

## **The Ministry of Education is deeply concerned by Kuang Fu High School' s anniversary activity and has taken immediate action**

The mass media has reported and released photos of students of Kuang-Fu Senior High School, a private school in Hsinchu, dressed as World War II Nazi German soldiers and carrying swastika banners when they attended social club activities held on December 23. The Ministry of Education is shocked by and extremely regretful about this. It clearly indicates that the school did not have any mechanism in place to review these activities at the planning stage, and that the students had not been given a deep understanding of major historical events and their international significance.

According to the Minister of Education, Pan Wen-Chung, it was extremely improper for these students to treat Germany' s Nazism, something that the entire world now condemns as unthinkable, as something that could be creatively used for their school' s anniversary celebrations. The Minister expressed his sincere apologies to the international community for this misconduct and will ask the school to make immediate improvements.

The Minister immediately issued instructions for a taskforce to be set up and the taskforce went to the school the next day, December 24, to investigate the matter thoroughly. including the curriculum, teaching, how activities are organized and supervised, and to advise the school on improving both its education and administrative functions. The Ministry of Education strongly condemns the school for what has happened and will impose administrative disciplinary action and reduce the subsidies it receives.

The Ministry of Education will also issue a strong request to all schools in Taiwan, asking them to promote mutual understanding between people more strongly and ensure that such an event never happens again. All schools must educate students thoroughly about historical matters and about being good members of an international community made up of multiple cultures and races. The Ministry considers that Kuang-Fu Senior High School has done their students a major disservice by its not meeting these responsibilities.