

# Youth Development Affairs



## A Youth Career Counseling

### 1 Research and Formulate Youth Development Policy Guidelines

Continue to revise Youth Development Policy Guidelines as the blueprint for realizing the vision of youth development. 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 Students of University, College and Junior College

To assist university, college and junior college students make good career development, MOE promotes the Program for Promote Youth Student Career Counseling by subsidizing schools in course-oriented and activity-oriented plans. Moreover, MOE guides teachers to establish career counseling or incorporate such counseling into professional courses in school, helps integrate schools' resources to organize career counseling activities to execute the promotion of career counseling.

### 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 of youths and experts 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. 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 the student unions in universities, colleges and junior colleges 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, 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 the development of student unions in universities, colleges and junior colleges: Conduct various seminars, training, competitions and observations among student unions 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 and award ceremonies 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 and empowerment courses.
- iii / 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.

## C 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 achieve their goals on the international stage, 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

Promote 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, and strengthen resource integration for learning through services. The key focus includes developing training courses for seed teachers, and 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 in order to encourage youths to gain practical experience by combining courses or activities with learning through service proposals, achieving the goal of using with what you learn. By integrating practical experiences with knowledge and skills, youths are able to gain self-growth. Furthermore, through the mutual interaction that is co-prosperous and co-sharing between servers and receivers, the environment we all share will be improved and a just and harmonic society will ultimately be built.

## 3 Promote Channels for Youth Travel and Study

Promote a youth travel program to encourage youths to leave their classrooms and comfort zones to try different lifestyles, and guide them to see different aspects of Taiwan so that they care for and become more passionate about their native land through non-orthodox educational channels; also, through this youth travel program, youths' ability to do independent thinking, adapt and react and solve problems are cultivated so that they may find themselves, experience life, and look for directions and possibilities for their future while developing self-knowledge and increasing their competitiveness. This program is combined with charity issues to encourage youths to evolve and grow through altruistic acts; meetings are arranged for youths to share their travel experience, including sharing from youth experts, in order to expand the influence of role models and promote a trend for youth travel. To broaden youths' international horizons and their international mobility, the Ministry encourages universities, colleges and junior colleges to incorporate the idea of "Gap Year" in the courses they offer. Specific learning themes will be designed by teachers and with these courses, students are offered a complete and systematic learning opportunity, providing for our young students to study abroad through multiple channels.<sup>III</sup>