

Sports Affairs



A Overview

The Sports Administration of the Ministry of Education integrates sports resources and affairs in schools and society and issued the “Sports Policy White Paper” 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 Sports

- 1 Promote the “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.”
- 2 Improve students’ physical fitness and promote 12-year Basic Education – Fitness Examination Establishment Plan, all cities and counties are subsidized to establish 45 Fitness Examination Stations in SY 2016.
- 3 Promote corporate and women sports programs and encourage employees and women to exercise and participate in sports activities, helping them cultivate regular exercise habits.

- 4 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.
- 5 Continue to promote exercise programs for the disabled and in 55 indigenous villages and take care of the disadvantaged and their rights.
- 6 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.
- 7 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

- 1 Continue with the “Comprehensive Plan for Baseball Revitalization” and submit the “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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Establish a sports injury prevention system: the Sports Administration of the Ministry of Education is promoting the “Subsidy Program for Touring Sports Injury Prevention Specialists at All Levels of Schools.” 61 sports injury prevention specialists are programmed for 60 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.
- 5 Strive for excellent results at the 2017 Universiade in Taipei: Establish the Plan of Athlete’s Training and Preparation for the 2017 Universiade in Taipei, which integrated the training resources of Olympics and ensure the consistency in the training system to achieve the best performances possible in the competition.
- 6 Prepare for the 18th Asian Games in 2018: Establish the Plan for Athletes’ Training and Preparation for the 18th Asian Games in 2018, organize the training program for each phase, assist by providing teams for training, counseling, sports science and medical care with the aim of achieving excellent results.

3 Develop the Sports Industries

- 1 Form a taskforce of experts in policies related to the sports industries, implement the “Sports Industry Development Regulation” and their branch laws and measures, establish a platform for sports sponsoring, encourage the investment of private resources in the sports business.
- 2 Research and determine the sports business promotion project “Push Five, Show Three,” promote sports to turn into an all-people’s activity, make it more functional, scientific, industrial, international; show the attractiveness of a sports city, the liveliness of sports health, the power of sports business.
- 3 Guide the issuance of sports lottery, use the sales profits for a sports development fund, use it to stimulate, cultivate and care for sports talent and for the development of sports.

4 Promote International and Cross-Strait Sports Exchanges

- 1 Guide the organization of single-sport international tournaments and competitions: 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.
- 2 Guide the organization of international multi-sport competitions: The 2017 Universiade in Taipei takes place from August 19 through 30, 2017; continue to advise the Taipei City Government in gradually revising the “2017 Universiade in Taipei Preparation Plan,” hold



interdepartmental negotiations, organize platform meetings to promote relevant work and engineering meetings in order to complete all preparations in time; the 2019 East Asian Youth Games in Taichung take place from August 24 through 31, 2019: help with the drawing up of a “2019 Taichung East Asian Youth Games Preparation Plan,” form an interdepartmental negotiation committee in order to begin all manner of preparatory work.

- 3 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 strengthen international sports exchanges.
- 4 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

- 1 Build and renovate public sports facilities at all levels: take quantity and quality as both important tasks, complete public sports and athletics facilities at each level. It is anticipated that 30 civil sports centers and 430 sports facilities of all types will be built between 2010 and 2017. There were 16 civil sports centers built at the end of 2016. In addition, it has been confirmed that a total of 454 cases of various sports facilities and renovation projects will be subsidized; this includes 54 athletics parks, 61 swimming pools, 69 softball fields, 53 basketball courts, 14 gate ball fields and 203 other cases. The Ministry wants to promote a healthy sporty lifestyle and provide the citizens with friendly and excellent exercising environments. The Ministry of Education will pay regular and unannounced visits to inspect sports facilities operation as well as list and manage 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 enhance the efficiency of facility operations.

- 2 Establish a complete bike path network: originally, NT\$1.2 billion had been appropriated to establish 470 km of bike path between 2013 and 2016. Later, the project was delayed until 2018, and the total budget was set at NT\$1.35 billion. For the period 2013-2016, 177 items received subsidies, and 111 of those cases were completed. Up until the end of 2016, 255 km of new bicycle paths were built, making for a total of 487 km of path with signaling. When the project will be completed in 2018, the newly built stretch will total 564 km. The total length of bicycle paths at present has reached 5,513 km.
- 3 Implement the “National Sports Park General Construction Plan.” 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 international society. ■