

Love of the Educational Circles: The 2015 Outstanding Teacher Award

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The 2015 Outstanding Teacher Award ceremony was held at Zhongxin Hall in Nantou County on 10PM, July 17th, by K-12 Education Administration with director Wu Qing-shan serving as the host. The prize winners, who demonstrated extreme passion and love in education, were given the award in the classical building. Taiwan Provincial Government Chairman Lin Zheng-ze, former Chief of Education Department in Taiwan Chen Ying-hao, and former Director-general of the Department of Education, Taipei City, Chen Han-qiang, were invited to the “warm inheritance and fine innovation” award ceremony. The ultimate aim is to pass on the love in the educational circles so that students around the island can learn and grow in a loving and educational environment.

After the “Outstanding Teachers’ List” had been discontinued for 13 years, the K-12 Education Administration resumed it and upgraded it to the “Outstanding Teacher Award” in 2014, which has been widely acclaimed. Those award winners’ achievements were compiled into books and award ceremonies were publicly held to give them trophies and certificates of merit as a way to commend their contributions to education and to enhance the dignity of educators.

Regarding this year's Outstanding Teacher Award, a total of 141 people were recommended by municipalities, counties, city governments, or schools. After two preliminary reviews and two follow-up reviews, a total of 81 educators were awarded. Among them, there were 18 in the Senior High School Group, 12 in the Vocational High School Group, 8 in the Junior High School Group, 30 in the Elementary School Group, 1 in the Kindergarten Group, 4 in the Special Education Group, and 8 in the Team Group. Innovations, touching stories, loving contributions were reasons why those educators were awarded. They paid great tributes to the educational circles and advocated education and love. The ceremony was touching.

This year's award winners have more diversified backgrounds, but they all have one thing in common: loving, patient, and persistence. For example, Liao Yun-qing from National Yuanlin Senior High School has been working as a class instructor for forty two years. She has upheld her educational beliefs and served with passions. She not only cared about students and helped them solve problems, but also utilized her expertise and great love to establish an English learning environment at school and funded scholarships for students from poor families. Mrs. Chen Mei-hui, from Jia-ming Elementary School in Hualian County, has served at school as a janitor for thirty one years. The nature of her work is strenuous. After work she still actively pursued further study and participated in campus reading and aboriginal culture programs. The award for the Team Group went to Taiwan Province San-yu Art and Culture Association. The association, founded for twenty three years, has hosted more than 200 workshops, which served to broaden students' horizon and connect them with the community. Art and culture were rooted on campus and community care has been promoted, and multiple educational purposes have thereby been fulfilled.

The Acoustic Singing Club from National Zhong-xin Senior High School was invited to perform acoustic singing and Taiko drumming to welcome the distinguished guests on the 2015 Outstanding Teacher Award ceremony. Besides, the Champion of Kindergarten Singing Competition in Nantou County presented a kindergarten performance; Jia-he Elementary School in Nantou County performed diabolo; Ying-bei Junior High School presented the Nightglow Dragon Show. The Traditional Stringed and Woodwind Band from National Zhong-xin Senior High School and the music class from Cao-tun Junior High School also gave excellent performances.