

## **Love and Care Forever-The President Educational Award Selection is Officially Launched**

(Courtesy of Liang-Qing Lin at the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Security)



To encourage and cultivate students to excel and focus on the positive side of humanity when facing adversity, the Ministry of Education launched the President Educational Award in 2001. In the afternoon of November 12, 2018, the first meeting of the Selection Committee and the Development Subcommittee of the "2019 President Educational Award" was presided over by Jiunn-Rong Yeh, Minister of Education (as the convener of the President Educational Award concurrently) and Sun-Lu Fan, Political Deputy Minister (as the convener of the Development Subcommittee concurrently), officially launching various activities of the 2019 President Educational Award.

Mr. Yeh said that the selection process launched by the Ministry of Education this year needed to pay attention to each recommended candidate in the primary school group, junior high school group, senior high school group, and college group, so that the outside world could fully understand each candidate's touching story and endeavor they made, thereby creating upward

momentum and social exemplifiers. Meanwhile, special municipalities and county (city) governments were called on to encourage schools under their jurisdictions or social groups that have been registered in the government system to actively recommend students to participate in the selection for the President Educational Award.

Mr. Yeh pointed out that to deepen the meaning of this award, the Ministry of Education particularly set up the Development Subcommittee under the President Educational Award Committee with the aim of building a database of award-winning student information to understand students' needs in career development, employment, and medical treatment, thereby establishing a community exchange platform to distribute resources and offer assistance to help them develop in the later stage. Furthermore, corporate organizations and social institutions were invited to join hands, so as to link the resources of both the public and private sectors to enable every child who is hard-working, optimistic, and diligent in facing adversity to be recognized and commended.

Ms. Fan also said that 1,053 students have won the President Educational Award since 2001, and that the Ministry of Education also asked the Visiting Committee to visit 136 students who won the award between 2012 and 2017. The on-site visits have further cast light on the President Educational Award winners' fight spirit, witnessing their struggle and perseverance. We will call for more President Educational Award winners to participate in the community exchange platform to continue exerting far-reaching social influence through their energy and vitality.