



**Side Event: World Bamboo Ambassadors Story Night : BambooNow!**

**Date and time: September 19th 7:00-9:30 pm**

**Locations: *please note: 2 locations***

**1. WBC Venue (NCU campus) 7:00~8:00 pm** at WBC venue : presentations, and discussion among Bamboo Societies

**Invitees:** Representatives of Bamboo Societies (BS), WBO Bamboo Ambassadors (BA) and interested others.

**Objectives:**

- To create an occasion/opportunity where ideas can be exchanged,
- To build wider and stronger bamboo community connections
- To learn about the different backgrounds, ways and objectives of bamboo societies.
- To demonstrate/show how a bamboo society can help developing and promoting best practices can be learned from each other.
- To foster cooperation in protecting native bamboo species, safeguard bamboo traditional culture, crafts and arts, maintain and develop bamboo cultivation, utilization, bamboo processing, research, etc

**2. Zhongping Road Storyhouse 8:30-9:30 pm** at [Storyhouse](#) (Zhongping Road Story House, No. 99, Fuxing Road, Zhongli District, Taoyuan City, Taiwan 320) : informal gathering for World Bamboo Ambassadors and Bamboo Societies

**Invitees:** Representatives of Bamboo Societies (BS), WBO Bamboo Ambassadors (BA) and interested others.

**Objectives:**

- To set up a functioning and active World Bamboo Ambassadors Network which will organize regular activities/meetings in the future
- To promote the establishment of Bamboo Society or Story Houses or bamboo culture centers

**Presentations:** The BA/BS will be asked to make a presentation on their main achievements and the BA will present a 'quote' which highlights their bamboo activity

**Format of event:**

- both BS and BA to present a limited number of slides (20 max) during a 10 minute slot;
- The presentation should highlight their main bamboo achievements and/or propose activities to further bamboo development in their country and / or assist other organizations and people in other countries.
- Each BS and BA to share a slogan and a quote

An informal gathering will follow the 'presentation session' at Story House over tea ceremony and music.

**Expected outcomes:**

- To document the event, interview each BS / BA
- A documentary will be made to share on the WBO website and of bamboo societies and story houses.
- To strengthen and established active network among Bamboo Societies and World Bamboo Ambassadors.

**Organizers:** Tang, Li fang (World Bamboo Ambassador and Taiwan Bamboo Society); Luc Boeraeve (Belgium Bamboo Society and American Bamboo Society)

**If you are interested to attend, please respond by May 15.**

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