

# Special Education



Taiwan delegates attend an international Maths & Science Olympiad with other delegates.

## Education for Exceptional Students

The Special Education Act of 1997 was a landmark in the history of special education in Taiwan. Its related regulations defined the goals and purposes of special education and suggested materials and methods for instruction.

The MOE has set up the Special Education Task Force to ensure enforcement of that Act and to coordinate the various efforts of those engaged in providing special education.

In Taiwan, special education is provided in special education schools, special classes, resource rooms, itinerant educational services, bedside instruction and regular classes.

## Education for Gifted Students

The Special Education Act allows gifted students to enter school before the required age or to skip grades or subjects, to be accelerated by a whole year or to take courses beyond their year level.

All schools are required to evaluate whether certain students could be accelerated in terms of year level or subject. Before receiving their diplomas, the teachers of the students who are accelerated should confirm



Special education includes preparing disabled students to gain employment.

that they have reached the standards of the graduating class.

## Education for Students with Special Talents

Students with outstanding talent in sports, the arts, science or other academic areas can be recommended for admission to senior high school or university, subject to the following conditions:

- A. That they have claimed one of the top three spots during the school term in an international contest that is recognised by education authorities, related to science, the arts or innovation.
- B. That they have produced an outstanding performance at a science event organised by academic research institutions. Participation in these events must be by recommendation and under the commitment of an education authority.
- C. That they have undertaken independent research, published outstanding articles or research, or displayed great talent in leadership, and have been recommended by related academic institutions.

