

Talents from Heaven Begets a Bright Future! 12 Special Education Students in Senior High Schools Win an Excellent Student Connoisseur Award

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When God closes one door, he always opens another. A lot of special education students are endowed with unique talents. Like any other students, they also have peculiar interests and potentials. To encourage gifted special education students to explore their potentials, thereby pursuing their self realization, MOE held an Excellent Student Connoisseur Award Ceremony for Special Education Students in Senior High Schools this year. The purpose of this award is to encourage persistence toward self-fulfillment, and ultimately serve as a role model for personal development.

Due to physiological disadvantages, special education students face tremendous challenges in their daily lives. They have to take much more efforts than others in adapting to the environment and learn new things. They need to break the fetter of physical disadvantage and turn that into strength. Difficult as it may sound, we often heard inspiring stories from news reports, such that street artist with a Down's syndrome, a deaf photographer, a mouth and foot painting artist, a visually impaired pianist, or any other versatile person with disability, try very hard to materialize their dreams, and ultimately make themselves a connoisseur of a specific field in which they put in dazzling performance.

MOE will hold an excellent student connoisseur award ceremony this May. The category of this award includes that of skills, performance art, and art creation. The skill category includes

vocational skills, science, technology, information, sports, and so on. Traditional craft, music, dance, drama, magic, film, etc. fall into the category of performance art. Moreover, the art creation category is composed of fine arts, song lyrics, photography and so forth. A total of 122 students competed for this award, but only 12 students will be selected from them. In each category, there will only be 4 winners. May 27 is the scheduled date for the award ceremony which is to be held in the auditorium of MOE, where the grants and scholarships, and the certificates of merits will be awarded. The name list of the excellent special education student connoisseur will also be compiled.

MOE hopes to select special education students in general and vocational high schools that are endowed with special talents in order to recognize students who overcome obstacles and pursue self realization. In addition to acknowledging their efforts and boosting their confidence, this award encourages them to move on and ascend to new heights. While those connoisseurs' talents and excellent performance are being acclaimed, their positive and aggressive attitudes serve as role models and motivate everyone to follow. On top of that, their courage to face challenge makes the public reflect on themselves, and thus generate courage to deal with obstacles in their own life with a strong will.



▲ Excellent Special Education Student Connoisseur Award Ceremony