

Vision

Education is what makes a country strong. Advanced countries around the world are all devoted to education reform to nurture quality recruits and increase competitiveness in the international community. Taiwan ranks 12 in the Global Competitiveness Report issued by the World Economic Forum in 2013. Particularly, the ranking for education is 11. In the World Competitiveness Yearbook published by IMD in Switzerland, Taiwan ranks 11 with a continuous improvement in education. In the Legatum Prosperity Index published by the Legatum Institute, Taiwan has an overall ranking of 22 and 10 in education. These indexes show that education is a key factor for prosperity in a nation. The exceptional and stable performance in education, which is the foundation of national development and increasing competitiveness, has won international recognition.

Nurturing quality and creative recruits and increasing international competitiveness is the overall vision of the Ministry of Education. It entails three significant meanings – to establish a quality educational environment to cultivate recruits with international competitiveness; enjoy physical and healthful living for all, with top sports honors for



Taiwan; nurturing youth as the innovative leaders of reform. The Ministry also proposed twelve key implementations, including the White Paper on Human Resource Development to nurture top talent; fully implement Early Childhood Education and Care Act to ensure the quality of preschool education and care; enact 12-year Basic Education; promote Phase 2 of the Technological and Vocational Education Reform Plan to bridge the gap between academics and industry; improve the quality of higher education and promote the export of higher education; cultivate mentors and popularize arts education; build a society with lifelong learning and promote family and seniors education; promote e-learning and establish a sustainable campus; build a friendly and healthy campus and implement gender equality and moral education; reinforce

care and assistance for the disadvantaged and protect their rights to education; establish a quality sports environment to win top international honors; create a diverse learning environment for youths to improve their core competitiveness.

Education requires long-term effort. Investment in education is an investment in the future of the nation. The Ministry of Education will continue to integrate the forces from education, sports and youth and apply professionalism, educational expertise and innovative thinking with teamwork, innovation, communication and practice. The goal is to implement governance with sensitivity to fulfill the vision in education, which is to realize the vision of nurturing quality and creative recruits and increase international competitiveness. ●