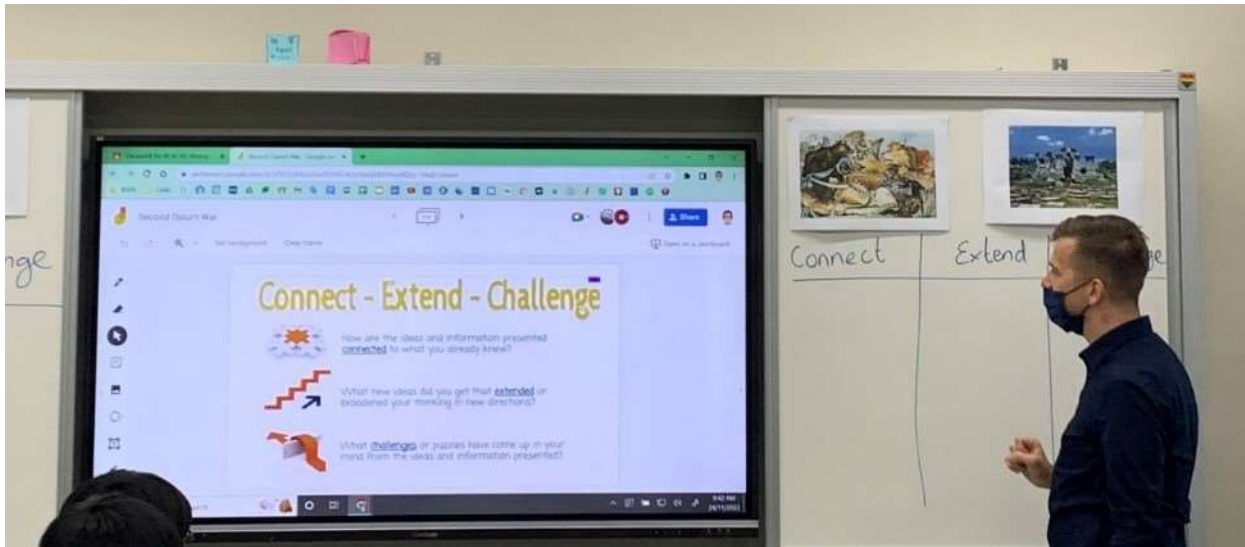


K-12 Education Administration motivates overseas ethnic-Chinese schools in Taiwan to offer international courses for senior high school students

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In response to the Bilingual 2030 Policy, the K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education, has commissioned an overseas ethnic-Chinese school, Hsinchu American School, to offer an advanced placement digital distance learning program taught by certified English native teachers. Domestic public senior high school students have enrolled in this program since August 2022, allowing them to access the same lessons, guidance, and assessment as students in Hsinchu American School, while also obtain a transcript as supporting document for applying international universities in the future. As of the end of 2022, a total of ten students from four schools: including Taipei Municipal Zhong-zheng Senior High School, National Keelung Senior High School, National Hsinchu Girls' Senior High School, and National Chiayi Senior High School, enrolled in the environmental science AP program.

Meanwhile, to assist public senior high schools in becoming schools certified by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), that is, IB schools, the K-12 Education Administration has commissioned Taipei European School (TES) to demo their IB programs, since TES has many years of experience in offering IB program, since October 2022. The demo opportunity allow teachers from public senior high schools, that are interested to be certified as IB schools, to observe and discuss lessons, while also organize teacher community activities for joint IB lesson preparation and learning, and assist with the promotion of such activities to other

teacher community activities in various fields, thereby enhancing teachers' familiarity with IB course teaching and ability to prepare lessons. As of the end of 2022, a total of 24 teachers from Taipei Municipal Zhong-zheng Senior High School, Taipei JingMei Girls High School, WanFang Senior High School, and Taipei Municipal Yu Cheng Senior High School participated in this program.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, the implementation of the international programs offered by the overseas ethnic-Chinese schools for public schools in the school year of 2022, including Hsinchu American School's AP program or Taipei European School's IB program, has been well received by the participating teachers and students. Therefore, the K-12 Education Administration will continue to implement the programs in the school year of 2023 and promulgated the Ministry of Education's Guidelines on Subsidies for Public Senior High Schools to Adopt a Dual Degree Program or an International Program on November 22, 2022, to motivate more overseas ethnic-Chinese schools and public senior high schools to actively participate through financial support and resource support. To continue to expand the scope, the K-12 Education Administration held an online briefing session in April and subsidized public senior high schools and overseas ethnic-Chinese schools to offer relevant programs, and invite more overseas ethnic-Chinese schools to participate, facilitating the exchanges and collaboration between public senior high schools and overseas ethnic-Chinese schools, and enhancing both teachers and students' English skills, thereby improving their competitiveness in the international community.