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The Development of Active Aging Learning Center in Taiwan: Meeting Today's Challenges

Due to a sharp rise in aging population, Taiwan has become an aging society. Thus, the Ministry of Education (MOE) declared the "White Paper on Elder Educational Policy" in November, 2006, emphasizing lifelong learning, being healthy and carefree, independence and dignity, and society participation. Under this policy, the MOE decided to establish the Active Aging Learning Center in each township since 2008. Currently, there are a total of 271 centers in Taiwan. This speech is going to address the origin and development of the Active Aging Learning Center. The discussion includes the following three parts: 1) the philosophy behind the establishment of the Active Aging Learning Center, 2) the vision, the mission, the strategic planning process, the curriculum structure, the activities the centers offer, and the impact the centers create, and 3) the prospects and the directions of the centers.