



TEACHERS' QUALIFICATIONS

The Ministry of Education is aware of its responsibility to give teachers a chance to develop and upgrade their talents and professional skills in order to meet 21st century standards.

Thus the MOE offers two projects targeting the quality of teaching at primary and junior high schools and institutions of higher education. To support teachers, the MOE follows a dual approach. First, teacher education institutions were asked to raise their requirements for core subjects such as Mandarin Chinese, Mathematics and English. Teacher candidates at institutions of higher education were given qualification assessments to gauge the quality of their teaching skills, advanced knowledge and research capabilities.

Second, to attract more talented students to select teaching as their career path, monthly scholarships of NT\$8,000 were offered, resulting in 1,161 students being awarded scholarships in SY 2010.

Teacher Preparation Internship Program

All primary and junior and high school teacher candidates enter a teacher preparation internship program on completing their teacher

education curriculum, as strong guidance and support is required.

The MOE has made NT\$5.7 million available for teacher education institutions to set up consultation centers, to help the candidates deal with any problems that might arise during the internship.

In addition to the current 33 teacher education institutions, the MOE spent NT\$18 million to support 72 other fine institutions providing internship programs. In November 2011, the MOE held an annual internship seminar to allow candidates to share their experiences.

Teaching Enhancement Project

The MOE supports teacher professional development by encouraging teachers to acquire such skills as computer-assisted teaching, foreign language courses and advanced degrees.

In SY 2010 there were 14 universities/colleges offering 84 part-time masters degree courses for teachers, with 2,013 individuals enrolled. Nine institutions of higher education established 57 second language acquisition programs, allowing 1,710 primary and junior high school teachers to improve their foreign language ability.