

## A total of 203 teachers and students were recognized at the 2022 Outstanding National Skills Education Personnel Awards Ceremony

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To recognize the junior high school students in the skills education programs and senior high school students in the practical skills programs and commend the teachers and administrative staff who have contributed to the upgrading of the junior high school skills education programs and the senior high school practical skills programs, the K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education, hosted the 2022 Outstanding National Skills Education Personnel Awards Ceremony on May 24, 2023. A total of 395 outstanding candidates were recommended by junior and senior high schools, vocational schools, and government agencies in various cities or counties this year. A review panel, consisting of scholars and experts appointed by the K-12 Education Administration, selected 203 students, teachers, and administrative staff as winners, including 69 junior high school students, 40 senior high school and vocational students, 39 people from the junior high school teaching staff, 45 people from the senior high school and vocational school teaching staff, as well as 10 administrative personnel and retirees.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, Tsai-Hsuan Yu, a student in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Department at Taipei Municipal Nangang Vocational High School, was one of the winners in the Senior High School Students group this time and has had great passion for hands-on experience since she was a child, and her family also runs an air-conditioning business. After she joined the Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Practical Skills Program of Taipei Municipal Nangang Vocational High School, the hands-on training satisfied her learning needs and prompted her to continue to enhance her skills. As a result, she was selected as a formal competitor for a regional competition of the 51<sup>st</sup> National Skills Competition. Although she did not advance to the finals, she still proved that she could make it. After one more year of rigorous practice, she finally won fourth place in a regional competition of the 52<sup>nd</sup> National Skills Competition.

Wan-Ting Chiu, a director at the Municipal Huatang Junior High School, was recognized with an award in the Junior High School Teachers group. She aspired to attend a vocational school to learn an important skill while she was a student. The school, at which she is serving, places great importance to its skills education. The number of students participating in the school's skills education program exceeds 60% of all students. This has allowed her to assist students in the skills education program in taking courses and participating in the skills competitions. During the training process, she seized every opportunity to seek technical advice from professional coaches and immediately provided feedback on students' skills training and practice. As a result, the school not only won first place in the Changhua County Skills Competition but the gold medals in the electrical installation category of the 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, and 52<sup>nd</sup> National Skills Competitions for Teenagers.

The K-12 Education Administration stated that this awards ceremony for commending outstanding personnel in skills education was first been held in the school year of 1998 and has been held on a yearly basis ever since. It is aimed to enhance the visibility and values of students with great potential for supplying vocational skills, and to help them build confidence in the process of developing their vocational skills, while recognizing teachers and

administrative staff's endeavors and dedication to skills education.