

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten



Pre-kindergarten Education

Taiwan pre-school education used to belong to different governmental departments. New policies being introduced has pre-school education integrated under the Department of Primary Education of MOE. The new policy has separated it into two phases for kids age between 0 to 7-year old: There are baby care centers for toddlers aging 0 to 2 and kindergartens for kids aging 2 to pre-school kids. The MOE has formed an executive committee in June 2005 to ensure a smooth transition to the new policy. More importantly, they will inform local government, parenting groups, teachers and representatives about the new policies and obtain their feedback. If the legislated change proceeds smoothly, the transition phase will end in 2009 and new regulations will come into force.

Kindergarten Education

To help more children admitted into pre-schools and ensure everyone receives basic care, the MOE has been promoting an educational plan since 2004 for five-year-old children from lower-income families. To lessen their financial burdens, financial support of NT\$6000 per semester is available for the preschoolers from these families.

Also, another ancillary education project has its focus on five-year-old children in Taiwan's three isles. In 2005, the project was expanded to include all five-year-old aboriginal kids in 54 towns. In 2006, the plan became nationwide and now applies to five-year olds from all low income families. The plan from 2004 to 2008 has an estimated 2.3 billion NT\$ budget.

Children enrolled in kindergartens have been on the rise over the years. By SY2005, a total of 3,351 kindergartens admitted 224,219 children. All the effort has allowed more kids to benefit from better education quality and ensuring that every citizen has an education opportunity.