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The anti-poverty project of NCUT

A. University anti-poverty project

(A) Free accommodation so students can concentrate on their studies

(1.) Free accommodation care plan

Low-income students and dormitory assistants/managers were provided with free accommodation so their commute was alleviated and they could concentrate on their studies. The below table shows the number receiving free accommodation in the past three years.

Number of free accommodation users in the past three years

Year	Number of users		Total
	Low income	School Staff/Officer	
2021	26	31	57
2022	31	29	60
2023	18	30	48

(2.) Free or preferential accommodation is offered by caring landlords:

To support disadvantaged and low-income students at NCUT, we actively coordinate with compassionate landlords nearby to provide free beds and preferential prices for those in need. The number of users is shown as following.

The number of Free or preferential accommodation is offered by caring landlords

Year	The number of free beds provided by caring landlords	Actual number of students staying
2021	23	23
2022	21	17
2023	19	12

(B) Scholarships, aids, emergency allowance: A number of scholarships and learning aids were provided to assist with studies. Underrepresented students may look up the most updated information about subsidies and apply accordingly. Scholarships, living aids and emergency allowance provided in the past three years are shown in the following table

Scholarships: Students with outstanding performance may apply for a variety of scholarships.

Aids: Monthly aids were provided to assist students in financially difficulty.

Emergency Relief Bursary: In order to strengthen student support and uphold the school spirit of 'doing everything for students,' we offer assistance to students facing dire circumstances due to emergencies affecting themselves or their families. Students in urgent need of help can apply.

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Year	Scholarship	Living aids	Emergency Relief Bursary
2021	13,389,498	23,887,874	1,086,529
2022	11,332,908	22,644,241	1,710,000
January-July, 2023	8,916,454	11,332,120	855,000

B. In-school work opportunities for an independent life

The Teacher-TA method combines learning and teaching by assigning a teaching assistant to each teacher depending on the course content. Students may take the opportunity to apply to be a teaching assistance part time. The table following shows the uptake of this initiative.

TA, part-time numbers in the past three years

Year	Total number employed	Total subsidy
2021	1,232	NT\$7,505,474
2022	1,293	NT\$8,258,313
January-July, 2023	698	NT\$4,541,433

C. Southbound international corporate-academy class:

In alignment with the government's new southbound policy and to encourage academic cooperation with NCUT from countries in the southbound region, NCUT promotes the active learning of Chinese

among foreign master's and bachelor's students. This initiative aims to improve their Chinese language skills, enhancing their academic and career competitiveness upon graduation. The key points in establishing scholarships and bursaries involve conducting Chinese proficiency tests twice every semester. Based on pre- and post-test scores in Chinese, full or half scholarships will be awarded to students of the same nationality, during the same period, and in the same academic system. Over the past three years, the effectiveness of scholarships for foreign students has been demonstrated, as illustrated in following Table.

Number of foreign students obtaining scholarships in the past three years

Year	New southbound_ Bachelor (2+i added)		Foreign Student Bachelor		Master/Ph. D. programs	
	No. of students	Scholarship (NT\$)	No. of students	Scholarship (NT\$)	No. of students	Scholarship (NT\$)
2021	154	6,160,000	25	1,036,212	129	6,411,265
2022	231	6,934,009	31	1,172,358	170	8,497,405
January-July, 2023	91	1,365,000	16	596,349	112	4,814,070

D. The Vocational Dual System Training Project, enjoy half the tuition fee:

The Vocational Dual System Training Project in Taiwan combines resources of businesses, colleges, universities, and vocational high schools to support trainees with discounts on tuition fees and a monthly allowance from business groups to ease students' financial burden. The Project provides a way of simultaneous learning and working for learners who wish to further their studies while getting paid for work. Official diplomas and a certificate of study by the MOL and the employer are issued to those who complete the training and pass the grades. The Project has offered half tuition fees for class students in the past three years. Scholarships and emergency relief funds were also available to apply for, as shown in the below table.

No. of continuing education students applying for scholarships and emergency relief funds

Year	Scholarship	Emergency relief funds	Total
2021	3,378,000	216,000	3,594,000
2022	3,317,000	291,550	3,608,550
January-July, 2023	230,000	181,550	411,550

E. Ministry of Education Disadvantaged Student Assistance Program:

To further support disadvantaged students in successfully attending school, NCUT assists college students whose family annual income is approximately in the bottom 40% bracket to receive subsidies from the government or the school. This ensures they can attend school with peace of mind and promotes positive academic outcomes, as demonstrated in below Table.

Implementation results of the Disadvantaged Student Aid Program for day-school colleges

Year	Students	Total subsidy funds
2021	290	NT\$3,911,750
2022	295	NT\$4,050,250
2023	246	NT\$3,415,000

Caring for economically and culturally disadvantaged students

NCUT is committed to providing support for economically and culturally disadvantaged students, championing the spirit of education without discrimination and ensuring equal learning opportunities for diverse ethnic groups. Since 2018, the university has collaborated with the business community to raise over 28 million yuan in external funds annually for five consecutive years. It has also received one-to-one funding subsidies from the Ministry of Education, jointly investing to alleviate economic challenges.

To address the significant financial pressures faced by disadvantaged students, NCUT has formulated and continually improved key assistance and subsidy programs. Additionally, the university emphasizes providing care and counseling for students who are pregnant, giving birth, or have children under three years old. It has also expanded the concept of gender equality on campus to encourage students to diligently pursue their studies and shape a brighter future.

1. Increasing Enrollment:

The university has seen a yearly increase in enrollment numbers. In 2021 and 2022, 68 students were approved for enrollment through the vision plan. Among them, 51 students actually registered through the selection and enrollment channels in 2021, with a registration rate of 75%.

2. Fully Subsidized Entrance Fees:

Since 2018, the full registration fee for the entrance examination (420 people in 3 years) has been subsidized. From 2020 onwards, transportation and accommodation expenses for the second-level interview have also been subsidized. This subsidy has been extended to cover the second-level

economic registration in 2023, benefiting 92 disadvantaged students, including 13 from low-income families, 9 from low- and middle-income families, and 1 indigenous student. The total subsidy issued was 30,900 yuan. Additionally, some interviews were canceled due to the epidemic from 2021 to 2023, and a total of 39 people received subsidies to alleviate the financial pressure of the exam.

3. Enhance the quality of education for economically disadvantaged students

NCUT upholds the spirit of education without distinction by establishing an external fundraising fund, providing protection and counseling for economically disadvantaged students, and employing various student aid methods to help them alleviate financial pressure. The aim is to create a high-quality and secure learning environment for all students.

4. Effectiveness of learning working hours incentive measures:

To comprehensively support students' learning and minimize the impact of the epidemic, we promote online 'cross-field MOOCs learning.' Those who complete 18 hours of study are eligible to apply for a scholarship, and upon completing the course, they can apply for a stipend of 20,000 yuan. This enables uninterrupted learning from the comfort of home. The MOOCs can be accessed online, and study hours can be flexibly integrated with work commitments, allowing students to achieve tangible learning results. The implementation results over the past three years are detailed in the following Table.

Year	Students eligible for tuition and fees exemption	Students eligible for the Ministry of Education's Disadvantaged Scholarships	Aboriginal students	Total
2021	384	237	70	691
2022	135	89	29	253
2023	280	167	52	499

Table Effectiveness of learning working hours incentive measures

Economically disadvantaged education flipping poverty plan

The "Economically Disadvantaged Education Flipping Poverty Plan" is a comprehensive strategy aimed at addressing poverty through education. This plan recognizes that education plays a crucial role in breaking the cycle of poverty and improving economic opportunities for individuals and communities. Here are some key elements and strategies typically associated with such a plan:

- 1. Access to Quality Education:** The plan focuses on providing economically disadvantaged individuals, especially children and youth, with access to quality education. This may involve improving and expanding educational facilities, reducing barriers to enrollment, and ensuring that schools in disadvantaged areas have the necessary resources and qualified teachers.
- 2. Early Childhood Education:** Recognizing the importance of early education, the plan may include initiatives to provide preschool education or early childhood development programs for economically disadvantaged children. These programs aim to prepare children for success in school and beyond.
- 3. Scholarships and Financial Aid:** To make higher education more accessible, the plan may include scholarships, grants, or financial aid programs for students from low-income backgrounds. This can help reduce the financial burden of attending college or vocational training programs.
- 4. Adult Education and Skills Training:** Poverty reduction plans often include adult education and skills training programs. These initiatives help adults acquire new skills or improve existing ones, increasing their employability and income-earning potential.
- 5. Career Counseling and Guidance:** Providing career counseling and guidance services can help individuals, particularly youth, make informed decisions about their education and career paths. This can lead to better employment opportunities and reduced poverty rates.
- 6. Community Support Services:** In addition to education, addressing poverty may require a range of support services such as healthcare, housing assistance, and access to nutritious food. These services can complement educational efforts by addressing the broader needs of economically disadvantaged individuals and families.
- 7. Employment Opportunities:** The plan may also aim to create or expand job opportunities in economically disadvantaged areas. This could involve attracting businesses, promoting entrepreneurship, or investing in job training programs.
- 8. Monitoring and Evaluation:** To assess the effectiveness of the plan, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are typically put in place. This involves tracking key indicators such as school attendance, academic performance, graduation rates, and changes in income levels among the target population.

9. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Poverty reduction plans often involve collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and community groups. Partnerships can leverage resources and expertise to implement effective interventions.
10. **Sustainability:** Sustainable poverty reduction requires a long-term commitment. The plan may outline strategies for ensuring the continuity of education and support services to prevent individuals from falling back into poverty.

It's important to note that the specific details of an economically disadvantaged education flipping poverty plan can vary depending on the region, available resources, and the unique needs of the target population. Such plans are typically designed to address the root causes of poverty and empower individuals and communities to achieve economic stability and upward mobility through education.

National Chin-Yi University of Technology (NCUT) is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment where economically disadvantaged students have the opportunity to excel academically. To achieve this goal, NCUT implements various measures and initiatives to support financially disadvantaged students:

1. **Scholarships and Financial Aid:** NCUT offers a range of scholarships and financial aid programs specifically designed to assist economically disadvantaged students. These programs may include tuition waivers, grants, and stipends to help cover educational expenses.
2. **Work-Study Opportunities:** NCUT provides work-study opportunities for students who require additional financial support. This allows students to earn income while gaining valuable work experience on campus.
3. **Textbook Assistance:** NCUT offers assistance with the cost of textbooks and learning materials, ensuring that all students have access to the necessary resources for their studies.
4. **Counseling and Support Services:** NCUT provides counseling services to help financially disadvantaged students address personal and academic challenges. These services can include academic advising, career counseling, and mental health support.
5. **Housing Assistance:** For students who require on-campus housing, NCUT offers affordable housing options or subsidies to make accommodations more accessible.
6. **Food Assistance:** NCUT partnered with local food banks or establish meal assistance programs to ensure that economically disadvantaged students have access to nutritious meals.
7. **Peer Mentoring:** NCUT implemented peer mentoring programs where financially disadvantaged students can receive guidance and support from their peers who have



successfully navigated similar challenges.

8. **Accessibility Services:** Ensuring that the campus is accessible to all students, including those with disabilities, is essential. This includes physical accessibility as well as support for students with diverse learning needs.
9. **Community Engagement:** NCUT encourages financially disadvantaged students to engage in community service and volunteer opportunities, both as a way to give back to the community and to gain valuable experience.
10. **Financial Literacy Education:** NCUT offers workshops and resources to enhance students' financial literacy skills, helping them manage their finances effectively during their academic journey and beyond.
11. **Collaboration with External Organizations:** NCUT collaborates with external organizations, nonprofits, and government agencies that focus on supporting economically disadvantaged individuals to provide additional resources and opportunities for students.
12. **Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives:** NCUT fosters a culture of diversity and inclusion on campus, ensuring that all students, regardless of their financial background, feel valued and respected.

By implementing these measures and initiatives, NCUT aims to create an environment where economically disadvantaged students can thrive academically, access essential resources, and pursue their educational and career goals without financial barriers hindering their progress.