

## Introduction of Nantou Zhongyuan Elementary School

- (1) Our school was established as Tucheng School Zhongyuan Class on August 20th, 1953. The location was at Shuihe Temple Meeting Hall, Zhongyuan Village. (three classes of the grade one)
- (2) In May 1954, two classrooms and one building of toilet were built. The address was No. 20, Pingjiao Lane, Zhongyuan Village (which is the address of current location).
- (3) On September 1st, 1954, it was approved to be independent as “Zhongyuan School” (four classes for the grade one, three classes of the grade two, and seven classes in the whole school in total). Mr. Lin Yao-Tung was assigned as the first principal of the school. He carried a spirit of pioneer to organize the campus and built some simple new classroom. The enrolment rate after students graduated was well-known in the central Taiwan area.
- (4) On September 13th, 1961, Mr. Li Min-Nan was assigned to take over the position of the principal (the 2nd Principal). He implemented the balanced development of five different dimensions of education as well as promoted activities of physical education. Students achieved excellent performance in county games and township games.
- (5) On August 1, 1968, the school was renamed as “Zhongyuan Elementary School”.
- (6) On July 13th, 1972, the 3rd Principal, Mr. Sung Kuang-Suo took over the official seal to manage school affairs. He worked hard to improve the environment of the school. Students had good performance in science education and various external games. He strove for budget to purchase land from Taiwan Sugar Corporation as school campus.
- (7) On August 1st, 1980, Mr. Li Tsung-Pin took over the post of the principal. He devoted to the reconstruction of buildings in the campus and brought in equipment needed for education during his post, which received good comments from parents.
- (8) On August 20th, 1989, Mr. Chang Yen-Zu took over the post as the 5th Principal. He continued the efforts from the former principals in the improvement of education environment. He completed the building of the student activity center (covered playground), lunch kitchen, library, audiovisual classroom, toilet renovation, ceremonial stand construction, and the improvement of athletic field as well as achieved outstanding performance in external science fair competition, sports activities, as well as language and literature.
- (9) On August 1st, 1997, the 6th Principal, Ms. Chen Bi-Tao, took over the post. Other than continuing the construction of the student activity center from the former Principal Chang, she focused on the improvement of teaching environment in more than dozen important constructions, including front garden landscaping project, south parking space improvement project, as well as drinking water and hand-washing basin improvement project. In terms of

teaching, other than the implementation of normal teaching, she developed school feature in the time used for group activities. The school achieved brilliant performance in reading scriptures, art creation, or volleyball. In addition, she cooperated with the policy of class size reduction promoted by the government. "921 Earthquake" caused serious damage on the school. Principal Chen led all the teachers as well as students to rescue and recovery with full efforts. Additionally, she worked actively to ask for the external financial support. Other than the donation and assistance from Buddha's Light International Association as well as others, the school was also adopted and supported by "Tzu Chi".

(10) On August 21st, 2000, Mr. Hung Yin-Chun took over the post as the 7th Principal. He carried the spirit of great perseverance in "inheriting the teachings of previous generations in order to inspire future actions". With the full support of the team of parents in facing the big wave of educational revolution of 21st century, he led all the teachers to work hard to create a happy growing place that is exclusive to students.