommodation, and transportation services during the event. However, participants are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation expenses to and from the designated workshop meeting point.

X. Important Notes

- Preparation: To ensure productive discussions, please research and read materials related to food waste treatment and circular economy applications before the event.
- Privacy Policy: Your personal data will be handled securely and used only for the specific purposes of this event, in accordance with the *Personal Data Protection Act*.
- Media Consent: By participating, you agree to being filmed and photographed. The organizers reserve the right to use these records for educational and promotional purposes worldwide (including websites, social media, and exhibitions). If you do not agree to this, please refrain from registering.
- Eco-Friendly Meals: Meals will be provided. Please specify any dietary requirements (vegetarian, allergies, etc.) during registration. Please bring your own reusable cup and utensils.
- Accommodation: In line with sustainability, the hotel provides towels but does not provide disposable items. Please bring your own toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, slippers, etc.).

- **Green Travel:** To maintain event quality and reduce carbon emissions, we encourage all participants to take the provided shuttle from the meeting point.
- **Communication:** To facilitate smooth coordination, please provide your Line ID during registration so you can be added to the official workshop group.
- **Contingency Plans:** In case of force majeure (e.g., typhoon warnings and government-announced school/work closures), the organizers reserve the right to postpone or cancel the event. Updates will be sent via email and Line.
- **Program Adjustments:** The organizers reserve the right to adjust the event format and content.

XI. Contact Information

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XII. Objectives & Curriculum Design

Centered on the themes of "Inspire, Create, and Practice," this workshop is designed to deepen participants' understanding of Taiwan's environmental education and action landscape. Our goal is to empower youth to translate the experiences of Taiwan into practical tools for addressing environmental challenges in their own home countries. The curriculum strikes a balance between theory and practice, learning and experience, and sharing ideas and hands-on implementation. Through a progressive learning journey—from exploring current trends and diverse perspectives to analyzing Taiwan's case studies and engaging in peer feedback—participants will build the capacity to “plant seeds of change” in their local communities.

- The program focuses on five core objectives:
 - i. Grasping key environmental issues across Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific region.
 - ii. Understanding the current state of environmental education initiatives.
 - iii. Exploring Taiwan's innovative strategies for environmental action.
 - iv. Exchanging ideas on how to adapt Taiwan's local educational models to the contexts of participants' home-countries.
 - v. Experiencing firsthand the curriculum designs of Taiwan's environmental education centers and community-led actions.

XIII. Workshop Schedule

Day 1: August 10 (Monday)

Time	Theme
08:30-09:00	Meet at Taichung HSR station
09:00-09:30	Travel to destination and Check-in
09:30-09:50	Opening Remarks: MOENV Taiwan Dr. Tzu-Chau(T.C.) Chang (GEEP APRC) Judy Braus (Executive Director, NAAEE)
09:50-10:20	Warm-up Activities: Friendly Seed Team Networking and fostering motivation to learn
10:20-12:20	Site Visit 1 & Keynote Speech: Ching-Pei Tsai (Associate Director, Brand Marketing, Come True Coffee) <i>From Seed to Well: The Path of ESG Integration in the Coffee Industry</i> Understanding water issues in coffee and integrating circular economy into B2C business models
12:20-14:30	Lunch & Transit
14:30-15:30	Keynote Speech: Resource Circulation Administration (RECA), MOENV <i>Evolution of Coffee Ground Regulations: How Taiwan promotes deregulation to turn waste into treasure</i>
15:30-17:00	International Dialogue 1: Converging data and agendas from the first day of the workshop to facilitate strategic thinking regarding food waste and related issues
17:00-17:30	Hotel Check-in & Break
17:30-19:00	Dinner
19:00-20:00	Session for participants from different countries to share relevant case studies from their own homelands

Day 2: August 11 (Tuesday)

Time	Theme
07:00-08:30	Breakfast & Gathering
	Keynote Speech: Yui-Sheng Liu (Sales Planning Department, Sales Planning Section Chief, FamilyMart Co., Ltd.)
08:30-09:30	<i>Corporate management of coffee ground recycling and strategies for linking with industrial resource chains</i> From Waste to Renewable Resources: Management of Coffee Ground Recovery and Industry Linkage Strategies for Convenience Store Chains
09:30-10:00	Transit to Changhua
10:00-12:00	Site Visit 2 & Keynote Speech: Zhi-Min Zhang (General Manager, Infnitoblu Co.,LTD) <i>Coffee Grounds: A Stylish Second Life</i> Exploring coffee cultivation, roasting waste, and the development of high-value products like coffee-ground-based incense
12:00-14:00	Lunch & Break
14:00-16:00	International Dialogue 2: Engage in guided brainstorming to develop actionable food waste solutions and design creative campaigns for environmental advocacy
16:00-16:30	Team Presentation
16:30-17:00	Closing Ceremony
17:00-	Farewell and Transit to HSR Taichung Station

XIV. Program Description

Launched in 2014 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Taiwan's Ministry of Environment, and the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), GEEP is dedicated to advancing global environmental education to create an equitable and sustainable future where nature and people thrive together. Taiwan plays a pivotal role in this international partnership, working to inspire environmental action and foster global collaboration for ecological well-being.

Environmental education serves as the key driver for the Circular Economy by challenging traditional linear thinking and guiding us to redesign production and consumption patterns through a circular lens. Taiwan is deeply committed to this

transition, actively addressing circular economy issues and striving to implement sustainable practices across diverse industrial chains. By fostering innovation and cross-sector collaboration, Taiwan aims to transform waste into valuable resources, ensuring that circular principles are integrated into the core of every industry.

- **Visit Sites**

- ✧ Come True Coffee (Shenji Audit Village):

Social Enterprise & B Corp: Founded in 2015, Come True Coffee is the first B Corp-certified coffee company in Taiwan. Its mission is to "make the world a better place through a coffee cycle".

Global Impact: To address water scarcity issues linked to coffee cultivation, the brand donates 50% of its profits to the "Water to Africa" project, funding wells and hygiene education to provide clean water to African communities.



- ✧ Future Good Co., Ltd. (Guocun Coffee Farm):

Waste-to-Resource Innovation: A social enterprise specializing in the upcycling of coffee industry waste. Recognized as a leading example of merging agricultural recycling with environmental technology in Taiwan.



Hands-on Experience: The visit includes exploring a coffee grounds processing facility and a hillside plantation to understand coffee cultivation, followed by a DIY workshop focused on repurposing coffee grounds.