

The K-12 Education Administration Builds International Connections and Promotes International Mobility for New Residents' Children

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To provide diverse learning resources and increase international mobility for new residents' children, the K-12 Education Administration of the Ministry of Education launched the Multicultural Education and International Exchange Program and International Vocational Education Program in 2024. To promote the program, the K-12 Education Administration organized the seminar on the 2024 International Mobility Development Program for New Residents' Children and invited high schools nationwide to participate in the event.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, the seminar on Jan 25 was presented by Professor Yu Ke-Wei from the National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology. The seminar focused on international mobility for new residents' children and introduced three major strategies, including "international cultural exchange activities", "vocational training activities", and "international career exploration activities" for new residents' children. Firstly, in the "international cultural exchange activities" category, schools in the program planned and invited high schools from New Southbound countries for online exchanges, allowing students to experience an international cultural environment and promote bilateral cultural awareness and

understanding. Furthermore, the exchange of visits between local schools and Southeast Asian schools also helped strengthen bilateral cultural exchanges.

The "vocational training activities" aimed to help new residents' children acquire necessary job skills and knowledge for local job opportunities, and encourage schools to meet the needs of the local job market by organizing internship programs and training courses. On the other hand, the "international career exploration activities" attempted to provide subsidies to new residents' children for participating in overseas career exploration activities in New Southbound countries during summer vacation, so as to enhance their international employment competitiveness. This year, 36 new residents' children will be selected to go to Vietnam for a one-week experience in a Taiwanese company.

The K-12 Education Administration stated that it is hoped that through international cultural exchanges, vocational training activities, and international career exploration for new residents' children, we can raise teachers' and students' multicultural awareness, and expand new residents' children's horizons as well as improve their international competitiveness.