

**Vice-President Lai congratulated and affirmed the prize-winners’
contributions to education in the 2020 Teaching Excellence Award Ceremony**

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The 2020 Ministry of Education Teaching Excellence Award Ceremony was held at National Chung Cheng University on September 25, 2020. Fair and stringent judging criteria were applied to the entries, among which competition was intense. Eventually, 19 teams emerged as winners of the Gold Award, and 21 teams received the Silver Award. Vice-President Lai Ching-te, Political Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education Tsai Ching-Hwa, and the Magistrate of Yunlin County Chang Li-shan, among others, were present at the event to congratulate the prize-winners and affirm their dedication and commitment to education.

The selection of winners for the 2020 Teaching Excellence Award Ceremony was undertaken by the Yunlin County Government and Municipal Yunlin Junior High School. The award ceremony kicked off with a performance put up by the string orchestra of Niao Song High School of the Arts from Yunlin County. The guests also enjoyed the impressive performances of the dance class from Municipal Yunlin Junior High School as well as the choir from Yunlin

Elementary School from Douliu City, Yunlin County. These performances by the students of Yunlin infused much youthful vitality into the award ceremony.

The Ministry of Education shared that, since the Teaching Excellence Award was established in 1992, about 710 teams have received the award over the past 18 years. A total of 209 teams across the country were nominated for this year's Teaching Excellence Award, out of which 105 teams were shortlisted by various counties and cities for the semi-finals. During the selection process, each team gave their best to present their top-notch pedagogical principles and practices, truly embodying the professionalism and passion of the teaching fraternity. After rounds of deliberation by the panel of judges, 40 teams were selected as prize-winners. The 19 teams that were awarded the Gold Award received NT600,000 each, and the 21 teams that received the Silver Award received NT300,000 per team.

8 senior high schools are winners of the Teaching Excellence Award, among which 4 received the Gold Award and 4 received the Silver Award. The Gold Award winners are Taoyuan Municipal Shou-Shan Senior High School, Taichung Municipal Wufeng Agricultural & Industrial High School, Taichung Municipal Taichung Girls' Senior High School, and National Tainan First Senior High School. The Silver Award winners are New Taipei Municipal Jui-Fang Industrial High School, New Taipei Municipal Shulin Senior High School, Kaohsiung Municipal Tsoying Senior High School, and National Tainan Girls' Senior High School.

9 winners emerged in the junior high school category as recipients of the Teaching Excellence Award, out of which 4 received the Gold Award and 5 received the Silver Award. The Gold Award winners are Taipei Municipal Lanya Junior High School, Taoyuan Municipal Qing Pu Junior High School, Changhua County Municipal Chang An Junior High School, and Taoyuan Municipal Neili Junior High School. The Silver Award winners are Nantou County Municipal Guo Xing Junior High School, Miaoli County Municipal Nanhu Junior High School, New Taipei Municipal Shimen Junior High School, Taichung Municipal Siyu Junior High School, and Hsinchu County Municipal Wufeng Junior High School.

There are 14 winners in the elementary school category, of which 7 received the Gold Award and 7 received the Silver Award. The Gold Award winners are Yunlin County Houpu Primary School, Nantou County Changfu Elementary School, New Taipei Municipal Tur Ya Kar Elementary School, Tainan Municipal Heshun Elementary School, Kaohsiung Municipal Longhua Elementary School, Chiayi County Taiping Elementary School, and Kaohsiung Shoushan Elementary School. The Silver Award winners are Miaoli County Zhongshan Elementary School, Taichung Ruei Jing Primary School, Taoyuan Beimen Elementary School, Taichung Dung-Guang Elementary School, New Taipei City Beixin Elementary School, Taipei Municipal Jiantan Elementary School, and Tainan Municipal Shihmen Elementary School.

Last but not least, in the kindergarten category, there are 9 winners, of which 4 received the Gold Award and 5 received the Silver Award. The Gold Award winners are Miaoli County Donghe Elementary School Affiliated Kindergarten, Taitung County Sanjian Elementary School Affiliated Kindergarten, Keelung City Fushing Elementary School Affiliated Kindergarten, and the Taipei Grace Baptist Church Kindergarten. The Silver Award winners are Taipei Municipal Wan Fang Elementary School Affiliated Kindergarten, Taichung Chung Cheng Primary School Affiliated Kindergarten, Taoyuan Da-Gang Elementary School Affiliated Kindergarten, Taoyuan Hsia-Yun Primary School Affiliated Kindergarten, and Pingtung County Xishi Elementary School Affiliated Kindergarten.