

Education Achievements Exhibition—Integration of Diverse Cultures and Demonstration of Talents

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On December 15, 2018 (Saturday), the Ministry of Education held the "2018 New Immigrant Children's Education Achievements Exhibition" at the Affiliated Taoyuan Agricultural and Industrial Senior High School of the National Taipei University of Technology. Under the theme of "Integration of Diverse Cultures and Demonstration of Talents," this event integrated the promotion of the education for new immigrant children and the achievements of promoting activities for new immigrants by the Taoyuan City Government, including an indoor achievements exhibition, such as educational resources, teacher training, diverse curriculum and counseling, and lifelong education for new immigrants, distance education experience, interactive booths and challenges, salon lectures, cultural experience, culinary experience, and land art. It aimed to demonstrate the integration of new immigrants' diverse cultures and education promotion that has been achieved; it also served to provide diverse information,

promote the integration of diverse cultures and education, and enhance citizens' cultural learning and international understanding.

In response to the "New Southward Policy" promoted by the government, the Ministry of Education has devoted a great deal of energy to the education for new immigrant children in recent years and incorporated the new immigrants' languages in the "language" curriculum of the 12-year National Basic Education Curriculum Guidelines, to enhance multi-ethnic students' development, respect the curriculum objectives regarding diverse cultures, and plan supporting measures carefully to promote the new immigrant language curriculum. It is hoped that new immigrants and their children will be integrated into the Taiwanese society smoothly through education, so as to deepen new immigrant children's development advantages, bring new values and strengths of diverse cultures, and create better Taiwanese competitiveness.

On the day of the event, an innovative learning model that incorporated the new immigrant language curriculum was showcased as the National Central University and the Institute for Information Industry jointly demonstrated the effectiveness of interactive remote live teaching. In addition, physical and digital interactive teaching materials for new immigrants from seven countries were displayed. On the spot, there was even VR experience of zipline tours with the background set on the island of Bohol, Philippines, so that people could experience the unique exotic culture without having to go abroad.

The ceremony was kicked off by the performance of the Chio Tian Drum Art Teen Troupe from the Dong An Junior High School of the Taoyuan City. At the ceremony, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to the Taoyuan City Jong Jeng Elementary School for its assistance to the establishment of the first new immigrant learning center in the country, and for its efforts

and contribution to the new immigrant education. Then, a remote teaching activity for new immigrant children and a contract signing ceremony for a new immigrant international empowerment course were arranged, which were followed by a visit to the static display area to learn more about the relevant achievements of the Ministry of Education in promoting the education for new immigrant children.

The Ministry of Education said that it hoped to share with the community the current policy promotion and its implementation, and results that have been achieved through this exhibition. It is hoped that through the static and dynamic activities, the policy and implementation that have been geared toward the education for new immigrant children, will be shared with the community, so as to enhance the understanding of diverse cultures as well as the cohesion and harmony of the Taiwanese society. By paying close attention to the relevant innovation and progress of the new immigrant education and implementing the national education policies for talent cultivation and development, Taiwan can become a peaceful society that focuses on equality, respect, diversity, and co-prosperity.