

# 01 Words from the Minister...



## /// Innovative Education - Creating Uniqueness ///

Education is the foundation of a nation, and our human capital is the force behind our prosperity. Education administrative organizations need to foresee how the future is unfolding and use more innovative approaches to planning for the national education system. The education system should help children develop their potential and others' well-being. To help children and teens find their own path as they become young adults, the Ministry of Education is integrating its strengths in three areas – educational vitality, athletic vitality, and youthful vitality. Building on its governance achievements of the past, the Ministry is working

to revolutionize the education system. Its aim is to create robust quality educational strategies, improve administrative efficiency, and actively implement and promote national education, sports, and youth development.

High-quality education is a component of the President's Golden Decade National Vision that was unveiled in 2011 and the Ministry of Education is energetically working in all areas of education to provide this. Our recent work includes implementing: 1. the Early Childhood Education and Care Act, and the Quality Preschool Education Development program;

2. establishing quality education environments, and extending basic education up to grade 12; 3. the Technical and Vocational Education Act, and Phase 2 of the Technological and Vocational Education Reform Plan; 4. the Aim for the Top University, and the Promoting University Teaching Excellence projects; 5. amending of the Family Education Act, and establishing locally available ongoing learning and education for all senior citizens; 6. the Study-in-Taiwan Enhancement Program, and the 8-Year Chinese Language Education Export Plan; 7. the White Paper on Teacher Education; 8. Phase I of the 5-year Aesthetic Education Plan to boost arts education; 9. the E-learning Promotion Plan, and the Expansion of Digital Opportunities in Remote Areas project; 10. the Special Education Act, and setting up of an effective support system; 11. amending of the Education Act for Indigenous Peoples, and implementing and promoting the 5-year Indigenous Education Development Program begun in 2011; 12. drafting of the Student Guidance and Counseling Act which has now been promulgated, and creating sustainable friendly campuses; 13. promoting the Sports Island Project, and implementing the Physical Education and Sports Policy White Paper; and 14. drafting of Youth Policy Guidelines, and vigorously working to facilitate provision of a diverse range of development pathways for young people.

2015 has been designated the Ministry's Education Innovation Action Year. We will steadfastly continue our professional collaboration with multifaceted creative approaches, and explore tackling our work in new ways, with new ways of thought, using new media, working with new people, and new perceptions. The Ministry of Education's



key role is to communicate policies and provide a platform bringing together resources: integrating and putting to use various resources from all different sectors, and presenting forward-looking extremely practical government policies that will bring about noticeable positive changes in education. We are throwing our energy into turning our schools, colleges, and universities around with innovative education action, to help our young people to fulfill their dreams, increase their global competitiveness, and build an equitable, sustainable, and prosperous country. 🇹🇼

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