



Creating Harmony

In the Community Guan-Fu

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Guan-Fu community is located on the eastern side of Taichung's Houli district. The terrain here is well-suited to agriculture and farming has become the main industry. The population of Guan-Fu community is comprised of 816 households with a total of 2,376 residents.

In 2003, Guan-Fu became involved with national community development plans, which aim to consolidate local human resources, raise residents' awareness of environmental issues, and express the belief that "bringing welfare to everyone is essential".

National development plans therefore offer a range of courses to motivate residents to be more aware of their local area and neighborhood. Guan-Fu community residents have established a number of clubs and societies, such as the Senior Citizen's Club, Security Guardian Group, Mothers' Workshop, Eco-Life Society, and Repertory Theater Club, which all bring people together and prompt them to contribute to their community.

The development of Guan-Fu is based on a belief in the community's cultural citizenship and educating residents to recognize the potential within their own community.



owing to residents concerned about their community's environment, culture and history. They establish a repertory theater society that performs pieces based on their own life stories. The repertory theater trains residents to present life-stories through performances that combine traditional and contemporary elements. Throughout the performance, visitors and local residents get chance to interact with one another. This in turn has helped residents develop from somewhat shy and private individuals into adept, confident public performers in another process that has brought significant benefits to the community. Local residents have begun to understand each other better by presenting their history and culture, while the live performances bring residents together and provide visitors with deep, meaningful insights into the community.

Overall, Guan-Fu community is a comfortable place to enjoy a long stay. The government program has educated residents, leading them to learn from many varied experiences. Residents have had the opportunity to visit other communities, thereby learning to improve their own community. Step by step, Guan-Fu has changed for the better and residents' concern for and understanding of their environment and neighborhood has been raised.

