

Expanding Foreign Language Education and Creating an International Stage for Students:
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To encourage students to learn a second foreign language, the K-12 Education Administration of the Ministry of Education has commissioned the National Tainan Commercial Vocational Senior High School to compile and publish the Newsletter of Second Foreign Language Education for Senior High Schools since March 2023, which is emailed out monthly to provide important information about second foreign language learning. For more information, please subscribe to the newsletter by completing the following form: <https://forms.gle/RVkyhnhkpMqNpvUF7>

According to the K-12 Education Administration, the newsletter offers a wide range of content covering second-foreign language education, including government policies, featured programs, columns, cross-cultural exchanges, language learning, etc. For example, in the 6th issue, an article introduced the 2023 National Goethe Cup Literary Competition organized by the Department of German of the National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology and the Goethe-Institut Taipei. The competition not only provides opportunities for exchanges

among high school students learning German nationwide but also creates a stage for them to showcase their learning achievements. The competition included categories of reading, spelling, choring, and short films. In the short film competition, the National Hu-Wei Senior High School winners shot and produced their short film all in German, demonstrating their video-making and storytelling skills and blowing the audience away with their brilliant performances.

Moreover, articles in the "featured programs" section introduce the fact that National Hsi-Hu Senior High School offers multi-language courses such as Japanese, German, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Through diverse cultural experiences, pronunciation instructions by foreign teachers, and situational language teaching, students can cultivate language skills and cross-cultural understanding.

The K-12 Education Administration stated that the Newsletter of Second Foreign Language Education for Senior High Schools also provides abundant learning resources, such as foreign language learning apps, online learning platforms, and registration information for different language examinations such as the Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) and the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), which help students improve and cultivate their second foreign language skills. Currently, there is a student essay competition, and the best essays will be published in the newsletter's "student section." For related information, please visit the Second Foreign Language Education Promotion website (<https://pro.k12ea.gov.tw/k12eagt/theme/themeAction!themeCourseTitle.so?themeCourseCode=GI7K9B>). Students are welcome to participate in the competition and showcase their second foreign language learning achievements.