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TFTA N.Chapter

Summer

Hiking Event

Taiwan Fastener Trading Association (TFTA) held a summer hiking event on June 11th, with the enthusiastic participation of 23 TFTA members from 12 companies (incl. Soga, Master United, Yung King, Mr. Screw, Par Excellence, Yusun, Keep Fastener, Yee Kun, Yi Tieng, Dong Tzer, Wei Liang, and Home Full). They climbed Mt. Guanyin in New Taipei City and watched the fabulousness and spectacularity of the well-known scenic area. This event not only helped strengthen the friendship among members, but also offered a good chance for participants always busy in their own work to enjoy the wonderful landscape of Taipei Basin from the top of Mt. Guanyin.

This ecological tour was guided by a volunteer from the Tourism Office of North Coast & Guanyinshan National Scenic Park. The volunteer introduced the ecology of Mt. Guanyin and taught visitors how to differentiate edible plants from poisonous ones. This was also the first time TFTA members smelled the unique scent of narrow-leaved machilus.

Standing on Mt. Guanyin, one can enjoy the best view of Taiwan Straits, Tamsui River, and Guandu Plain. It is also a great place for bird watching. Every March through May when Chinese sparrowhawks make their short visit to N. Taiwan during their migration, it will oftentimes attract many birdwatching lovers to take photos there. This time TFTA members at the eagle watching platform watched crested serpent eagles flying in the sky and realized the differences in flying methods of general birds and birds of prey.

Despite the long and rugged hiking passages, the emerald green trees and singing birds also gave the participants a great experience with the Nature. They saw the ginkgo trees in low-altitude Mt. Guanyin as well as a 300-year-old tree which visitors won't see in Yangmingshan National Park. In addition, they also saw many beautiful archaic temples along the passages. For these TFTA members, this was not only an experience with the great Nature, but also a way to discover the profoundness of their life.



What's worth mentioning is that some members also came together with their families this time and it demonstrated the good tradition of Taiwanese fastener industry. ■