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[SDGs 1] No Poverty

[1.3.1] Does your university as a body have targets to admit students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country?

Safe Schooling Programs to Recruit Students from Low-Income Families at NCUT

National Chin-Yi University of Technology (NCUT) is committed to providing **equitable access to education** and supporting students from low-income families through its comprehensive **safe schooling programs**. These initiatives are designed to eliminate financial barriers, offer flexible learning opportunities, and create an inclusive academic environment, ensuring that every student has the chance to succeed.

(A) Subsidies for Disadvantaged Students

1. **Strengthening Enrollment Opportunities**: NCUT prioritizes providing enrollment opportunities for disadvantaged students from rural areas, outlying islands, and other regions across Taiwan.

2. **Financial Support for Examination-Related Expenses**:

   - **Registration Fees**: Subsidies are provided for registration fees to ensure equal participation in entrance examinations.
   - **Transportation Fees**: NCUT covers transportation costs for students traveling for entrance exams.
   - **Accommodation Fees**: Subsidies also include accommodation expenses during the examination period to ease the financial burden on disadvantaged families.

(B) Establishment of Multiple Scholarships

1. **Work-Study Funds**: The university offers various work-study opportunities, allowing students to earn an income while managing their educational expenses.

2. **Scholarships and Subsidies**:

   - **Disadvantaged Student Scholarships**: Financial assistance for students from low-income backgrounds.
   - **Foreign Student Bursaries**: Special bursaries for international students to support their academic journey.

- **Tuition and Miscellaneous Fee Exemptions**: Eligible students are exempted from tuition and other academic fees.

(C) Flexible Study System for Bachelor's Degree Programs

1. **Four-Year Bachelor's Program Flexible Study Plan**:

   - **Extended Study Period**: Working students can extend their study period to complete graduation credits over up to ten years.
   - **Accumulating Credits**: Students can accumulate credits over time, balancing work and study without taking breaks.
   - **Development of Academic Abilities**: Tailored study plans help students develop necessary academic skills for professional growth.

(D) Improved Certification Mechanism for Flexible Course Degrees

1. **Credit Transfer Mechanism**: The "Academic Credit System" and "Credit Accumulation System" enable seamless mutual credit transfer.

2. **Cumulative Study Years**: The study period is calculated cumulatively, allowing for a flexible academic timeline.

3. **Graduation Qualifications**: Students meeting credit and graduation requirements within the designated period receive their diploma.

(E) Improved Admission Opportunities for Economically Disadvantaged Students

1. **Admissions Committee for Economically Disadvantaged Students**:

   o **Expanded Admissions Channels**: Specific plans to expand admission channels for disadvantaged students.

   o **Admission Quotas**: Reserved quotas ensure that more economically disadvantaged students have access to education at NCUT.

(F) Incentives and Opportunities for Women in STEM

1. **University Entrance Scholarships**: Scholarships are offered to encourage female students to apply, particularly in engineering and technology fields.

2. **Support for Female Students in Industrial Subjects**: Scholarships and mentorship opportunities are designed to increase female participation in traditionally male-dominated industrial subjects.

Protecting the Educational Rights of Economically and Culturally Disadvantaged Students

NCUT is dedicated to ensuring that economically and culturally disadvantaged students have access to quality education. This commitment is reflected in the university's mid-term development plan, which prioritizes supporting **students from all backgrounds**. The following strategies and mechanisms have been established to uphold these values:

1. **Comprehensive Academic and Living Assistance**:

   o **Academic Support**: Offering tutoring, mentoring, and academic counseling tailored to the needs of disadvantaged students.

   o **Living Assistance**: Providing essential living allowances and resources to ensure students can focus on their studies.

2. **External Fundraising Initiatives**:

   o **Fundraising Fund**: NCUT has set up an external fund specifically to support economically disadvantaged students, bridging financial gaps where needed.

   o **Collaboration with the Business Community**: Partnering with businesses to raise funds, provide scholarships, internships, and job placements.

3. **Financial Assistance and Scholarships**:

   o **Tuition and Fee Waivers**: Offering full or partial waivers for tuition and other mandatory fees.

   o **Scholarships and Grants**: A wide variety of scholarships and grants based on need and merit to support students financially.

4. **Diversified Student Aid Methods**:

   o **Work-Study Programs**: Allowing students to work part-time on campus or in approved off-campus jobs.

   o **Emergency Aid**: Offering financial assistance for students facing unexpected hardships.

   o **Flexible Payment Plans**: Enabling students to pay tuition and fees in installments.

5. **Guidance and Counseling**:

   o **Personalized Counseling**: Dedicated services to help students navigate academic and personal challenges.

   o **Career Guidance**: Providing career counseling and job placement services to help students secure employment after graduation.

6. **Creating a High-Quality and Secure Learning Environment**:

- o **Safe and Inclusive Campus**: Ensuring a secure, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students.

    - o **Cultural Sensitivity Training**: Offering training for faculty and staff to better support students from diverse backgrounds.

7. **Mid-Term Development Plan Integration**:

    - o **Strategic Planning**: Incorporating specific goals and initiatives to support disadvantaged students.

    - o **Monitoring and Evaluation**: Regularly reviewing and adjusting programs to meet students' needs.

Strengthening External Fundraising for Economically Disadvantaged Students

NCUT has implemented a robust **external fundraising mechanism** to provide sustainable support for economically disadvantaged students. In collaboration with the **Ministry of Education** and **corporate partners**, the university has raised significant funds to support students from diverse backgrounds.

Key Aspects of NCUT's External Fundraising:

1. **Corporate Partnerships**:

    - o Since 2018, NCUT has collaborated with various corporate partners, successfully raising more than **NT$28 million** to support economically disadvantaged students.

2. **Matching Funds from the Ministry of Education**:

    - o In addition to external fundraising, NCUT has received matching funds from the Ministry of Education, significantly alleviating the financial pressures on students.

3. **Comprehensive Support Mechanisms**:

    - o **Establishment of External Fundraising Fund**: The fund ensures that students have access to the resources they need.

    - o **Financial Assistance for Students**: From 2018 to 2022, NCUT provided subsidies to **14,257 students** to cover tuition, fees, and living expenses.

4. **Encouraging Diligence and Future Success**:

    - o By reducing financial burdens, NCUT empowers students to focus on their studies and strive for academic excellence.

Future Plans

1. **Ongoing Fundraising Initiatives**: NCUT will continue to build more partnerships and strengthen external fundraising efforts to expand financial support.

2. **Enhanced Support Programs**: Plans to offer more comprehensive support, including additional scholarships, work-study opportunities, and academic resources.

By upholding these principles of **equal access** and **comprehensive support**, NCUT ensures that economically disadvantaged students can pursue their education with peace of mind, fostering a more inclusive and equitable educational community.