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and save a spoonbill!*

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PRESS EVENT SLAMS TAIWAN GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-ENVIRONMENT MOVES

On June 5, 2001, Professors Randy Hester and Jeff Hou of SAVE International joined with heads of major environmental organizations in Taiwan at a press conference in Taipei to critique the Chen Administration's environmental policy in its first year.

Using a "report card" environmentalists criticized the government's move to resume construction on the controversial Nuclear Power Plant No. 4 and the recent appointment of the former Yieh Lien Vice President Kou Yen-Tu as the new Chairman and CEO of China Steel. Kou has openly expressed his ambition to develop Binnan using China Steel's vast financial resources.

In response to this latest crisis, SAVE International, along with Taiwanese environmental groups, is campaigning to

enlist high profile U.S. computer firms to stop purchasing parts made from products of Yieh Lien and China Steel. Support by U.S. firms would exert a strong pressure on companies in Taiwan and prevent China Steel from developing Binnan.

Professor Hester also warned the Taiwan Government and China Steel of a potential consumer boycott against the products of Yieh Lien and China Steel if they continue to ignore the threat against the black-faced spoonbill that comes with Binnan.

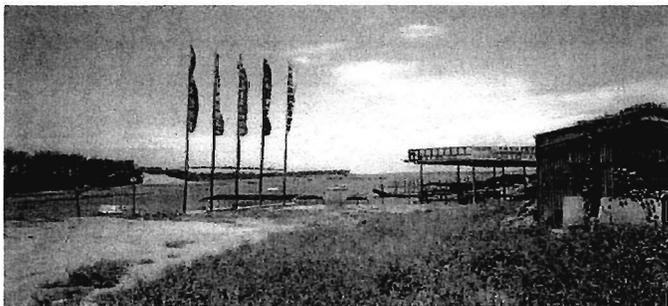
HUNTING TERRITORY EXPANDS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The internationally famous restaurant and spoonbill ecology center know as the Hunting Territory is moving. But don't worry, it will be open to serve some of the best food in Taiwan and provide more hands-on environmental programs by the time the spoonbills arrive this fall.

The new site near the southern end of Chiku lagoon provides easy access to boat and hiking tours of the lagoon, mangrove forests, oysterbeds, dunes and Taiwan Strait. Visitors will have the opportunity to see a much more diverse cross section of the local ecology. Mr. Huang, the proprietor and innovator of the combined restaurant and ecology facilities, thinks tourists are ready for a more in-depth ecological experience.



Mr. Huang and SAVE's Randy Hester draw up plans for the new site.



The new Hunting Territory site

For the past three years Mr. Huang has introduced hundreds of thousands of people to the finest local food and the black-faced spoonbill. His new site gives him the opportunity to teach people more about the ecological niches of less famous species like monk crabs, ant lions, egrets and eel. Aquaculture ponds on site will provide recreational and educational fishing. Nature trails will provide self-guided tours of less fragile habitats. Films, photographs and displays will be expanded.

SPOONBILLS SPAWN SCHOLARSHIP

This spring two SAVE members finished their degrees, but with an unique flair. Jeff Hou (PhD, UC Berkeley) and Hsiu-mei Liao (Master's, NTU) produced original research on the efforts in Chiku to stop Binnan, protect spoonbill habitat, and create a sustainable alternative. As a central research method Jeff and Mei conducted many interviews with local people, politicians, and environmentalists.

Jeff's dissertation, titled "Grassroots Practice of Environmental Planning: Enabling Community Actions Toward Local Environmental Sustainability in Taiwan," examined how grassroots action has enabled local communities to effectively participate in the planning process and influence the outcome by looking at the anti-Binnan movement in Chiku and anti-dam movement in Meinung.

Mei evaluated the political viability of ecotourism in her master's thesis, "Changing Knowledge Regarding Ecotourism: the Case of Chiku, Tainan". These works are the 5th and 6th to be done on Chiku, with at least one more on the way (Yu-chung Lin, a Master's student at NTU, is currently researching the political reality of creating a wildlife refuge in the Chiku area). Congratulations Jeff and Mei!

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SAVE UPDATE

Annual Meeting

SAVE invites all members and those interested in becoming members to its annual meeting on Monday, September 17th. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in room B-5 of the Hearst Field Annex (HFA) at UC Berkeley. HFA is located near the intersection of Bowditch St. and Bancroft Way.

Brower Day

On June 30th, SAVE joined Earth Island Institute and other environmental groups to commemorate the spirit of environmentalist David Brower, who passed away last year. The first annual Brower Day was held at MLK, Jr. Park in Berkeley and celebrated the environment through education and activities. SAVE participated by providing information about the black-faced spoonbill and engaging kids to make their own spoonbill mobiles and masks.



HELLO FROM CHI-CHAO THE SPOONBILL



Hi guys!

Well, it's been a great summer in Korea, but I'm ready to be back in Chiku again. I've heard so much has been going on and I miss my wintering buddies. And as some of you know, the food is really better in Chiku!

Should be lifting off for the trip back pretty soon. Come see me in Chiku if you get a chance. I'm always happy to entertain visitors.

Love, Your Friend, Chi-chao.