

## “My Little World” - Bathroom Renovation Program Evaluation and Award Presentation Ceremony

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To develop a safe, comfortable, and high-quality learning environment for teachers and students, K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education held a competition for restroom renovation in public junior high and elementary schools. The award presentation ceremony was held at the six-floor auditorium of the New Taipei City government building on June 21. A total of sixty-five teams were recommended by special municipality governments, county governments, and city governments in the first stage. They would compete through stall exhibition in the second stage and will showcase their design through exchange at the school level.

K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education has put up a budget to support public junior high and elementary schools in their work of renovating existing older toilets since 2015. In 2015, the grants were delivered in two stages: 139 schools were subsidized in the first stage and their renovation work has been completed; as for the 149 schools that were subsidized in the second stage, their renovation works are expected to be completed during July and September in 2016. Therefore, both teachers and students could use renovated toilets with new functions and design in the coming new semester. The renovation program that is going to be pushed forward in the following year is

scheduled to subsidize another 117 schools, which is expected to benefit more students.

The second stage competition played out through a one-school-one-stall model; each school made endeavor to impress judges the time and effort that have been put up together by teachers and students during the renovation process through stall exhibition and vivid illustrations. The core value of the renovation program is to, aside from enhancing environmental protection, ventilation, and the drainage system, incorporate individual schools' characteristics and local culture into the renovating process to cultivate aesthetic sense through cooperation between teachers and students and fulfill education that stresses much on local conditions.

The competition would decide three schools for gold, silver, and bronze medals as well as nine schools that would receive honorable mentions. Lin, Teng-jiao, Administrative Deputy Minister of Ministry Education would present awards at four o' clock in the afternoon on that day. In addition, "The Best Decoration Award," "The Best Illustration Award," and "The Most Creative Performance Award" have been decided through voting in order to promote further exchanges between schools. A more excellent school environment will be ensured through exchanges and mutual learning between schools from different areas, cities, and counties.