



## 19. Conclusions

**E**ducation is the foundation of a nation. It is also the prime force supporting its development and progress. The manpower required by all economic and social construction projects must be trained under a long-term education program.

Taiwan is a country short of natural resources. However, through careful planning, we are able to create an optimum educational environment to cultivate citizens for the era of knowledge-based economy. The Ministry of Education will do its best not only to ensure equal educational opportunities for the general public, but also provide quality education to those in need of special attention.

With the ultimate goal of educational reform, the strategies would go along with expansion of

educational program and upgrading educational quality—setting up flexible schooling system to lessen pressure of academic advancement, removing the bondage of joint entrance examinations, narrowing the gap between rural and urban educational resources availability, evenly distributing public and private school resources, promoting life-long education, building a learning society, and reinforcing international cultural and educational exchange.

The goal of producing such an ideal educational system could not be attained in an instant. It may be possible only through the full participation of all citizens.



