

# Youth Development Affairs



The MOE's vision for youth development in Taiwan is based on “constructing a diverse learning platform to cultivate youth into leaders of innovation and reform.” With this basis in mind, the MOE actively helps the youth in their career development, public participation, international participation, and learning. The objective is to guide the youth to develop competence in career, creativity, civic literacy, innovation, and global exploration. The measures taken include the following:

## A Career Counseling

### 1 Career Development

In order to guide youth in the development of their future career, universities and colleges

are subsidized to integrate internal and external resources and conceive various career support and development projects according to the characteristics of universities and needs of the students. This is so that youth can find their way as early as possible. To enhance the effectiveness of career counseling services, career counseling departments and projects are set up as part of a supportive system. The number of Career Guidance Subsidy program participants in 2023 was 195,000.

### 2 Experiencing Diverse Workplaces

With youth employability as a core value, the MOE combines the strength of the public, private and third sectors to provide workplace experience in different fields. With a variety of micro-experiences and integration of information in the “RICH Workplace Experiential Network,” the MOE helps young people to learn about and plan for their workplace experience and

improve competitiveness by learning from doing. In 2023, 1,721 students participated in the program.

### 3 Empowerment of Innovative and Entrepreneurial Talent

The “U-start Innovative and Entrepreneurial Plan” aims to incubate campus entrepreneurs who have great innovative ideas and help them materialize. In 2023, 75 groups of entrepreneurship student teams were trained and took part in the Intelligent Ironman Creativity Contest, innovation seminars and workshops, international exchanges, and other activities on innovation and entrepreneurship. There have been more than 5,000 participants since the plan kick-started. The plan's objective is to encourage students to innovate and put their knowledge into practice.

## B Public Participation

### 1 Participation in Policy-Making

Promoting the “Youth Policy—Let's Talk” project to empower youths with the competence to deliberate on public issues and participate in policy-making. The program invites youths to express their thoughts and creativity while participating in public issues via the “Open Government National Action Plan,” which promotes principles of transparency, engagement, accountability, and eclecticism, so that youths may play a more active role in civic society. In 2023, a total of 35 Talk events were organized, including 3 proposal presentations, 1 exchange meeting, 30 executive team Talk discussions, and 1 collaborative creation and results exchange meeting. Throughout the year, a total of 1,898 people and representatives from

government departments participated in these events.

### 2 Youth Volunteer Participation

To strengthen the resource exchange networks of public and private departments, to integrate government and private forces, to assist in promoting youth volunteering, to establish local networks of youth volunteer services, to organize youth volunteer training and empower volunteer competence, to promote diverse volunteer service, to subsidize youth teams to organize volunteer services, to organize national competitions for excellent youth volunteer teams, and to conduct award ceremonies to reward good results from volunteering as a way to manifest the social influence of the youth. In 2023, 77,187 youths participated in the program.

