

Youth Development Affairs

A Youth Career Counseling

1 Research and Formulate Youth Development Act

Formulate the draft of White Paper on Youth Development Policies and conduct preliminary studies of the Youth Development Act to promote and implement youth-related policies to help the youths development in the nation.

2 Promote Career Development for Young Students

Improve the professional skills and knowledge of career counselors through teacher training, policy



research and information platform with the Program for Promote Youth Student Career Counseling. Conduct teacher training in universities, colleges and junior colleges, conduct research on career development and establish the information network for career counseling on a yearly basis to fully implement youth 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

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. 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.

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.

i. 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.

ii. 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 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 a Youth Advisory Committee, promote and guide colleges and universities in autonomous governance to increase the opportunities for youth involvement in policy-making.

i. 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.

ii. 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.

iii. 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.

i. Conduct a series of service 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.

ii. 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.

iii. 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 training programs for youths to cultivate expertise in international affairs. Arrange for students to study courses related to international affairs in the U.S. during the summer vacation to



experience diverse cultures and expand their global perspective, and induct them into the database for potential recruits with expertise in international affairs. 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

Strengthen exchanges among the youth departments of various countries and promote international collaboration on youth affairs to fully implement Taiwanese and Israeli youths' memoranda of understanding and deepen the network and friendships for exchanges among youths. 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 Service

Formulate and implement proposals for learning through services from the Ministry with a focus on promoting and fulfilling such a concept. Combine forces from governments of all levels, schools, communities and non-profit organizations to create collaboration and support network for learning through services. The accumulation of experiences will

help connect with the international community. The focus is on training seed teachers in schools at all levels, strengthening the integration of learning through service with the curriculum and conducting activities to enrich and reinforce the information platform for learning through service to expand the information network and collaboration with community organizations. In addition, encourage universities, colleges and junior colleges to lead in a customized manner nearby junior and elementary schools to promote learning through service. Conduct national seminars on learning through services to promote exchanges on domestic and international experiences with learning through service and to award role models and promotional staff for exemplary performance.

4 Promote Channels for Youth Travel and Study

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. In order to encourage youth to travel abroad to study and experience the world, broaden their international perspective and strengthen international mobility, the Ministry implemented the pilot study program for students in universities, colleges and junior colleges to experience life abroad in 2014. The curriculum incorporates the concept of Gap Year. The program provides multiple ways for youth to experience life and study abroad with a systematic course design. ●

