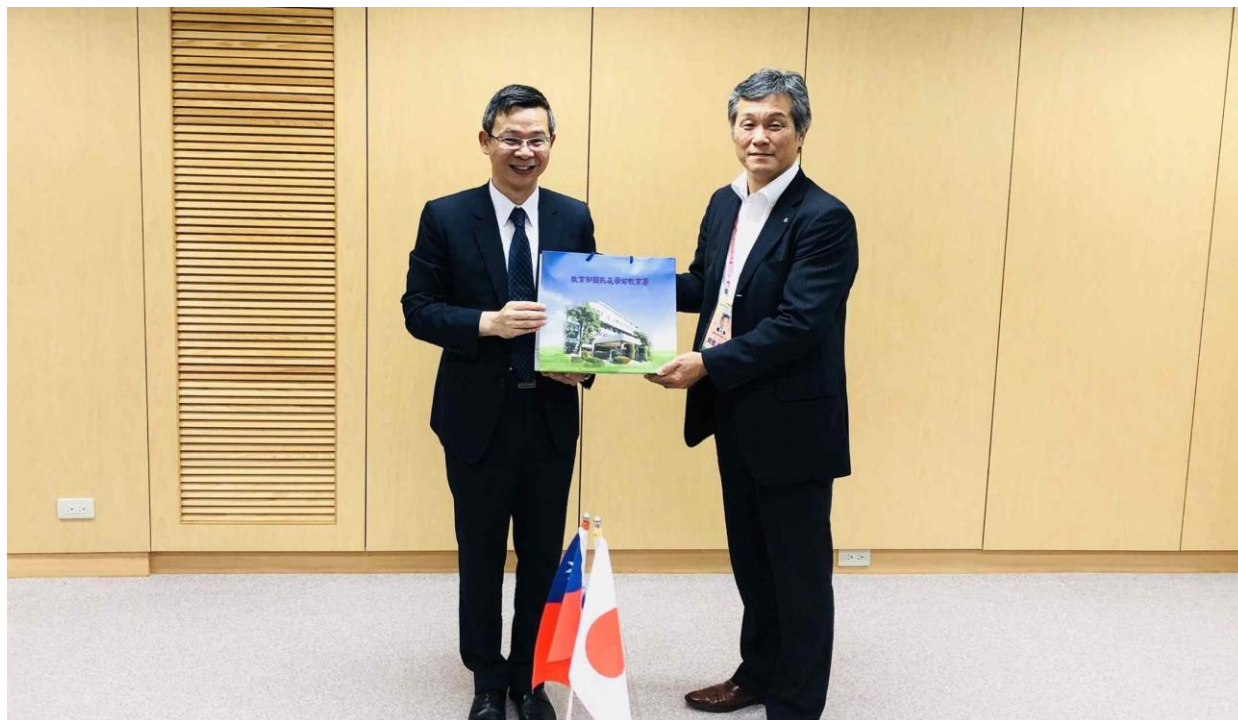


2018 Educational Visiting and Interchanging Activities Promotion Group from Japan



“2018 Educational Visiting and Interchanging Activities Promotion Group from Japan” invited by K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education visited Taiwan from June 25 to June 29, 2018. The 18 members of the visiting group led by the Principal Abe Hiroshi of the Sendai Third Senior High School of Miyagi Prefecture, included the principals of three prefectures, Miyagi, Yamagata and Iwate, of the Northeastern Japan and the undertakers of the International Education Tours. The group departed from Narita Airport, Japan on June 25, 2018. Upon arriving in Taiwan, the group headed to Taichung and visited the National Taichung Theater. Through explanation of the guide, the members appreciated the new city landmark designed by Ito Kazuo. The welcome party held at the Hotel National in Taichung on June 25, 2018 was hosted by Mr. CHIU, CHIEN-KUO, the director of K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education. There were party participants of Tourism and Travel Bureau and Education Bureau under Taichung City Government, the Taiwan International Association for Education Tours and the school principals that will lead tour groups to visit the aforementioned three prefectures of the Northeastern Japan this summer.

A special event arranged in this tour was to visit the Earthquake Museum of Taiwan. With the Japanese interpretation of the professional guides, the principals from Japan said that they shared the empathy as they also experienced the serious damage caused by the devastating earthquake in Northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011. They believed that it would be of great educational values for students to arrange the Earthquake Museum as one of the visiting attractions in the future. In addition

to the famous attractions such as Sun Moon Lake, National Palace Museum, Taipei 101 and CKS Memorial Hall, they also visited the National Puli Industrial Vocational Senior High School and Taipei Municipal Yongchun Senior High School. With thoughtful consideration, these schools arranged not only the visit to school factories and the French-style sport named Pétanque, but also discussion meetings, which provided comprehensive information about the differences in arrangements, enrollments and managements between Taiwanese and Japanese schools for the members of Japanese visiting group.

The farewell dinner party and the Taiwan-Japan Education Tours Meeting was held at Ambassador Hotel, Taipei on June 28. The members of K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, the members of Taiwan International Association for Education Tours and related personnel attended the meeting. The attendants discussed the problems and proposed solutions about the promotion of inter-communication between Taiwan-Japan education tours as well as further future cooperation. It is hopeful that there will be closer inter-communication between schools of Taiwan and the three prefectures in Northeastern Japan.

