

Youth Development Affairs



A. Youth Career Counseling

1. Promote research on youth development strategies

Formulate policies and regulations on youth development. Integrate resources from all fields to promote youth development.

2. Establish the system and standards for youth career development

Establish the system and standards that target youth career development and planning to supplement shortcomings in the current system, including career development research or the development of evaluation tools, training for seed teachers for career counseling and establish an information platform for career counseling. In the future, career counseling will be extended from universities, colleges and

junior colleges level down to senior high schools and vocational high schools as well as junior high schools to fully implement career counseling.

3. Explore and experience diverse career fields

Expand opportunities for exposure to diverse career fields, including the public sector, private sector and others, with improving youth employment as the core value. Provide students the opportunity to experience careers through work-study and internship. The information should be integrated and posted on the website of RICH to help youths to experience work fields as early as possible in their academic careers and to develop professional skills and a proper work attitude.

4. Cultivate innovation and creativity in youth

The Intelligent Ironman Creativity Contest was held to help develop youth into pioneers of innovation and reform who will lead the country into infinite possibilities. The contest hones the intellectual and creative abilities of senior high and vocational high school students in multiple fields. Promote Taiwan International Student Design Competition.

B. Youth Public Participation

1. Promote youth social participation

Cultivate youths' ability to participate in public affairs, provide youth with multiple channels and opportunities for public participation, encourage youths to explore the entire country, develop their sense of responsibility toward and recognition of their native land, transform youths' perspective, thoughts and passion into action and expand the influence of their actions.

1. Action program to promote youth community involvement: The Ministry has subsidized 262 youth group action programs with various characteristics from 2006 to 2012 and encouraged youth groups to form alliances with the NPOs. They are also encouraged to develop proposals that combine local needs with local characteristics. The five program categories include local industries, community construction, environment and habitat, cultural heritage and care for the disadvantaged.

2. Campus forums: Since 2005, youth experts and ambassadors have been invited to share their experience in social participation and public affairs with youths in universities, colleges and junior colleges, senior high schools and vocational high schools to encourage youths to devote themselves to public affairs by face to face talk.

2. Promote youth involvement in policies

Actively construct platforms that will promote

The competition and exhibition will encourage Taiwanese students to expand their design energy and connect with international design education. Conduct the U-start program to connect industry and academia and create innovative and entrepreneurial spirits in universities, colleges and junior colleges. The purpose is to allow students to apply what they study and effectively improve our human resources.

dialogues or recommendations for youth involvement in policies. Promote the Youth Policy Union program and conduct training for the master of ceremony for youth policy forums, establish youth advisory committee, assist universities, colleges and junior colleges in forming and promoting autonomous organizations to increase the opportunities for youth involvement in policy-making.

1. Conduct the Youth Policy Union program: Conduct Youth Policy Forum, Youth Group Policy Development Competition, Leader of the Day and Youth Creativity Action Program to encourage social participation among the youth with their own actions to increase their civic awareness.

2. Establish a youth advisory committee: Conduct discussions on issues that youths are concerned about and collect comments and approaches to provide specific policy recommendations as a way to bridge communications between the government and youth.



3. Assist universities, colleges and junior colleges to develop student autonomous organizations: Conduct various seminars, training, competitions and observations for autonomous governance to improve the students' understanding of civic literacy, their abilities in rational thinking and to better the quality of organizational management.

3. Enhance the involvement of youth volunteers

Promote diverse youth volunteer services, cultivate their knowledge and skills in volunteer services and strengthen the platform and network for youth volunteer services to reach the goal of a million youths, a million volunteers.

1. Conduct Global Youth Service Day focus activities to rouse youths' willingness to volunteer. Subsidize youth groups that perform volunteer services and

encourage youths to perform various services. Hold national competitions and assemblies for outstanding youth volunteer groups to honor exemplary volunteers.

2. Establish regional youth volunteer centers and reinforce the organizational connection and integration of local resources. Conduct basic and special training for youth volunteers to give lectures in teams.

3. Establish youth volunteer participation and promotion committees. Integrate government and private forces to assist with the promotion of youth volunteer services. Promote and maintain websites for Youth Volunteer Service for Regional Peace and integrate the information concerning youth volunteer services to provide a communication platform for public and private resources.



C. International Experience and Learning for Youths

1. Reinforce youth international involvement

Develop diverse proposals for youth volunteer overseas service. Encourage youth volunteer groups to serve overseas through educational training and funding. Conduct youth international affairs workshops and strengthen youths' knowledge and skills in international volunteering through courses and practical training in international affairs and international volunteering. Promote special loans for youths to experience life overseas to help them fulfill their dreams of living overseas through backpacking, short-term study and working holidays.

2. Promote international and cross-strait youth exchange

Expand the international and cross-strait exchange network for youths. Promote mutual visits between the officials of Taiwan and Israel. Invite 20 college students with volunteering experience from each country to participate in Taiwan-Israel Youth Exchange Delegation. Strengthen the promotion of memoranda of understanding or collaboration programs on youth affairs among friendly nations such as UK and South Korea to deepen relationships and friendships with these countries. Invite international youth leaders and youth organizations to visit Taiwan. Subsidize youth participation in international and cross-strait youth conferences or program activities. Continue to operate the website for youth international exchange information, iYouth, and provide information on studying abroad, working holidays, overseas internship, international volunteering, conferences and activities as well as training and seminars to increase the channels and opportunities for youth to participate in international affairs.

3. Promote learning through services

Schools at all levels are encouraged to make program proposals to promote learning through services and continue to integrate resources and service division. The accumulation of experiences



will strengthen future development. Establish an information platform for learning through services to compile good examples of learning through services and related teaching materials for members to query and utilize. Help community organizations and schools at all levels to conduct seed teacher training related to learning through services. Encourage universities, colleges and junior colleges to lead in a customized manner nearby junior and elementary schools to promote learning through services. Conduct national seminars on learning through services to promote exchanges on domestic and international experiences with learning through services and to award role models and promotional staff for exemplary performance.

4. Promote youth travel

Promote a youth travel program to encourage the young people to get to know themselves, experience life, develop adaptability and the ability to react through travel learning experiences. In addition to improving self understanding and development, this program will also help youths travel throughout their native land. They will understand Taiwan better and start to recognize and take responsibility for this land. Youth travel is combined with charity issues to encourage youth to evolve and grow through altruistic acts. Meetings will be held for youths to share their travel experiences, including experts in traveling Taiwan, and increase the influence of role models and create the trend of youth travel in Taiwan. ■