

2014 National Senior High School Jamboree and the 4-H Club Joint Camp

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“2014 National Senior High School Jamboree and the 4-H Club Joint Camp” was grandly held on January 23rd at National Yuanlin Agricultural and Industrial Vocational High School in Changhua County. A total of 135 schools, 235 teams, 2,069 scouts and 217 team instructors participated in this event; the record high number of participants showed that scout education is well received among young students nowadays. The Minister of Education Jiang Wei-ning showed up in the opening ceremony and joined various activities in the event; he also stayed overnight at the campsite to experience camping and cooking outdoors with young students.

Senior high schools and vocational high schools nationwide rotate in their hosting of the annual National Senior High School Jamboree and the 4-H Club Joint Camp, which are held during the winter vacation. This year, it was National Yuanlin Agricultural and Industrial Vocational High School’ s turn to host the event, while National Taichung Industrial High School, National Tainan Senior Marine Fishery Vocational School, and National Huwei Agricultural & Industrial Vocational Senior High School each co-hosted the Wisdom, Benevolence, and Courage division camp, respectively. The theme for this year was “Scout Spirit, Local Love” , which demonstrates the scout motto, i.e. daily good deeds and love, as well as the event mandate, the union of all for growth and

learning from each other.

According to K-12 Education Administration, this year' s event incorporated Changhua County' s local cultures. Furthermore, rural images has been chosen as the theme. In addition to traditional programs such as jamborees' "scouting skills" and "interest activities," "rural experiences," such as winnowers, transplanting rice seedlings, stone grinding, scarecrow making, grain screening, Palakau, trying on the coir raincoat, earth-oven cooking, and sugarcane splitting, were added to the event. Those traditional rural life activities were showcased in this year' s event, giving young students an opportunity to understand traditional rural cultures and living experiences. Lugang Township was selected by the host as a visiting site, and a series of challenge games were designed based on its cultural heritage. Such activities were designed to combine learning and entertainment, thereby enabling student participants to pursue in-depth exploration of ancestors' wisdom of life and Taiwan' s valuable cultural assets.

K-12 Education Administration aimed to promote the exchange of views and interactive activities in the Jamboree and the 4-H Club (including agricultural and industrial, fishery affairs and home economics) through the hosting of this event. During the process of work sharing and collaborating with one another, the ultimate aim is for students to develop team spirit, improve self-worth, cultivate service learning and volunteering spirit, and increase willingness to participate in public affairs so as to realize scout spirit.

