

## Minister of Education Attended a Thanksgiving Tea Party for Retired Principals

Courtesy of Hung Yuan-Shou at Office of Personnel



A total of 14 national secondary school principals retired this year (2017). Of them, six are from senior high schools: Mr. Xu Wen-Song from National Chutung Senior High School, Ms. Hung Fang-Zhi from National Experimental High School at Hsinchu Science Park, Mr. Zheng Sheng-Wen from National Chiayi Girls' Senior High School, Mr. Hung Yi-Chun from National Chiayi Senior High School, Mr. Zhu Shui-Yong from National Beimen Senior High School, and Mr. Chen Chang-Rui from National Pintung Senior High School; four are from vocational schools: Mr. Guo Ti-Teng from National Chiayi Senior Commercial Vocational School, Mr. Ye Ri-Sheng from National Hualien Industrial Vocational Senior High School, Mr. Chen Jin-Tong from National Miaoli Agricultural and Industrial Vocational Senior High School, and Hung Kai-Cheng from National Hsinchu Commercial and Vocational High School; lastly, four are from special education schools: Mr. Lin Yong-Tang from National Pingtung Special Education School, Mr. Shen Hong-Wu from National Keelung Special School, Ms. Wang Shu-Zi from National Hsinchu Special School, and Ms. Chen Shu-Yun from National Changhua Special School. To express his respect and gratitude towards these retired principals for their contribution to education, Dr. Pan Wen-Chung, Minister of Education, hosted a thanksgiving tea party at the Ministry of Education for these retired principals on July, 21, 2017 and presented thanksgiving awards to them as a token of his appreciation.

At the party, Dr. Pan stressed that these outstanding, knowledgeable principals chose to retire from their institutions due to their career planning. Among these retired principals, we witness some touching stories. For example, Mr. Shen Hong-Wu led 19 special education students in person to go on a 12-day trip cycling around the island with an aim to boost these children's confidence and strengthen their perseverance to face challenges in the future. An ongoing and daily effort of Mr. Xu Wen-Song is to compliment the kind deeds of his students on Facebook to motivate them to learn and bring more positivity to the schoolyard. In addition, when Ms. Wang Shu-Zi was taking over as a director of the Preparatory Office of National Hsinchu Special School, she was faced with many challenges, including moving the school to a new site, in which she made sure the construction of the new site was completed as scheduled, and she led the school to develop in a steadfast manner. Furthermore, we see how other principals who joined this party, have spared no effort to nurture the next generation and train talents for this country. We would like to express our most sincere appreciation to these retired principals for their contributions on behalf of the Ministry of Education, their faculties as well as students.