

2020 Education Award Ceremony Motivates Passionate and Dedicated Educators

(Courtesy of Zhang, Shu-Wei at the Office of the Secretary)



To accord respect to educators for passion and contribution, the Ministry of Education held the 2020 Education Award Ceremony at the Zhongxing New Village, Nantou, on July 9, 2020. A total of 79 educators and nine groups won this award. Peng, Fu-Yuan, Director-General of K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education, expressed his gratitude to the local governments and schools for their active participation in recommending candidates for this award. There is a touching story behind each winner of the 2020 Education Award, and they were exemplary in the education field. He also hoped that this award will motivate more educators to devote themselves to creating a better educational environment.

The 2020 Education Award Ceremony was held at the Zhongxing Hall, Zhongxing New Village, Nantou, this morning. With Peng, Fu-Yuan as the moderator, Chen, Zheng-Sheng, Deputy Mayor of Nantou County, and Lu, Zheng-Wei, Head of the Department of Education, Nantou County Government, were invited to attend this event as guests to send congratulations

to the winners together. Moreover, students from the National Changhua Senior High School, the Nantou Shihkuang Senior High School, the Nantou Puli Junior High School, and the Ying Pei Junior High School delivered superb performances, and indigenous vocalist Hu, Dai-Ming was also invited to perform for this event. The atmosphere on the spot was warm and lively.

A total of 183 candidates were recommended by special municipality, county, and city governments, as well as schools for this year's 2020 Education Award. After two preliminary reviews and two final reviews, 79 educators and nine groups won this award, including 13 individuals for the senior high school group, 14 for the vocational school group, 20 for the junior high school group, 26 for the elementary group, 3 for the kindergarten group, 3 for the special education group, and nine groups.

This year's award winners are from diverse social backgrounds. Some are dedicated to innovative teaching while others are devoted to education whole-heartedly. What they have in common is their patience with, perseverance in, as well as love and enthusiasm for education. For example, Lu, Ji-Tai, a teacher at the Affiliated Senior High School of National Chung Hsing University, said that, as a child, he once thought that being a teacher was boring, but after he actually engaged in teaching, he discovered that it was a challenging but highly fulfilling job and that teachers must not only continue to enhance their professionalism in order to discharge their teaching duty, but also have more wisdom and patience when getting along with young people from different generations.

Chen Shu-Yue, Head of the Documents and Files Section at the Shengkeng Elementary School, Shengkeng District, New Taipei City, suffered from stage 3 cancer at the age of 40. When she felt that her life had come to an end, her husband encouraged her to receive treatment. After one and a half year of painful treatment, she finally recovered, and came to cherish the family relationship more with her son, and her enthusiasm and care for others were rekindled. She often

serves as a student counselor and provides timely assistance and counseling support to students when they are feeling helpless in schoolwork.

Zhong, Jin-Lan, an employee at the Jia-Xian Elementary School in Jiashian District, Kaohsiung City, has been a sister, mother, and grandmother for the school's teachers and students. To senior colleagues, she is like a sister to whom they can confide; to junior colleagues, she looks after everyone like a mother; to students, she cares for them like a kind grandmother.

The K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education, pointed out that in order to publicize more touching stories in the education field to people from all walks of life, it reactivated the Outstanding Educator List that had been suspended for 13 years in 2014 and upgraded it to the level of Education Award, while compiling the winners' stories are into a book and holding the award ceremony publicly. It also presents trophies and certificates of merit to winners with great love and passion for education to enhance educators' sense of honor. Therefore, this award has been well received by all sectors in society. It is hoped that with more and more outstanding educators' support, the educational environment in Taiwan will continue to improve, so that all students can learn happily in a caring educational environment.