

A . Priority integration of early childhood education and care

To ensure quality preschool education, kindergartens and nursery schools will be merged into preschools that accept pupils 2 to 6 years of age. Relevant legislation is in the making to establish a combined system of education and care to provide a quality and safe preschool environment.

B . Implementation of 12-year Basic Education

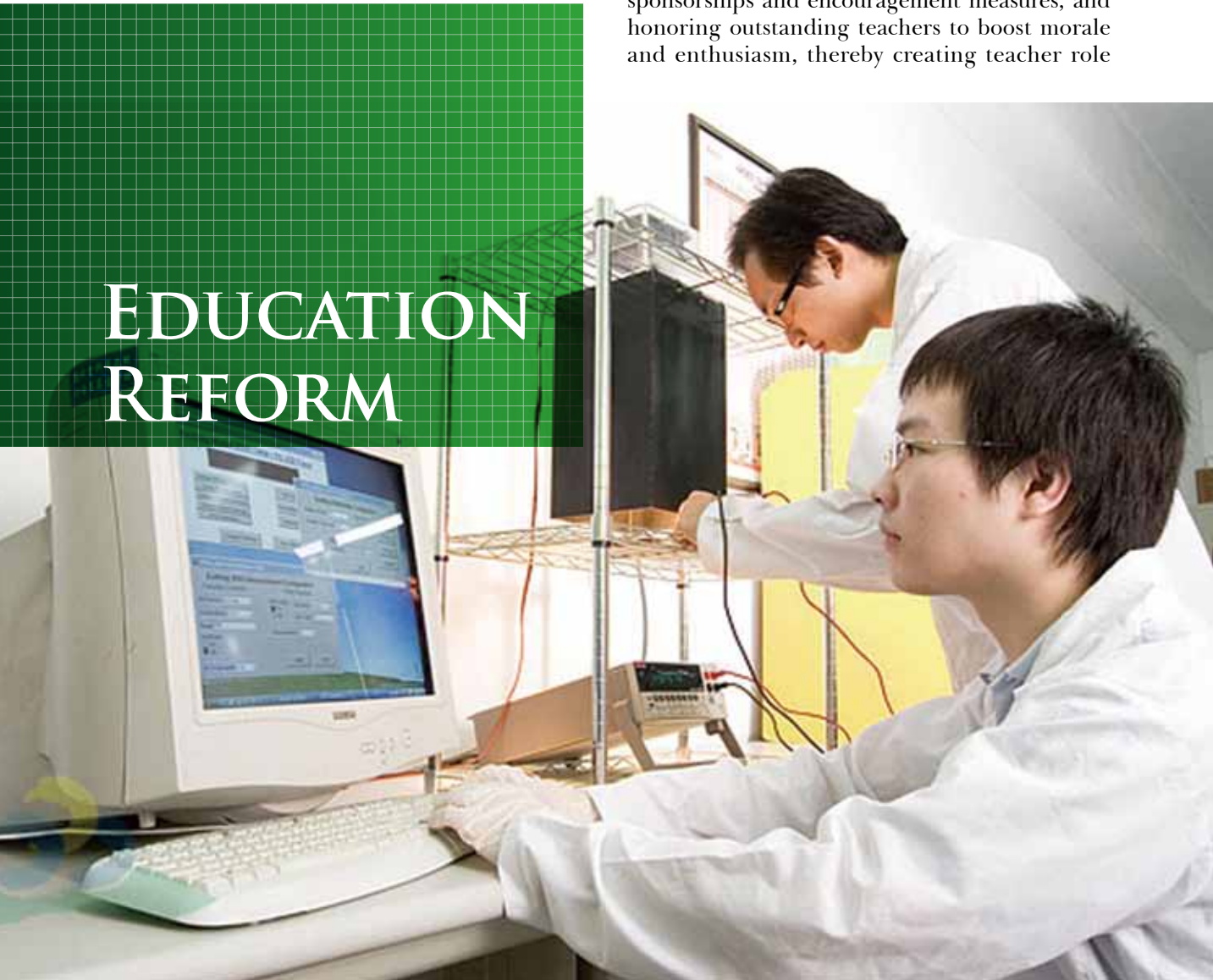
A 12-year Basic Education system will be put into effect in 2014 to increase the number of students

and the length of education, thereby improving the quality of the education environment. Education will be universal and tuition-free, and enrollment will not require admission tests. Additionally, the MOE will restructure enrollment regulations and tuition fee policies, redraw school districts, enhance guidance counseling, and seek funding for the changes proposed.

C . Promotion of moral education and instructor role models

This will be done in several ways: by setting policy for teacher training and professional development, rewarding outstanding teachers in remote areas by offering government sponsorships and encouragement measures, and honoring outstanding teachers to boost morale and enthusiasm, thereby creating teacher role

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models. To strengthen moral education, teachers are encouraged to ask students to practice good behavior in daily life, such as performing a good deed daily or serving as community volunteers.

D . Comprehensive support for underprivileged students

This includes improving the education environment of Taiwan's indigenous peoples and promoting the talented among their tribesfolk, helping the offspring of immigrant spouses adjust to their new environments and encouraging them to participate in multicultural activities and lifelong learning, implementing support for underprivileged groups and reducing the gap between urban and rural areas by improving teaching quality in remote areas, and providing flexible and individually-tailored educational services to serve students with special needs.

E . Development of Taiwan as a hub for East Asian higher educations

Main measures here include providing university scholarships for international students, increasing the number of classes taught entirely in English, establishing administrative support for overseas enrollment and recruiting more Southeast Asian students, as well as collaborating with Southeast Asian nations that may want to send their high-ranking officials to Taiwan to pursue professional development.

F . Construction of a society of lifelong learning

This includes promotion of lifelong learning under the code name 331: exercise at least 30 minutes a day, study for 30 minutes each day, and perform a good deed daily. Multi-purpose



learning centers will be built at key locations in cities and the countryside. Adult basic education workshops will be held to reduce the rate of illiteracy. Public libraries will be made more accessible to the general public so as to promote reading. Diverse learning options will be provided to senior citizens in anticipation of the aging of Taiwanese society.

G . Promotion of exercise and better health

Increase the number of physical education classes in elementary and secondary schools and enhance students' swimming ability and physical fitness. Utilize free space in schools to build exercise areas and facilities so as to create a campus where students can exercise whenever and wherever they want. Set up a streamlined system for identifying and developing athletic talent.

H . Nurturing of talent to strengthen international competitiveness

This includes promotion of compulsory education and lifelong learning to improve citizens' living standards and increase international competitiveness. To assist in the recruitment of global talent, the MOE will revamp its regulations regarding the pay scale for foreign nationals and ease requirements for work eligibility in Taiwan. Furthermore, the MOE will work to improve students' foreign language skills, enhance their international outlook, and strengthen exchange programs with top universities around the world to encourage more Taiwanese students to study abroad.