

1 Youth Development Affairs



A Youth Career Counseling

1 Research and Formulate Youth Development Policies

Formulate the draft of Principles on Youth Development Policies which serves as references for the future promotion. Conduct preliminary studies of the youth development index to gather information and to assist the formulation of suitable youth development index.

2 Promote Career Development for Young Students

The Ministry of Education practice youth career consultation on the aspect of regulation specialty development, classes

and studying, tools and information as well as supporting measures with the Program for Promote Youth Student Career Counseling. To assist the career development blueprints of the college students, the promotion and execution of career development materials and brochures are in placed. Additionally, the Ministry shall guide the teachers to establish career counseling services through the integration of schools' resources.



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. 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 shall subsidize youth group action programs with various characteristics and encourage 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 creativity and care for the disadvantaged.

ii. Campus forums: Great role models such as youth experts and ambassadors are invited to share their experience in social participation and public affairs with youths in universities, colleges and junior colleges and senior secondary schools to encourage youths to devote themselves to public affairs by face to face talk.



iii. Work with Taiwan Youth Foundation to promote youth development: Establish an exchange platform for Youth Development Administration and Taiwan Youth Foundation to enhance collaboration and horizontal dialogue system. Since 2014, there has been many seminars and conferences held for Taiwan Youth Foundation to share their valuable experiences and provide youth diverse opportunities and channels to be involved in the communities. In turns, it expands the efficacy of the horizontal dialogue between the organizations.

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.



International Experience and Learning for Youths

1 Promote Youth International Involvement and Exchange

Integrate related resources to push proposals for diverse international participation and services. For examples, to expand international in-depth youth exchange, to promote international youth personnel training program, to encourage and subsidize youth to voice out and participate on the international stage, to subsidize the youth volunteer team from both international and Taiwanese schools abroad, to broaden the youth's vision, to increase Taiwanese youth's global mobility and competitiveness, to enhance youth's international affair knowledge and to nurture leaders with a global mindset. In turns, the influential youth can speak for Taiwan on the international stage and leads the new generation into the global stage. By upgrading the international competitiveness

and mobility of the youth, they will gain more opportunities to be part of the global actions and fulfill their dreams. The young generations will increase the basic international knowledge and quality through the foreign exchange with youth from all over the world.

2 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. 2015 is set to be the year of service learning where the focus is on training seed teachers, strengthening the information platform for learning, subsidizing universities, colleges and junior colleges to promote a



creative proposal for service learning that focus on the community. Also, the colleges are strongly encouraged to lead the nearby junior and elementary schools to promote learning through service in a customized manner. Conduct a national end result exhibition and award ceremony 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.

3 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, become more caring and passionate about Taiwan 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. 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. ■

