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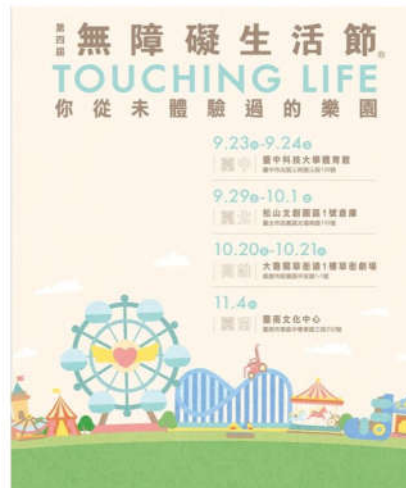
**"2017 Touching Life" – a sustainable paradise you have never experienced!**

Eden Social Welfare Foundation is about to kick start the fourth annual "Touching Life", giving you a brand new way of interpreting life, from surroundings to beliefs, from experiencing to changing. By combining energetic activities and tranquil exhibitions, sharing in multi-oriented, barrier-free life, and experiencing through images, the attendees profoundly experience obstacles and obstructions people with disability have to endure in daily lives. Through the personal experiences of those with a disability, allows more people to see the spirit and practice of "never giving up."



Don't miss the chance to get involved! If you have any questions regarding this event, we welcome you to call the contact number of a branch of Eden. We will have designated personnel whom will answer your inquiries as soon as possible.

Event website: <http://touchinglife.eden.org.tw/> (in Chinese)  
Eden Foundation website: <http://eden.international/>



Admission free: Donations welcome  
Event Information

**Taichung**

Venue: Gymnasium, National Taichung University of Science and Technology,  
Date: 23 September  
Time: 15:00-19:00  
Date: 24 September  
Time: 09:00-17:00

**Taipei**

Venue: Warehouse 1, Songshan Cultural and Creative Park  
Date: 29 September – 1 October  
Time: 13:00-19:00

**Kaohsiung**

Venue: Cao Ya Theatre, TAROKO Park, 1F  
Date: 20-21 October  
Time: 11:00-19:00

**Tainan**

Holiday Plaza, Tainan Cultural Centre  
Date: 4 November  
Time: 10:00-17:00



**Eden wishes everyone a happy Mid-Autumn Festival!**

As The Mid-Autumn Festival around the corner, Eden, along with three well-known illustrators including "Mu-Nai Kuma", "Corgi BonBon", and "Mr. Giraffe", as well as students from Wang-Fang Disabled Day Care Centre, presenting 4 types of hand-made Moon-Cake gift boxes, for you to enjoy with friends and family on holiday with a touch of caring.

Since 1983, Eden began offering courses and creating environments for people with disabilities to gain employment skills in order to adjust themselves into workplace and interact with the society, promoting the concept of "Give a man fish, you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish, and you feed him for a life time."



There are 70 employees with disabilities working at the sheltered bakery workshops across Taiwan, this Mid-Autumn Festival, with the spirit of "never give up", we are happy to present to you hand-made moon cake gift boxes. With the carefully selected combination of Green bean pastry, cranberry mooncake, lemon-grapefruit mooncake, and pepper-almond crispy paper-thin jerky, for you and the precious loved ones to share on this special holiday.

People with disabilities need opportunities to work, not benefits! Apart from getting enough food and clothing, they need both respect and self-affirmation, Eden hire 128 employees in its sheltered-workshops across its 13 workshops, helping people with disabilities with sustainable-employment.

For people with disabilities can return to the society and live an independent life, be self-sufficient and help more people in need. To make the economy stronger, it is essential that everyone has access to employment opportunities which last. (SDGs 8)

Our selections of gift-boxes including "Xing-Fu Mooncake Gift Box" (NT\$400 for 8), "Yuè - Yuán Mooncake Gift Box" (NT\$320 for 6), "Xi Yuè Mooncake Gift Box" (NT\$ 400 for 8), and "Fu-Qi Mooncake Gift Box" (NT\$550 for 6 +thin-sliced of dried pork/100g), for more detail (in Chinese), please visit <http://https://goo.gl/f7Z6pP>

<p><b>四喜   八人禮盒</b></p> <p>喜餅 4個 蓮蓉月餅 2個 椒鹽月餅 2個 雙喜月餅 2個 (每款100g) <b>NT\$ 400</b></p>	<p><b>幸福   八人禮盒</b></p> <p>綠豆椪 4個 雙喜月餅 4個 (每款100g) <b>NT\$ 400</b></p>
<p><b>六人   月餅</b></p> <p>雙喜月餅 3個 雙喜月餅 3個 (每款100g) 雙喜月餅 1個 (每款100g) <b>NT\$ 550</b></p>	<p><b>月圓   六人禮盒</b></p> <p>綠豆椪 3個 雙喜月餅 3個 (每款100g) <b>NT\$ 520</b></p>

**Joy of Moon Festival**  
**喜悅祝福，幸福好秋**  
伊甸職人 x 設計創作

蘇瑋瑋  
自己的幸福，是靠自己創造的，  
願我們們也在一起，動作像一樣，  
做我們自己的幸福。  
知名插畫設計師與孩子們的的作品，  
共同創作出最好的禮品與你一同分享  
中秋節的幸福喜悅！

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**The Humanitarian Response Training Program on Sphere Project in Taiwan, 2017**

Global warming, natural disasters following one after another in recent years Taiwan, as a country under high risks of earthquakes and typhoon, is ought to face the issue of "disaster relief" and prevention. Moreover, more and more Taiwanese NGOs are involving in the international disaster relief and work of reconstruction. Therefore, how to practice emergency relief effectively and efficiently, connecting it with developmental work in order to meet international standard, method, as well as accountability, are the issues we have taken into consideration.



The Sphere Project is a voluntary initiative that carries a wide-ranging of humanitarian organizations together around a common goal - to improve the quality of humanitarian assistance and the accountability of humanitarian actors to their constituents, donors and affected populations. It is, in other words, one of the most widely known and internationally recognized sets of common principles and universal minimum standards of humanitarian response.

"The Humanitarian Response Training Program on Sphere Project in Taiwan, 2017", co-organized by Taiwan AID and Oxfam Hong Kong, offering staffs at NGOs across Taiwan a fundamental theory and seminars on the subject, in addition to practicals and experience exchange, raising knowledge and sense of NGO staffs at the front line in humanitarian response.



Because of the reasons such as exclusion, the lack of awareness and social support networks, physical barriers, people with disabilities are one of the groups that are most frequently at risk in humanitarian crises. It is critical that people with disabilities and their representative organizations are not just included as beneficiaries, but are also included as partners in humanitarian action and response. This means involving them in the assessment, design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of assistance programs.

We must ensure the emergency response is inclusive of people with disabilities, that is, fully aware and informed of the current situation in the community, establish partnerships with new humanitarian stakeholders (ie-IFRC), finally assist them to restore and/or enhance their quality of life during the recovery phase.

Eden Social Welfare Foundation will continue focusing on implanting the concept of crisis prevention and intervention in its services, applying disaster drill sections into each class on regular basis. More than that, we corporates with local fire-stations, inviting professionals to come to our centres offer service users courses on crisis prevention, providing people with disabilities information on coping with emergencies during disasters such as fire, typhoon, and earthquakes. As for the staff, we encourage our staff to obtain professional emergency relief skills, offering regular training courses. At Eden's Yilan Education and Nursing Institute, there is a total number of 21 staffs passed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training course and acquire the EMT certificate. EMTs are clinicians trained to respond quickly to emergency situations regarding medical issues, traumatic injuries and accident scenes, which is crucial to front line workers in the developmental field.



As the main stream NGO in Taiwan, the Foundation plays an important role in the field and carries important social responsibilities. Rooted for 35 years in Taiwan, Eden Social Welfare Foundation has reached our services and vision internationally, having strong ties and integrations with international organizations. For the future, Eden will continue to put our effort in humanitarian response and improve our work to go beyond the basic standards, for a better outcome.



**The Ottawa Treaty 20 years on: Calling for a Mine-Free Myanmar**

Marking the 20th anniversary of Mine-Ban Treaty, the world is very concerned with recent reports of new antipersonnel mine use in Myanmar in the path of fleeing Rohingya.

According to Amnesty International's recent reports of landmine use and casualties in Rakhine state, mined areas are reported to exist in the entirety of Burma's border with Bangladesh, forming the country's largest purpose set mine fields.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, said on Human Rights Council 38th session that he was 'appalled by reports that the Myanmar authorities have now begun to lay landmines along the border with Bangladesh', he further called on the Government to end its current cruel military operation, renounce the use of antipersonnel mines once and for all, which echoed by The International Campaign to Ban Landmines.



Giving warning on the scene of Myanmar – Bangladesh border, Tirana Hassan, Amnesty International's Crisis Response Director, said "This is another low in what is already a horrific situation in Rakhine State. The Myanmar military's callous use of inherently indiscriminate and deadly weapons at highly trafficked paths around the border is putting the lives of ordinary people at enormous risk." Ms. Hassan also called the world to act together to end the arms trade with Myanmar, "Governments around the world who continue to train or sell arms to Myanmar's military are propping up a force that is carrying out a vicious campaign of violence against Rohingya that amounts to crimes against humanity. This must stop and any other states who are thinking about similar engagement should change course immediately," Ms. Hassan appealed, further stated that "the situation seems a textbook example of ethnic cleansing."

Cooperating with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC) in a project called "Agreement on Ending the Scourge of Landmines in Asia-Pacific to Save Lives and Promote Sustainable Developments: Implementing Local Capacity-Building and Strengthening Regional Cooperation", Eden Social Welfare Foundation has been helping the campaign for a Mine-Free Myanmar since 2014. At the moment, we encourage the Government of Myanmar to end the use of cluster munition. Furthermore, as one of the ASEAN Countries newly open to the world with GDP increase of almost 8% annually, Eden calls for the government to Myanmar to sign and acceded to the Ottawa Treaty, creating a peaceful future for the country.



What cannot be ignored is that in this era of peace, landmine casualties have shockingly hit a ten year high. The number of people killed or injured globally was 971 in 2010, which is the second-highest figure since reporting began in 2009. The incidents mostly occurred in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Ukraine, and Yemen. A report published by the ICBL also pointed out that as armed conflicts escalated, people who died in landmine incidents and similar explosions have reached a ten year high.