

Sports Affairs



A Overview

On January 1, 2013, Sports Administration of the Ministry of Education inaugurated and made a new start with integration of sports resources and affairs in schools and society. The Sports Policy White Paper was issued in June 2013. The action plan for the White Paper was completed in September and published in December. The White Paper sets out the vision of Healthy Citizens, Athletic Excellence and Vitality in Taiwan with the core philosophy of Quality Sports Culture, Outstanding Athletic Performance and Prosperous Sports Industries as guidelines for sports development in Taiwan. In the next decade, the proposals in the action plan will be gradually put into practice to generate pleasant sports experience, cultivate healthy, outstanding athletes and move the entire nation toward a better sports environment.

B Key Policies and Achievements

1 Popularize and Diversify National Sport

- i / Promote “Taiwan i Sport Program”, implement “Deep-rooting Sport Culture Program”, “Expansion of Sports Knowledge Program”, “Spread Seeds of Exercise Program” and “Sports City Program”. MOE works with city and county governments to realize the vision of the Sports Policy White Paper “sports improve your health and quality of life”.
- ii / Improve students’ physical fitness and promote 12-year Basic Education – Fitness Examination Establishment Plan, all cities and counties are subsidized to establish 41 Fitness Examination Stations in SY2015.
- iii / Promote corporate and women sports programs and encourage employees and women to exercise and participate in sports activities, helping them cultivate regular exercise habits.
- iv / Care for seniors’ health, extend the age limit for physical fitness exam and encourage seniors to participate in outdoor activities and develop the habit of exercise.

- v/ Continue to promote exercise programs for the disabled and in 55 indigenous villages and take care of the disadvantaged and their rights.
- vi/ Fully implement sports education for indigenous students: Reinforce athletes' health and stress management ability through education on medicine, sports injury, nutrition and drugs. Monitor the changes that take place in athletes' body shapes through sports science. Establish a database on indigenous athletes' physical and psychological condition as a foundation for awareness of their physical characteristics and sports potential.
- vii/ Continue to promote further studying and evaluation system of sports and leisure professionals to deep root the human resources for national sport.

2 Obtain Better Results in International Competition

- i/ Prepare for the 2016 Summer Olympics, Rio de Janeiro: There are three stages in the athletes' training and preparation for the 2016 Rio Olympics Plan. The government will assist the athletes to train, provide medical team and support the delivery of the equipment.
- ii/ Continue with the Comprehensive Plan for Baseball Revitalization and submit Baseball Strengthening Program to the Executive Yuan. The program period is from 2014 to 2017 and the goal is to increase grade 4 baseball teams to 900, raise the percentage for female participation in baseball yearly



and reach the top three spots in the international baseball community.

- iii/ Reform the training system for competing athletes: Reestablish the support system for sports training, integrate school sports and competing sports and strengthen the athlete selection and cultivation mechanism. Choose athletes that are appropriate for international competitions through a systematic training system. In addition to supporting athletes with training and award mechanisms through selection, training, competition, counseling and reward, the functions of the National Sports Training Center will also be strengthened to improve international competitiveness.
- iv/ Establish a sound full-time sports coach system: Supervise local governments to comply with the National Sports Act and hire more full-time sports coaches for sports classes. Continue to conduct improvement training for full-time sports coaches and establish a system for coaches on tour. Conduct regular visits to check the services of full-time sports coaches, emphasize the transportation of talent and continuous training results.
- v/ Establish a sports injury prevention system: Sports Administration of the Ministry of Education is promoting the Subsidy Program for Touring Sports Injury Prevention Specialists at All Levels of Schools. 45 sports injury prevention specialists are programmed for 44 schools. The implementation focuses on three strategies, including sports protection and management, establishment of a regional



medical service network as well as visits for sports science and guidance in health education as references for evaluating future regional and national expansions and executes the care which the entry level athletes are entitled to.

- vi/ Prepare for the 2017 Universiade in Taipei: Established the Plan of Athlete's Training and Preparation for the 2017 Universiade in Taipei, which integrated the training resources of Olympics and ensured the consistency in the training system to achieve the best performances possible in the competition.

3 Develop the Sports Industries

- i/ Continue to implement the stipulations and support measures for Sports Industry Development Regulation to build an environment that is friendly to the development of the sports industry in Taiwan.
- ii/ Actively promote rewarding measures of financial assistance, collaboration between industry and academia, research and development as well as innovative service and increase expenditure on sports consumption to promote the development of sports industries.
- iii/ Actively implement the Promotional Program for Corporate Sports Sponsorship to encourage the infusion of private resources into sports development.

4 Actively Promote International and Cross-Strait Sports Events

- i/ Continue to guide and promote sports organizations in Taiwan to hold international tournaments: Promote international exchange in sports; strengthen communication with international sports organizations; host international sports competition and conferences; cultivate talent in international sports affairs, actively obtain key positions in international organizations; guide sports organizations in Taiwan to hold international tournaments and competitions to fulfill our duty as a member country, increase Taiwan's strength in sports, improve our national reputation and expand the extension and depth of international exchange on sports.
- ii/ Actively prepare for the 2017 Universiade in Taipei and 2019 East Asian Youth Games in Taichung: Assist with the operation of the Department of Sports, Taipei City Government, and offer guidance to establish the "2017 Universiade in Taipei Preparation Plan", which was approved in principle from the Executive Yuan on Oct 25, 2013 and fight for more budget planning. Additionally, the government will determine which sports categories have higher possibility to win the medals, and help the operation of program preparation, facilities arrangements and athlete training. Assist the Taichung City to win the race to host 2019 East Asian Youth Games. A preparation committee was established in June, 2015. Two meetings



were held since then to formulate a preparation plan and calculate the budget of the event.

- iii / Train recruits with expertise in international sports affairs: Continue to conduct training for international affairs specialists and establish a databank to cultivate trainees with the abilities to assist sports associations to conduct international exchanges abroad and provide potential recruits for the preparation of the 2017 Universiade in Taipei and 2019 East Asian Youth Games in Taichung.
- iv / Establish harmonious, equal and reciprocal cross-strait exchanges in sports: Conduct cross-strait exchanges and visits for sports professionals based on the principles of equality and dignity, facilitating mutual understanding. Conduct cross-strait discussions between the two Olympic Committees to optimize the communication platform for Senior Secondary School Sports Foundation and University, College and junior college Sports Foundation to establish mechanisms for good communication and harmonious and reciprocal cross-strait exchanges in sports.

5 Build a Quality Sports Environment for the Public

- i / Enhance public sports facilities at all levels. It is anticipated that 32 civil sports centers and 430 sports facilities of all types will be built between 2010 and 2017 to provide a friendly, high-quality sports environment for the public. There were 10 civil sports centers built at the end of 2015 and it is

expected to build 6 more sports centers by the end of 2016. In additions, it is confirmed to subsidize the total of 448 cases of various sports facilities and renovation; this includes 53 parks, 61 swimming pools, 67 softball fields, 53 basketball courts, 14 gate ball fields and 200 other cases. The Ministry wants to promote a healthy sporty lifestyle and provide the citizens with excellent exercising environments. Furthermore, the Ministry will continue to supervise the municipal city and county (city) governments to manage and monitor the operation of these facilities as well as listing and managing public sports facilities that may potentially be idle. In addition, experts and scholars are invited to conduct visits to understand the operation of subsidized sports facilities to encourage local governments to maximize the efficiency of facility operation.

- ii / Establish the bike path network: NT\$1.2billion will be appropriated to establish 470 km of bike path between 2013 and 2016. The Ministry will form an interdisciplinary collaboration platform with the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and other departments to integrate resources for the bike path program and promote the establishment of a bike path network in order to increase the effectiveness of the program. The construction of Cycling Route No. 1 was completed by the end of 2015.
- iii / Conduct a comprehensive plan for establishing a national sports park: Continue the renovation of National Sports Training Center and training bases to support athletes in order for them to achieve excellently in competitions. To plan and build a comprehensive environment so that National Sports Training Center becomes a place that offers facilities for professional sports training that improve scientific physicality of athletes as well as their performances. In addition to that, such advantages will help strengthen Taiwan's abilities to host international sports competition and our competitiveness in sports in the international society.iii