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Bring Back Happy Childhood Memories – 2023 Covestro Grandparent-Grandchild Science Camp

- **Theme of the 2023 camp: Grandpa's Secret Garden.**
- **Designed by Golden Tripod Award winner Professor Liang-Rong Hsu, and his team member Tiffany Chen.**
- **Aims to foster children's passion for science, bridge the generation gap, and encourage elders to stimulate their minds.**
- **Co-organized by the Department of Social Welfare, Taipei City Government; Changhua County Government; and Pingtung County Government.**
- **Registration deadline: June 25, 2023.**
- **Grandparents and grandchildren only. Low-income participants will receive priority.**

Covestro Taiwan today announced its international social impact award-winning project – Covestro Grandparent-Grandchild Science Camp – will be taking place in Taipei, Changhua, and Pingtung in August. The 2023 camp theme is Grandpa's Secret Garden (previous theme was Grandma's Magic Kitchen), which Covestro hopes will bring back fond childhood memories of kids blowing bubbles with their grandparents at the garden. Based on this concept, participants will enjoy experiments such as making bouncing bubbles and create a crystal-clear polymer ball. Grandparents and grandchildren will then use that polymer ball in a gardening project to water aquatic plants, sharing quality time once again.

"Childhood memories are fascinating, and many kids have sweet memories such as blowing bubbles in a garden and growing plants with their grandparents when they're little. Covestro now invites grandparents and grandchildren across Taiwan to take part in our camp this year and enjoy the wonders of science in our daily lives," said Dr. Carsten Wildebrand, Managing Director of Covestro Taiwan. "We also hope the science gardening project will bring grandparents and grandchildren closer after the camp by taking care of it together and extending the love and magical experience from the camp."

As well as the science gardening project, Covestro has also prepared an additional experiment set: Bubble Geometry, which grandparents and grandchildren can use to continue the happy moments learning science together after the camp. Covestro hopes that this event will bring cross-generational family members more quality time together, while also inspiring the grandchildren to develop an interest in science and

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encouraging grandparents to exercise their minds through lifelong learning.

The 2023 Covestro Grandparent-Grandchild Science Camp is co-organized by the Taipei Department of Social Welfare, Changhua County Government, and Pingtung County Government. The first round of the event will be held on August 12, 2023 at Changhua County Government's ChangHua Child & Youth Center at Xihu. "Our solid partnership with Covestro's camp started in 2019," said Hui-Mei Wang, the Magistrate of Changhua County. "Aging population has become a global trend. Grandparents and grandchildren can interact more and bond further by doing fun science experiments together. This not only brings these different generations closer, but also strengthens their relationship with love and affection. I'm looking forward to seeing grandparents and grandchildren from Changhua and other regions in Central Taiwan, to explore and have fun through science and gardening at the camp."

"Pingtung County Government has been promoting intergenerational bonding, and it is our pleasure to start our collaboration with Covestro this year," said Chun-Mi Chou, Magistrate of Pingtung County. "The shape of Pingtung is long and narrow, and this year's event is actually taking place at the center of Pingtung, at Neipu Social Welfare Building, which just finished construction in February and open to the public. We are also excited to see people from Pingtung and other Southern Taiwan areas participate in this creative and practical science education activity on August 19. We hope grandparents and grandchildren can learn while becoming closer. As parents are not allowed to enter the science camp, those parents who also have other smaller kids can go to the indoor playground for toddlers on the second floor. There, they can enjoy playing with their toddlers before the Grandparent-Grandchild Science Camp event finishes."

"Taking care of the elderly, under-privileged families, and skipped-generation households has always been our goal. With better interactions between grandparents and grandchildren, it would be easier to rectify age prejudice and discrimination in the younger generation," said Shu-Wen Yao, Commissioner of Taipei City's Department of Social Welfare. "We hope that by cooperating with Covestro on this camp, we can encourage more elderly people to pursue lifelong learning, enable more interactions within families, cultivate children's interest in science and the value of inclusion, and give people in Northern Taiwan the chance to experience the love and warmth of their grandparents again."



All applicants to Covestro's Grandparent-grandchild Science Camp must be a team of a grandchild and grandparent, and no entry fee is required. The age of grandparents must be above 60, and the age of the grandchildren must be elementary school age. Low-income households will be prioritized in admission. As part of the Science Camp this year, Covestro will also hold a special session in Taipei for students from all schools for hearing-impaired across Taiwan.

The registration deadline is June 25th. Click the following link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/4NC6nJj7nk>

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