

Teaching Demonstration and Material Presentation Event on Filial Piety Education in 2017

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The K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education, and the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) Foundation were concerned about the urgent need to raise the public's attention to filial piety, which has been lost for some time due to the rapid changes in the social and economic environment in recent years. Therefore, they decided to work together and held a warm teaching activity on the eve of the winter solstice on December 12, 2017 at Feng Gu Elementary School in the Wufeng District, Taichung City. The teaching activity, titled "Filial Piety Education" demonstrated the teaching materials and how this course could be conducted with an aim to re-awaken students' awareness of filial piety and morality, thereby accentuating the core value that our society once held dear.

The teaching materials for filial piety, jointly developed by the K-12 Education Administration and the TSMC Foundation, were designed to rekindle students' awareness of filial piety in a most suitable manner, and bring new meanings that

advance with times. The driver behind the development of the teaching materials is Ms. Shu Feng, Chang, Chairman of the TSMC Foundation. Ms. Zhang has long been working to care for the elderly and discovered that people nowadays pay less attention to filial piety. Therefore, she wants to arouse people's attention to and encourage the public to re-think this concept through active promotion of filial piety education.

Chien Kuo, Chiu, Director-General of the K-12 Education Administration, also said: "In recent years, due to the changes in the social environment, extended families or families consisting of three generations that used to be very common have nowadays gradually decreased in number. The traditional agricultural society has gradually transformed into an industrial and commercial society that pursues efficiency and effectiveness. Also, influenced by globalization and technological advancement, the social and moral values have become more diversified, so the concepts regarding filial piety must also advance with the times. "

As this event happened to be held on the eve of the winter solstice, children at the activity were encouraged to serve their parents or senior relatives with tangyuan (glutinous rice balls) in person, apart from the teaching materials being introduced. On the spot, Mr. Chiu, Ms. Chang, as well as the students invited the parents and elderly in the community to make tangyuan and sweet soup together to wish a safe and happy life for the students. Later, the students served their parents and the elderly with the desert as a token of their appreciation for the love and care. This has created a touching moment, in which the students and their parents learned, enjoyed the desert, and had fun together.

The K-12 Education Administration has set up a National Center for Filial Piety Education Resources at the Affiliated Senior High Schools of National Kaohsiung Normal University. It plans to train a group of seed teachers, gradually integrate relevant resources, and set up an official website, all the while developing materials on filial piety education for future references and for holding relevant workshops. As teachers are encouraged to use the teaching materials, parents, hopefully, will be influenced to form a learning circle, family ethics will be re-shaped, and the idea of "autonomy, interaction, and mutual benefit," as depicted in the 12-year National Basic Education, will take root in the schoolyard. When filial piety education has become a

critical link of school education, more educational resources will be available to shape a polite and thankful society and nurture citizens who practice filial piety in every aspect of their daily lives.