

MOE Establishes Primary and Secondary School International Educational Exchange Alliance

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To internationalize elementary and junior high education and help students cultivate the core qualities of multiculturalism and international understanding, the Ministry of Education (MOE) issued its Medium-term Plan for International Education in Primary and Secondary Schools in May 2023. Based on the foundations set by the White Paper 2.0 on International Education for Primary and Secondary Schools, MOE has been consolidating and strengthening the promotion of international education policies, integrating resources across disciplines, and increasing international educational exchanges in schools up to the senior high level. This has led to the Ministry's establishment of the Primary and Secondary School International Educational Exchange Alliance, a cooperative effort among county and city international education centers, as MOE continues to serve as a channel for the promotion of international education policies and related work.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, National Huwei Agricultural and Industrial

Vocational Senior High School Principal Lee Chung-Yi has been appointed by MOE as the Executive Director of the Primary and Secondary School International Educational Exchange Alliance, with National Tainan Chia-Chi Senior High School Principal Chen Yun-Ju as Deputy Executive Director, for their experience in the promotion of international affairs. The Alliance is made up of 11 district offices, each headed by a senior high school principal from within the district: District Office 1 serves Taipei City, District Office 2 serves New Taipei City, District Office 3 serves Taoyuan City, Kinmen County, and Lienchiang County, District Office 4 serves Taichung City, District Office 5 serves Tainan City and Penghu County, District Office 6 serves Kaohsiung City, District Office 7 serves Hsinchu County, Hsinchu City, and Miaoli County, District Office 8 serves Changhua County and Nantou County, District Office 9 serves Yunlin County, Chiayi County, and Chiayi City, District Office 10 serves Keelung City, Yilan County, and Hualien County, and District Office 11 serves Pingtung County and Taitung County.

Through linking international education centers in each district and sharing local resources, pilot visit activities will first be held to promote the unique attractions of each county and city. In addition, to allow students visiting from overseas to experience local culture, a series of host family training workshops will be organized to further consolidate international education.

The K-12 Education Administration stated that as pandemic restrictions have lifted, it will continue to promote international education in elementary and junior high schools with guidance from the International Education 2.0 policy and the four strategies of the Medium-term Plan, which are to enhance talent training in international education, promote international education curricula, facilitate international exchanges and cooperation, and strengthen support mechanisms for international education. By planting roots in international education, the Administration aims to enhance the international perspectives of Taiwan's students.