



**2025**

**B & K Montessori Friends Series:  
“Back to the Roots”**

**From Cincinnati to Changhua:  
The Montessori Legacy of Beth and Ken Bronsil**

2025/10/18 ~ 2025/12/6



## Origins

In 2005, Montessori education in Taiwan reached a historic turning point. Beth and Ken Bronsil, a devoted couple from Cincinnati, USA, brought with them a deep love for children and education, planting the seeds of international Montessori education in Taiwan. They worked closely with a group of Xavier University graduates to establish Taiwan's very first teacher training center to receive dual accreditation from the American Montessori Society (AMS) and the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE). Building on this milestone, their work soon inspired and influenced Montessori programs in many cities across China. To honor the Bronsils' enduring contributions, the "Back to the Roots" public workshop tour was created — a celebration of their vision, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to education.

## About "B & K"

The Chinese name of "B & K" is "培根 (Bacon)" — not only a playful abbreviation of Beth and Ken's initials but also a beautiful symbol of their lifelong mission: to nurture young seeds, help them take root, and guide them as they grow toward the light.

The "*B&K Montessori Friends Public Workshop Tour*" was launched by Ms. Sharon Chang and a group of friends who are Xavier University graduates with master's degrees in Montessori education. Its mission is to carry forward the spirit of Beth and Ken Bronsil, who dedicated themselves to advancing Montessori education in Taiwan and China. We warmly invite Montessori teachers to join us, to learn how to weave their wisdom into everyday teaching practice, and to help carry on the Bronsils' vision of supporting every child's healthy and joyful growth.



There are 9 sessions scheduled between October 18<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



Session	Date/Time	Location	Presenters and Topics
1	10/18 (Sat) 9:00 - 15:00	De Lai Montessori Preschool, Taoyuan 📍 No. 2, Section 1, Sanmin Road, Taoyuan District, Taoyuan City, Taiwan	<b>Kevin Tseng (Sheng-Yao Tseng) and Joy Wu (Yu-Chiao Wu) ,</b> <b>“The Neuroscience of Teacher Well-Being in the Age of AI: Cross-Disciplinary Integration and Practical Applications”</b>
2	11/1 (Sat) 9:00 - 16:00	Ande Preschool, Taiwan 📍 St. Joseph's Monastery, No. 97, Zhongmei Road, Hualien City, Taiwan	<b>09:00-12:00 Jalen Hsiao, “The Language Magic in the 3–6 Cultural Curriculum — Integrating Early Childhood Culture and Chinese Language Teaching”</b> <b>13:00-16:00 Sharon Chang, “Supporting Children's Emotional Growth: An Educational Journey from Peace to Neuroscience”</b>
3	11/2 (Sun) 9:00 - 16:00	Guai Guai Preschool, Taitung 📍 No. 19, Chang-an Street, Taitung City, Taiwan	<b>09:00-12:00 Chun-Chu Hsu, “Special Because Unique – How Teachers Can Support Children with Special Needs and Build Inclusive Class Communities”</b> <b>13:00-16:00 Sharon Chang, “Supporting Children's Emotional Growth: An Educational Journey from Peace to Neuroscience”</b>
4	11/8 (Sat) 9:00 - 15:00	Peacelion Montessori Education Center 📍 Room 101, Building A, No. 2181 Longgang Avenue, Shenzhen, China	<b>Sherry Su,</b> <b>“Little Hands in the Sunshine — Bringing Practical Life into Nature”</b>
5	11/9 (Sun) 9:00 - 13:00	Peacelion Montessori Education Center 📍 Room 101, Building A, No. 2181 Longgang Avenue, Shenzhen, China	<b>Community Salon: “My Story Includes You ~ A Montessori Journey”</b> <b>Guest Speakers (On-site): Sharon Chang, Sherry Su, Iris Lee, Kevin Tseng</b> <b>Guest Speakers (Online): Grace Sun, Jalen Hsiao</b>
6	11/15 (Sat) 9:00 - 16:00	Dukelisten Montessori Preschool, Changhua 📍 No. 291, Jianguo East Road, Changhua City, Taiwan	<b>9:00 - 12:00 Sharon Chang, “Honoring Our Teachers — Becoming a Lifelong Montessorian”</b> <b>13:00 - 16:00 Yue Lin &amp; Yin-Tzu Wang, “Decoding the Inner Black Box — Practicing the Awareness Circle”</b>
7	11/22 (Sat) 9:00 - 15:00	Forla Montessori Preschool, Taichung 📍 No. 69, Gangweixi Street, Xitun District, Taichung City, Taiwan	<b>Iris Chia-Hua Lee &amp; Dr. Ming-Ho Lee,</b> <b>“The Practice of Everyday Wellbeing: Restoring Balance of Body and Mind”</b>
8	11/29 (Sat) 9:00 - 15:00	YI-LE Infant Daycare Center, Kaohsiung 📍 No. 120, Fengjie Road, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan	<b>Sherry Su,</b> <b>“Little Hands in the Sunshine — Bringing Practical Life into Nature”</b>
9	12/6 (Sat) 9:00 - 16:00	Yong-Chi Preschool, Xinzhuang 📍 No. 15, Lane 410, Min’an West Road, Xinzhuang District, New Taipei City, Taiwan	<b>Sharon Chang &amp; Joy Wu,</b> <b>“Seeing the Light in Every Child – Peace Education”</b>



**Session 1 · De Lai Montessori Preschool, Taoyuan**

**Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



**Topic: “*The Neuroscience of Teacher Well-Being in the Age of AI: Cross-Disciplinary Integration and Practical Applications*”**

There can be no joyful students without joyful teachers. In today’s classrooms, educators face increasing pressures, and incidents of inappropriate discipline are on the rise. Relying solely on regulations to address these challenges is like scratching an itch through a shoe—temporary and superficial. What is urgently needed is not merely symptom management, but authentic support for teachers’ stress and emotional regulation. The real question is: *How do we help teachers rediscover professional joy and honor in their work?* By looking through the lens of neuroscience, we can better understand the mental health challenges faced by children and families, explore possible solutions, and re-ignite teachers’ sense of purpose. This lecture integrates neuroscience, the science of happiness, mindfulness meditation, and educational practice. Through hands-on experiences and case discussions, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the interplay between stress, emotions, and learning; how children’s brains learn and regulate emotions; and how mindfulness works from a neuroscientific perspective. Participants will also experience how technology can be harnessed to enhance the quality of teaching and therapeutic practice. This is not only an opportunity for professional development, but also a journey to help educators recover their sense of well-being and reconnect with the heart of their vocation.

**Presenters :**

★ **Kevin Tseng (Sheng-Yao Tseng)**

Kevin holds a Master’s degree in Montessori Education from Xavier University (USA) and is an AMS-credentialed 3–6 Montessori educator. He has completed Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Project Zero workshop on Multiple Intelligences, the HarvardX *Fundamentals of Neuroscience* program, and is a certified professional in Sensory Integration International (SII). He is currently pursuing Montessori Inclusion training at West Side Montessori Teacher Education Center (USA). Kevin serves as a guest lecturer for the Zhiliaokangfu Rehabilitation Continuing Education Institute, International Liaison for the Shenzhen Montessori Teacher Training Center, and is the founder of the Child Empowerment Center. To date, he has delivered more than 621 parent seminars and teacher workshops across over 100 cities in China, all under the theme *Impacting Lives*. Beginning in 2025, his focus is on helping schools implement child holistic health management systems, with a special emphasis on multidisciplinary screening and intervention for children with high developmental needs.

★ **Joy Wu (Yu-Chiao Wu)**

Joy is an AMS-credentialed 6–12 Montessori guide with more than 20 years of experience in education. She is the founder of *Heart Buds* and *Co-Reflection Life Arts Studio*, where she has nurtured children’s inner awareness and free growth. Her journey led her into the field of sound and integrative healing. Joy is a Level-III Certified Quantum Alchemy Crystal Bowl Practitioner with Sound Universe International, as well as an art therapist, acupuncturist, and healing practitioner trained in Taoist abdominal massage, Traditional Chinese Medicine meridians, Reiki, and both Hatha and Yin yoga instruction. Bridging sound with the rhythm of the meridians and the tides of emotion, she brings ancient wisdom to life in contemporary practice. Through her sound-meridian healing system, she invites participants to walk together on a path of return—toward balance, presence, and wholeness.



**Session 2-1 Ande Preschool, Hualien (St. Joseph's Monastery)**

**Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025**

**{Morning Session} 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**



**Topic: “*The Language Magic in the 3–6 Cultural Curriculum — Integrating Early Childhood Culture and Chinese Language Teaching*”**

This lecture covers eight domains—history, geography, zoology, botany, astronomy, physics & chemistry, art, and music—designing activities that combine knowledge, language, and creativity.

- *History*: Shadow observation, oracle-bone puppetry, and seasonal festivals through poems, songs, and oral expression.
- *Geography*: From land, air, water to globes and maps, fostering spatial awareness through writing, song, and flag design.
- *Zoology*: Classification, life cycles, and drama-based empathy with animals and humans.
- *Botany*: Plant care, adjective-matching, rhyming chants, and metaphors for plant structures and cycles.
- *Astronomy*: “Astronaut’s Diary” exploring solar system, moon phases, earth structure, and weather with music and descriptive games.
- *Physics & Chemistry*: Simple experiments (buoyancy, magnetism, temperature) with emphasis on observation and vocabulary.
- *Art & Music*: Hands-on weaving, sculpture, color study, and sound games (walking lines, bells) to foster rhythm and creativity.

The workshop emphasizes cross-disciplinary, experience-based learning, blending science, language, and art into joyful exploration.

**Speaker: Jalen Hsiao (Tse-Lun Hsiao)**

Mr. Hsiao graduated from the Fine Arts Department of National Taiwan Academy of Arts, holds a Master’s degree in Montessori Education from Xavier University (USA), and is certified as an AMI 3–6 and AMS 6–12 Montessori teacher. Since 2008, he has served as an AMS Teacher Training Center instructor and has been deeply engaged in Montessori education. In 2012, he founded Harmony Montessori Experimental Education Institute in Taichung, where he served as principal and lead teacher of the 9–12 class. In recent years, he has taught in the cultural and Chinese courses of AMS training centers in Shenzhen and Taichung, as well as the non-profit Montessori Teacher Training Program for the 6–12 Chinese and Art domains.

He has been invited to speak at the Montessori Conference in Shanghai and has released a children’s song album, *Songs from Teacher Jalen’s Heart*. Winner of the Golden Melody Award (12th edition, Best Lyricist in Traditional & Art Music), he brings together music, art, and education to inspire children’s curiosity and passion for holistic learning.



**Session 2-2 Ande Preschool, Hualien (St. Joseph's Monastery)**

**Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025**

**{Afternoon Session} 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**



**Topic: “*Supporting Children's Emotional Growth: An Educational Journey from Peace to Neuroscience*”**

The ages 0–6 are a golden period for rapid brain growth, laying the foundation for emotional and social behavior. Every day in the classroom, children express joy, anger, sadness, and excitement—each reflecting the developing brain’s adaptation to the world.

This lecture explores:

- Social-emotional development in infants and young children
- The role and meaning of primary emotions
- How empathy and acceptance help children navigate emotional storms
- The effects of stress on brain function
- The importance of executive function in self-regulation, attention, impulse control, and cooperation

Finally, the session will integrate Montessori teaching strategies and classroom observations, offering practical methods to support brain development, emotional regulation, and the creation of classrooms where children feel secure and teachers can teach with calm and confidence.

**Speaker: Ms. Sharon Chang**

Ms. Chang holds a Master’s degree in Montessori Education from Xavier University, USA, and is a certified AMS teacher for ages 0–9. She has over twenty years of practical experience as director of AMS teacher education programs. She currently serves as Vice President of the Advanced Montessori Studies Society of Vancouver, Co-Director of the Centre for Advanced Montessori Studies of Vancouver (CAMSV), and Director of the Shenzhen Peacelion Teacher Education Center.

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## **Session 3-1 · Guai Guai Preschool, Taitung**

**Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025**

**{Morning Session} 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**



### **Topic: *Special Because Unique – How Teachers Can Support Children with Special Needs and Build Inclusive Class Communities***

This lecture will provide participants with a clear and approachable understanding of key developmental milestones in young children and highlight areas that may require additional support, enabling early identification of learning and developmental needs. Ms. Hsu will introduce common categories and traits of children with special needs, share real case examples, and demonstrate practical teaching and counseling strategies that can be applied immediately. Beyond individual child support, the lecture will also address classroom management and parent–teacher collaboration, offering practical methods to establish effective communication and cooperation. An open Q&A will conclude the session, giving participants the chance to raise questions from their own experience and receive professional, applicable insights.

### **Speaker: Ms. Chun-Chu Hsu**

Ms. Hsu graduated from Taipei Municipal Teachers College with a specialization in Early Childhood Education, and completed both the Special Education Teacher Preparation Program and the Creative Thinking Program at the Taipei Municipal University of Education. With more than forty years of experience dedicated to early childhood and special education, her work spans infants as young as six months to college students. She has served as a special education teacher at Shuangxi Elementary School and the Affiliated Elementary School of the University of Education in Taipei, as well as an itinerant special education consultant in New Taipei City. She has also been a consultant for the Kaohsiung Barrier-Free Home, worked in assessment and counseling for the Kaohsiung Autism Society, and contributed to the norming and establishment of the “PISI Scales.”

Ms. Hsu has made long-standing contributions at the frontlines of teaching, volunteering for over thirty years as a clay art instructor in the special education class at Zhongshan Elementary School in Taipei, and has taught as a special education lecturer in the Department of Child Care at Shuren Home Economics & Commercial High School. Her lifelong dedication has been to inclusive education and student support, walking alongside countless children and families in their growth.



**Session 3-2 · Guai Guai Preschool, Taitung**

**Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025**

**{Afternoon Session} 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**



**Topic: *Balancing Brain and Spirit – How Montessori Supports Young Children’s Emotional Growth and Self-Regulation***

Emotional expression and self-regulation are essential cornerstones in a child’s journey toward independence and inner peace. This lecture will begin with an exploration of social-emotional development in early childhood, connecting it with the neuroscience of the brain and emotional regulation to reveal the developmental meaning behind children’s behaviors. Ms. Chang will illustrate how the Montessori environment fosters emotional safety and focus, while also emphasizing the teacher’s essential role in guidance and accompaniment. Through both theory and real case studies, participants will learn how to support children in daily teaching practices, helping them cultivate inner balance, cooperation, and empathy—laying a strong foundation for peace education.

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## Session 4 · Peacelion Montessori Education Center, Shenzhen

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



### Topic: “*Little Hands in the Sunshine — Bringing Practical Life into Nature*”

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This workshop will explore how Montessori education—particularly through *Practical Life*—nurtures children’s concentration, independence, and self-confidence. Over a century ago, Dr. Maria Montessori emphasized that learning must be rooted in the child’s connection with the environment, with the goal of shaping the whole personality and safeguarding children’s innate curiosity and exploratory drive. Practical life work is not merely about self-care or care for others, but also about sparking intrinsic motivation, promoting coordinated use of the hands and mind, and encouraging active engagement with the environment. From cloth washing and food preparation to nature study and observing butterflies in the classroom, every detail connects children with the living world, allowing their natural potential to flourish.

This is a journey of education filled with vitality—an invitation to step into the child’s world and rediscover how “life” itself becomes the most authentic and profound learning environment. Together, let us ignite the small flame within each child and accompany them in becoming joyful, self-directed, and lifelong learners in a changing world.

### Presenter: Bi-Chu Su (Sherry Su)

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She is the founder of Gengxin Montessori Kindergarten and the Gengxin Baby Family Infant Center in Taipei, where she has cared for each child with the heart of a “Principal Mommy,” always centering love and compassion in education and administration. As Director and Counselor of the Montessori Teachers Association of the Republic of China, Ms. Su has long devoted herself to advancing early childhood education and teacher training. She has been invited to lecture at caregiver training programs, early childhood institutions, and universities, as well as to share her expertise in teaching and environment design in Shanghai, Beijing, Hangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Inner Mongolia, and Xiamen. In 2023, she presented a Floral Art Workshop at the 7th AMI Annual Conference in Beijing.

Her areas of expertise include Montessori environment planning and design for ages 0–3 and 3–6, the promotion of environmental aesthetics, the design and research of infant and toddler materials, and the integration of floral art, gardening, and ecological terrariums into education. She firmly believes that life and nature are the best teachers and has consistently dedicated herself to weaving love and care into education, accompanying children as they grow freely, joyfully, and with wonder in their exploration of the world.



## Session 5 · Peacelion Teacher Training Center, Shenzhen

**Date: Sunday, November 9, 2025**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



### **Community Salon: “*My Story Includes You ~ A Montessori Journey*”**

~ Special Gathering for Alumni of Peacelion Montessori Teacher Training Center ~

#### **Event Introduction**

One story, one journey, one act of love shared.

In the journey of education, every teacher has a meaningful and unforgettable story. These stories emerge from children’s eyes, moments of breakthrough, challenges in the classroom, and the emotions of growth.

This “Community Salon” will invite six dedicated Montessori educators to share their most moving stories from their teaching journeys. Through heartfelt exchange, we will reconnect with the original intention of education and allow love and experience to flow among us.

#### **Guest Speakers (On-site)**

- Sharon Chang, Sherry Su, Iris Lee, Kevin Tseng

#### **Guest Speakers (Online)**

- Grace Sun, Jalen Hsiao

#### **Interactive Session**

- Alumni of Peacelion Teacher Training Center are warmly invited to come on stage and share their own stories.
- Q&A segment for direct dialogue with the speakers.

Let us come together in this warm educational salon, using stories as bridges to inspire and resonate with one another.



**Session 6-1 · Dukelisten Montessori Preschool, Changhua**

**Date: Sunday, November 15, 2025**

**{Morning Session} 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**



**Topic: “*Honoring Our Teachers — Becoming a Lifelong Montessorian*”**

This lecture, *Honoring Our Teachers: Becoming a Lifelong Montessorian*, will explore the significance of Montessori education across all stages of life—from infancy to old age—and how it shapes learning and growth. Participants will revisit the core principles of Montessori, including self-directed learning and respect for individuality, and examine how these principles apply to early childhood, school-age years, adolescence, and adulthood.

Through the lecturer’s personal experiences and stories of mentorship, we will see how Montessori fosters critical thinking, social skills, and lifelong learning. The session will also consider Montessori’s global impact and future trends, encouraging participants to reflect on their own educational journeys and rekindle their passion for education. This is a rare opportunity to honor this living legacy of Montessori education and find new inspiration through shared dialogue.

**Speaker: Ms. Sharon Chang**

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## Session 6-2 · Dukelisten Montessori Preschool, Changhua

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2025

{Afternoon Session} 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



### Topic: "*Decoding the Inner Black Box — Practicing the Awareness Circle*"

This workshop will use a board game format to introduce the practice of the “Awareness Circle.” Through interactive play, participants will learn to know themselves better, empathize with others, and enhance self-awareness and interpersonal understanding.

#### You will learn to:

1. Understand a simplified model of human mental processes
2. Recognize the dynamics of stimulus and response
3. Connect thought patterns with emotional experiences
4. Relate intrinsic motivation to outward behavior
5. Identify and manage emotional experiences

#### Presenters:

##### ★ Ms. Yue Lin

Ms. Lin graduated from Taipei Municipal Teachers College with a major in Early Childhood Education. She later completed advanced studies at National Changhua University of Education and multiple international Montessori certifications, including AMS 0–3 and 3–6, Montessori Foundation Taiwan 3–6 Certificate, AMI Assistant Certificate, and AMS 6–12 Cultural Studies Training. With over 30 years of experience in early childhood education and school administration, she founded Taoyuan Montessori Kindergarten and served as its principal for 13 years. She was also principal of Yongqi Banqiao Kindergarten for 13 years and Deputy Executive Director of Yongqi Education Group for 12 years. Currently, she continues as lead teacher at Taoyuan Montessori, dedicated to advancing Montessori philosophy and fostering a nurturing, inspiring environment for children, parents, and teachers.

##### ★ Mr. Yin-Tzu Wang, Counseling Psychologist

Mr. Wang earned his Master’s degree in Psychology (Sociocultural and Counseling Psychology track) from Fu Jen Catholic University. He currently serves as a counseling psychologist with the Lin-Mei-Chih Teachers’ Foundation in Taipei. He has taught and promoted Focusing Method for many years and authored *The Focusing Manual* and *Focusing Reader*. His specialties include narrative and psychobiographical counseling, Focusing, holistic development, and training in the Lin Method of counseling. His work centers on guiding individuals in exploring their inner selves, integrating life stories, and fostering growth.



## Session 7 · Forla Montessori Preschool, Taichung

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



### Topic: “*The Practice of Everyday Wellbeing: Restoring Balance of Body and Mind*”

Research has shown that stress is one of the core root causes of many modern lifestyle-related diseases. Prolonged exposure to stress can increase the risk to insomnia, cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, autoimmune dysfunction, mood disorders, and even cancer. This workshop, grounded in the principles of integrative medicine, will guide participants in understanding how to use scientific methods of stress assessment and regulation strategies to effectively relieve stress, boost the immune system, and balance the nervous system—ultimately reducing the risk of disease. We will explore the key roles of diet and exercise in stress regulation, while also integrating the Ayurvedic wisdom on lifestyle practices and body-type analysis for a comprehensive understanding of one’s physical, psychological, and emotional state. Practical takeaways will include guidelines for choosing stress-resistant foods, breathing techniques, stretching exercises, and simple methods of daily self-care routines. Together, these practices aim to help participants integrate these tools into daily life and restore balance to body, mind, and spirit. This session is especially relevant for those interested in health promotion, stress management, natural therapies, and integrative medicine. It invites participants to move from knowledge into practice, cultivating resilience, vitality, and a renewed sense of inner balance and wellbeing.

#### Presenters:

##### ✦ Iris Chia-Hua Lee

Iris Lee holds a Master’s degree in Montessori Education from Xavier University, USA, and is an AMS-certified teacher for ages 3-12. She has also earned certifications as an Ayurvedic Yoga Teacher and in Nutrition and Lifestyle Management from the Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine (I-AIM) in India, as well as training in Self-Stress Management from the Ayurvedic Association of Singapore (AAOS). She is a practitioner who integrates Montessori principles with holistic wellbeing in everyday life. She currently serves as Co-Director of the Shenzhen Peacelion Montessori Teacher Education Center. Since 2019, she has been a lecturer and consultant for the Centre for Advanced Montessori Studies of Vancouver (CAMSV). She also served as AMS China Operations Coordinator, Conference Director for the Montessori Conference in Shanghai (MCSH), and Chief Liaison for Xavier University Montessori Institute (XUMI) in China, fostering professional development and international collaboration. With a deep commitment to excellence in Montessori education and teacher development across Asia, she was honored with the AMS Service Award in 2022 in recognition of her dedication to advancing Montessori education internationally.

##### ✦ Dr. Ming-Ho Lee

Dr. Lee is an attending physician in the Emergency Department at Chang Bing Show Chwan Memorial Hospital, a doctoral candidate in Mechatronic Engineering at National Changhua University of Education, and holds a Master’s degree in Natural Medicine from Nanhua University. He is a Ministry of Education-certified lecturer and licensed occupational physician. His specialties include emergency medicine, occupational health, health promotion, and complementary integrative medicine. Dr. Lee holds multiple international professional certifications, including diplomate status with the American Board of Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine (ABAARM), obesity medicine specialist, and certification from the Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine (IAIM) in India. He is currently an adjunct assistant professor at Nanhua University’s Graduate Institute of Natural Healing. Dedicated to bridging Eastern and Western medicine, he teaches courses on complementary therapies at the graduate level. Motivated by the rise of acute cardiovascular conditions triggered by stress, Dr. Lee has in recent years focused on advancing preventive medicine before hospitalization, including occupational health services and public health clinic initiatives. He advocates for a holistic approach to wellbeing that nurtures body, mind, and spirit. In his personal life, he enjoys reading, hiking, and tea culture. He is also a licensed street performer and plays saxophone with the Bin-Feng Medical Ensemble, offering community concerts as a form of public service—embodying his pursuit of harmony between healing and life.



## Session 8 · YI-LE Infant Daycare Center, Kaohsiung

Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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## Session 9 · Xinzhuang Yong-Chi Preschool

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



### Topic: “*Seeing the Light in Every Child – Peace Education*”

In today’s world of constant change and challenges, the mission of education is not only to impart knowledge, but also to serve as a cradle for peace and empathy. This lecture places Dr. Maria Montessori’s vision of peace at its core, delving into the six dimensions of the *Peace Flower Model*: the spirit of love, basic needs and human rights, self-awareness, community awareness, cultural awareness, and environmental awareness.

Participants will engage in practical activities designed to strengthen children’s awareness of their bodies, emotions, minds, and spirits, helping them form harmonious and balanced relationships with themselves and others. These activities—ranging from mindfulness, gratitude, and conscious breathing to acts of kindness, peaceful dialogue, and conflict resolution—are both practical and inspiring, and can be applied in classrooms and homes alike.

In addition, educator Joy Wu will guide participants in an immersive alchemy crystal bowl sound yoga experience, using sound and body awareness to help adults quiet their inner worlds and return to peace and presence, laying a profound and steady foundation for the practice of peace education.

This lecture warmly welcomes parents, teachers, and educators committed to nurturing children’s inner growth and fostering peace in the world. Let us begin with ourselves, kindle the light of peace within, and walk alongside children in bringing more love and hope to the world.

### Presenters:

#### ★ Sharon Chang

Ms. Chang holds a Master’s degree in Montessori Education from Xavier University, USA, and is a certified AMS teacher for ages 0–9. She has over twenty years of practical experience as director of AMS teacher education programs. She currently serves as Vice President of the Advanced Montessori Studies Society of Vancouver, Co-Director of the Centre for Advanced Montessori Studies of Vancouver (CAMSU), and Director of the Shenzhen Peacelion Teacher Education Center. As a pioneering leader in Montessori education across the Chinese-speaking world, Ms. Chang founded Taiwan’s first AMS 0–12 international teacher education program and co-directed the Shanghai Montessori Education Academy. She also established Montessori schools and early childhood centers in Taiwan and Shanghai. As a trailblazer in advancing Montessori peace education, she translated and published Dr. Sonnie McFarland’s work, “*Honoring the Light of the Child*,” bringing international educational insights into Chinese-speaking education communities and inspiring countless teachers.

#### ★ Joy Wu (Yu-Chiao Wu)

Joy holds an AMS 6–12 teaching credential and has devoted more than twenty years to education. She is the founder of “Heart Bud” and “Co-Reflective Living Arts Academy,” guiding children toward inner awareness and authentic growth. Her life journey led her to integrate sound with holistic healing of body, mind, and spirit. She is a Level III Certified Quantum Alchemy Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Practitioner with Sound Universe International, and she has also studied Traditional Chinese Medicine meridians, yoga, energy healing, and art therapy. Using sound as a bridge, she weaves together the rhythms of meridians and the tides of emotion, allowing ancient wisdom to blossom in contemporary practice. Through this system of sound and meridian healing, she aspires to guide others along the path of return to balance and wholeness.