

## Outstanding Contributions to Education Award, Light for Education

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During his term as the director of the Department of Education, Taipei City

Government, Director-General Wu hosted the Taipei Outstanding Contributions to Education Award when he served as Head of Department of Education, Taipei City Government. Upon taking the post as the Director-General, he decided to revive the annual selection of outstanding contributors to education, which had been suspended for 13 years. He took it even one step further: to establish the Outstanding Contributions to Education Award. Together with the conferring of this Award, a compilation of the selected contributors' good deeds will be published each year, and an award ceremony will be held to honor educators for their long lasting contributions. The purpose of this Award is to raise the dignity of educators and motivate these guardians of education, while its ultimate aim is to ascertain the long-term goal of education, i.e. providing decent education to each and every student.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Outstanding Contributions to Education Award ceremony was held in Chung Hsing Hall in Chung Hsing New Village. On behalf of Director-General Wu, who had to attend the press conference at the Ministry of Education on that day, Deputy Director-General Huang hosted the ceremony and invited Governor Lin, Junq-tzer of Taiwan Provincial Government to present the awards. Out of the 129 people recommended by Departments of Education, County/City Governments, high schools and vocational schools, 74 won this year after four rounds of deliberation by the selection committees. Please see the list of the winners as attached.

The theme of this year's ceremony is "Celebrating Educators" and "Declaring Love for Education." At the ceremony, Aboriginal Music Club from National Chung Hsin Senior High School (NCHSHS) performed Taiwanese aboriginal songs and Taiko to welcome the arrival of guests. Jhang-Sing Elementary School Chinese Orchestra played five elegant Chinese traditional songs for the audience to warm up the atmosphere. This had

