

## Elite Education

### Educating New Hopes

National Nanke International Experimental High School (NNKIEH) in School Year 2011 offered 88 classes including 42 in the Elementary Department, 24 in the Junior High Department, 10 in the Senior High Department and 12 in the Bilingual Department with 2,381 registered students. NNKIEH is equipped with the most advanced teaching equipment available and is based on the core concepts of international vision, creativity, and technology. Courses at NNKIEH focus on scientific education to develop students with an active attitude towards acquiring knowledge and a diverse set of competencies for the future development of the STSP.

### Outstanding Contest Performance by NNKIEH Students

#### Music Contests

The Wind Bands of the NNKIEH Junior High Department and Elementary Department attended the 2011 Tainan City Music Contest and won an outstanding performance award for Excellence Group. The brass quintet, composed of members of the Wind Band of the NNKIEH Junior High Department, also won an Award for Excellence. In addition, a first time participant in the contest, the Percussion Ensemble of NNKIWH not only earned an excellence

award, but also qualified for the national competition.

In the individual-level competition at the 2011 Tainan City Music Contest, NNKIEH students were the top three winners of the piano solo. Among them, the first rank winner Chang Jiajung was also the first excellence award winner of the Junior High School B Group.

#### Art Contests

Due to a great deal of interest in the 2011 Tainan City Art Contest, NNKIEH submitted a high volume of art. Both the Senior and Junior High Departments demonstrated excellent performance. In particular, Su Yujung from class 311 of the Senior High Department was awarded with the first prize in the Northern District Calligraphy contest and was selected to represent Tainan City in the National Art Contest.

#### Drama Contest

At the 2011 Filial Duty and Creativity Contest sponsored by the Bais Education Foundation, the class 808 on behalf of the NNKIEH under the team name of "Willy Whale 8" performed the drama, "Our Family: Mulian Saving His Mother," with its interesting content, creative effort, and natural talent and under keen competition from other teams in the Senior and Vocational High Schools Group, the team won an excellence award and received high praises from the audience.



▲ (from left) Hsu Zie'en, Zhang Jiajung, Yun Zuo, Top Three Winners of Award of Excellence for Group B of Junior High School of Piano Contest (November 23, 2011)



▲ STSP Cup English Debate Contest Champion, the Bilingual Department of the NNKIEH (March 19, 2011)



▲ Photo of the NNKIEH Bilingual Department's Debate Team at Taipei WEGO Private High School (December 27, 2011)

### Chinese Debate Contest

Yu Fangqi, Wu Zhewei, Chen Huixin, Chen Shaoru, Yang Qingya, Dai Tingyun, and Luo Shihua from "Hello! Debate Club" participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> "Zhongzheng Cup" Debate Contest where they won second prize while Chen Huixin of class 113 of Senior High Department was selected as the Best Debater in the 10<sup>th</sup> "Zhongzheng Cup" Debate Contest.

### Other Achievements

In the 51<sup>st</sup> Tainan City Public and Private Elementary and Junior High School Scientific Exhibition, Su Zihan from the Junior High Department with total 6 people to win an excellence award in math and an outstanding award for biology; Wei Zijie from the Junior High Department won the Silver award at the International Innovation and Technology Exhibition in Malaysia ; on August 30, students from Senior High Department were awarded first rank prize in the SpringSoft Scientific Creativity Contest of Southern Taiwan ; and NNKIEH Senior High Department students received 2 Gold, 2 Silver, and 1 Bronze medal in the 2011 National Popular Science Thesis Contest.



▲ Photo at the Blood Donation Drive (December 6, 2011)



▲ NNKIEH Students Fill Bamboo Piggy Banks and Make Cards to Help with Disaster Relief Efforts in Japan (April 6, 2011)

### The Bilingual Department of the NNKIEH, the Repeat Champion of the Cicero Cup English Debate

It has been only one and half year since the establishment of the Debate Club in the NNKIEH's Bilingual Department. Yet, due to the leadership of Dr. Daniel Fruit who specializes in English debate, the NNKIEH has been a two-time repeat champion in the Cicero Cup English Debate sponsored by the Taipei City Government and the Taipei WEGO Private High School. In January, two debate teams from NNKIEH participated in the contest and one of the teams won an excellence award. In addition, Chen Xuanyao, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader, was selected as the Best Debater. In December, two debate teams from NNKIEH participated in the contest again to compete with those from well-known high schools and bilingual schools and both teams won excellence awards. Two students, Lin Yuchen, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader, and Zheng Xiaoran, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader, were selected

as Best Debater by their peers.

In March, NNKIEH held the 1<sup>st</sup> STSP Cup Debate Contest and contestants from Taipei American School, Kaohsiung American School and I-Shou International School were invited. The Debate Team from the NNKIEH's Bilingual Department placed first in this contest.

### Donating Blood to Save a Life— The Celebration of a Coming of Age Ceremony— by Senior High Department Students

The Counseling Room facilitated the “Donating Blood to Celebrate a Coming of Age” project with the participation of more than 50 senior high students and teachers. This has been the best life education lesson and the best way to celebrate the move to adulthood by giving to others.



▲ Financial Donation from the “With Love from the STSP to Help Japan” Project to the International Red Cross (April 6, 2011)



▲ NNKIEH Students Duck Dance Led by Syin-Lu volunteers (December 6, 2011)

### Enthusiastic Response for Donation Day at the NNKIEH

In an effort to contribute to Japanese disaster relief activities, at the beginning of April, the NNKIEH sponsored the "With Love from the STSP to Help Japan" donation activity. In the morning of April 6, students and teachers at the NNKIEH donated NT\$280,000 to the Tainan Branch of the Red Cross Society of the Republic of China. The only NNKIEH student of Japanese ancestry, Mao Yuri, accepted the gift on behalf of Japan. A sign language play was also

presented to offer blessing for Japan by sending the love of everyone at the NNKIEH.

### Love at the STSP and Love for Syin-Lu from the NNKIEH

To let students feel the touch of life, the NNKIEH Counseling Room, invited the Syin-Lu social Welfare Foundation to present a program on special education , on December 6. This was the first time that students from Syin-Lu were invited to the campus by the Elementary Department. This opportunity and an excellent life experience by interaction for the special needs students of NNKIEH.

### Encouraging Reading and Being Friends with Books

NNKIEH has two libraries: the Senior High Department's Central Library and the Elementary Department's Branch Library. Both are devoted to the encouragement of reading. On average, each NNKIEH student borrows more than 25 books, its students were the winners of off campus reading reflection contests in 2011. For example, in "Reading 100 on the 100th Anniversary of the R.O.C." Youth Reading Reflection Contest, NNKIEH's Elementary Department Senior Year Group won second place while the Junior High Department won third prize with three articles selected in



▲ Photo of Special Education Promotional Activities at the NNKIEH Organized by the Syin-Lu Social Welfare Foundation (December 6, 2011)

the Outstanding Writing category. Among the 48 awarded articles, students contributed 5 of them.

Of the NNKIEH's Senior High Department students who participated in the National Reading Reflection Contest of Senior High School, 12 were awarded with top prizes, 11 with excellence, and 22 with Rank A, accounting for 94% of the awards bestowed while in the National Short Essay Contest, of Senior High School students from NNKIEH were awarded with 86% of the prizes and successfully inspired other students in the Senior High Department to engage in reading reflection and short essay writing.

### Awarded Winning New Green Building Campus at NNKIEH's Senior High Department

On December 17, NNKIEH's new Senior High Department building was given the Diamond Level Green Building Award by the Ministry of the Interior as made into a Green Building demonstration site. Each month, approximately 700 domestic and international visitors visit here. It is now a "must see" site for those interested in Green buildings campus in Taiwan.

### International Music Exchanges between the NNKIEH Wind Band and a Japanese Band

International exchanges have long been a focus in the international educational development of the NNKIEH. On December 25, the NNKIEH greeted friends from Japan, the Chugoku District Percussion Band from Shimane Prefecture for a performance exchange. Conductors of the day included Mr. Lin Yuxi and Mr. Akio Marutani. Mr. Marutani is a popular Japanese High School Symphonic Band conductor who impressed the audience with his excellent conducting skills. It is notable that during this visit, the 64 Japanese students stayed with 30 families of NNKIEH students. The three day and two night home stay experience was short, yet it was and will always be the basis of the best memories of the students. It was hoped that with international exchanges and performances such as this, NNKIEH students can learn more about the order, manners, and obedient spirit of the Japanese students. ☒



▲ International Music Exchange between the NNKIEH and Chugoku District Percussion Band from Shimane Prefecture, Japan (December 25, 2011)