

## The Opening of the Archive Room, Inheriting the Past and Forging Ahead

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Unveiled by Director-General Wu, Deputy Director-General Huang, Deputy Director-General Wang, Chief Secretary Liu and two other officers, the Archive Room of the history of K-12 Education Administration opened on June 27th, ushering in the future of the twelve-year compulsory education.

"I am really delighted to see the Archive Room open today as 6 (June) means a smooth future lying ahead, while 2 and 7 symbolize safety and joy, respectively. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, the Administration has had a great run so far. Despite the big stir caused by the Comprehensive Assessment Program this year, we have got better over time." said Director-General Wu, who then encouraged the officers at the Administration to always "think positively, embrace adversity, overcome obstacles, and look ahead."

Over the past year, the Administration has taken on the task to establish the Archive Room for the purpose of inheriting the past and forging ahead. Based on the planning and design that has been submitted last September, the completed construction has been fully inspected and accepted at the end of this April. The Archive Room exhibits the evolving history and organizational structures of the K-12 Education Administration. It also showcases the vision and past achievements of the Administration and displays the fruitful results of its international exchanges. Accomplishments of excellent schools are also presented in the exhibition area. The works of the Administration have been illustrated with concise introductions and complemented by pictures, starting from the period of Taiwan's retrocession, followed by the provincial government period, and finally, to the current K-12 Education Administration. The overall design of the Archive Room appeals to simplicity and at the

same time incorporates the three visions, five philosophies, and six objectives that summarize the work of the Administration. The ultimate goal is to “provide decent education for each and every children” in order to foster and improve on their career preparation, cultural and scientific literacy, and soft power so that students are able to connect to the global world.

It is important that we incorporate these direction and goals as we develop the education systems for preschools, elementary schools, junior high schools, senior high schools, and vocational schools, because education is the key to nurturing our future generations. Education is the foundation of a country, as people used to say that it takes ten years to grow trees but one hundred years to educate people. The importance of the Administration’s work is vital in that education is the pillar of a nation’s development. It is a privilege to be a part of the Administration and create the history together.

The Director-General pointed out that the Archive Room stores many precious historical collections such as the Directory of Lists of Outstanding Contributors to Education and the Chinese Encyclopedia for Children. Director-General Wu was also thankful that over the past year, the Administration team had been like a big family working together towards a brighter future. Following the tour to the Archive Room, everyone was given a demonstration on how to operate the large touch screen by Section Chief Chen, Bi-Yu of the Office of the Secretary. Teachers and students from the Department of Food and Beverage Management of Ming Tai High School(MTHS) prepared the refreshment for everyone at the tour. Principal Lin, Chui-Yi of MTHS was also present to congratulate the opening of the Archive Room.

Last but not the least, the Director-General thanked the staff at the Office of the Secretary for their dedication to the planning, design, public tender, supervision, inspection and acceptance of the Archive Room. It was their hard work that made the opening of the Archive Room possible. “I’d like to emphasize that we are steering together in a carriage named education. People get on and off along the way, but we remain at our post to serve our country and the people. We dedicate our lives to education so that our future generations can thrive on the past success. I hope that the Archive Room will serve as the horse that pulls the carriage forward. I also hope that it will lead the Administration ahead to facilitate the development of our education, and that we can help schools develop adaptive learning for students so that every student will be able to receive decent education.”



▲ Introduction Tour of the Archive Room