



the nation, and strive for success in international competitions.

5 The Sports Industry

- A. In order to promote the development of the sports industry, loan credit guarantees and interest subsidies are provided for sports businesses to lower their operating costs. In the first five months of 2024, the government approved five loan credit guarantee cases, granting a total of NT\$26.3 million. A total of 35 interest subsidy payments were made to businesses in the period, amounting to NT\$520,962.
- B. To cultivate in young people the habit of regular exercise and attending sports events, an annual subsidy of NT\$500 per person is provided to youths aged 16-22 through the Youth Sports Voucher program. These vouchers can be used at participating stores that offer sports activities or event viewing services. This initiative aims to foster a habit of sports consumption from an early age and lay the foundation for industry development.

- C. In response to the trend of sports industry development, inter-agency collaboration is being promoted to advance sports technology. The Sports Administration is responsible for field verification and talent cultivation. Through the input of resources from various departments and the

integration of Taiwan's information and communication technology industry advantages, the aim is to create new opportunities in the sports industry.

- D. Revenue from the sports lottery is used as Sports Development Funds, with the purpose of discovering, training, and caring for talented athletes and improving national sports development.

6 International and Cross-strait Sports Exchanges

- A. Hosting international sports events: The MOE counsels sports organizations in Taiwan to host international championships and invitational tournaments in order to fulfill the obligation of international members as well as enhancing the sports competitiveness and the profile of Taiwan.
- B. Nurturing international sports affairs talents: The MOE trains and provides workshops to international sports affairs talents, enhances professional international sports competency courses, and assists local governments and sports organizations to participate in international sports affairs.
- C. Establishing Cross-strait sports exchange mechanism: On the foundation of mutual benefit, respect and harmony, crossstrait sports exchanges are conducted via on-site visit and exchange activities in a healthy, respectful and orderly manner.

7 A Quality Sports Environment for the Citizens

- A. Implementing the “National Sports Park General Construction and Talent Training Plan”: Continuing the renovation of the National Sports Training Center to support athletes in order for them to achieve excellence in competitions.

To plan and build a comprehensive environment to improve the athletes' performances.

- B. Implementing the “Forward-looking Construction – Urban and Rural Development-Program for Building a Leisure Sports Environment”: As of the end of June, 2024, 326 projects had been approved under the program. The program will improve all types of indoor and outdoor sports venues as well as bicycle paths, build a quality environment for leisure, build a perfect environment for the development of professional sports, and offer convenient, easily accessible, high-quality, and safe places to attract the public to participate directly in sports or to view competitions.
- C. Implementing the “Forward-looking Infrastructure Development Program – City and Country Construction – Sports for All Environment Program”: The main objective is to build “national sports halls” that include new types of gyms, aerobics rooms, training facilities for all ages, and badminton (all-use) courts in order to improve the basic fitness of citizens and reduce sports injuries. Roofed courts will be built, and existing facilities will be renovated so as to provide a convenient, quality, and safe sports environment. As of the end of June, 2024, the MOE had approved 21



applications for “building/renovating national sports halls,” 169 applications for “improving existing sports facilities and building/renovating roofed courts,” one application for “building potential sports parks,” and 6 applications for “renovating national comprehensive sports halls,” totaling 197 approvals.

- D. Implementing the “Optimization of Civic Sports and Competition Environment Plan”: This plan was approved by the Executive Yuan on Nov. 3, 2023, and will be carried out from 2024 to 2027. The main tasks focus on creating a safe and friendly sports environment and constructing high-quality competition venues. The goal is to meet the diverse sports needs of the public, enhance the country's ability to host international events, and increase Taiwan's international visibility. As of May 31, 2024, 4 subsidy cases have been approved. ■

