

South Korean Delegation Visits Taiwan for Human Rights Education Exchange

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To advance international exchanges on human rights education, a group of 25 teachers and students from South Korea's Jeju Special Self-Governing Provincial Office of Education, led by Supervisor Yoo Sang-eun, visited the Human Rights Education Resource Center of the K-12 Education Administration of the Ministry of Education from June 10 to 13, 2023. There, the Director of the Center and Principal of National Tainan Girls' Senior High School, Mr. Hung Ching-Tsai, introduced the Center's work of integrating human rights education into the curricula of various subjects and helping teachers enhance their knowledge of the development and teaching of human rights education courses. The four-day, three-night exchange program also included visits to the Tang Te-Chang Memorial Residence, the Tainan City 228 Memorial Hall, the National 228 Memorial Museum, and the National Human Rights Museum.

The K-12 Education Administration explained that the itinerary of the human rights education exchange also included a visit to the National Human Rights Commission of the Control Yuan on June 12, where the Chair, Ms. Chen Chu, met the delegation in person. Chairperson Chen shared her personal experience in promoting human rights education and her work in

safeguarding human rights, remarking that Taiwan and Korea have similar histories and trajectories of development and can therefore learn much from each other. She also expressed hope that in addition to continuing exchanges and activities, the delegation can visit more human rights sites to learn about Taiwan's efforts and achievements in human rights education and that relevant exchanges between Taiwan and Korea can grow deeper.

The exchange also saw participation from select high school student representatives. Following the Curriculum Guidelines of 12-Year Basic Education on the pursuit of reflection, fairness, and justice in human rights, students from Taiwan and Korea engaged in activities centered on contextualized learning and discussion topics. Through conversation, students were prompted to think about issues related to human rights education and the implementation of values and concepts pertaining to human rights. The Jeju Special Self-Governing Provincial Office of Education expressed their admiration for Taiwan's freedom and democracy and that they would take the initiative to promote further exchanges on human rights education with Taiwan in the future, strengthen their friendship, and deepen their efforts in human rights education.

The K-12 Education Administration stated that representatives from the Human Rights Education Resource Center participated in exchange activities in Jeju Province from April 2 to 7, 2023, which received wide attention. Through this return visit by the Jeju Special Self-Governing Provincial Office of Education, a solid foundation for interaction was established with the Center. Relevant content was also planned to encourage schoolteachers to guide students' thinking and lead discussions to strengthen awareness, understanding, respect, and tolerance in human rights education.