

坎頂部落

KAMCING
COMMUNITY

Taitung · Haiduan

Millet and Bunun musical traditions



The Kamcing Community is situated on a mountain slope in Haiduan Township of Taitung County. Among fields of millet is grown Formosan quinoa. When viewed from a distance, they appear as beautiful terraces of interwoven gold and red spikes.

The Kaiana Workshop was established in this beautiful community with the mission of passing on cultural heritage and preserving traditions. It offers one-day and half-day itineraries that feature introductions to the traditional Bunun calendar, millet-based indigenous cuisine, and plant dyeing techniques. Every effort is made to welcome visitors and to promote tourism to the community.

The founder of the Kaiana Workshop, Hu Tian-Guo, overcame many difficulties to revive millet growing in the community and to research millet-based food traditions. The elders of this community are happy to once again taste traditional millet-based foods.

In 1943, Japanese musicologist, Takatoma Kurosawa, heard the singing of Pasibutbut (Prayer for a Bountiful Millet Harvest). This community is often referred to as the home of Pasibutbut, as it was the first place it was recorded. To preserve Bunun music traditions, Hu established the Kamcing Bunun choir in the hope that Bunun traditional songs can once again be heard among the millet fields.