

Dear faculty, staff, and students,

Greetings to all.

Thanks to the support of all faculty, staff, and students, I am honored to be selected as the eighth President of the National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU). As the appointment procedure is currently in progress, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the entire NSYSU academic community.

Taking on this responsibility is both an honor and a duty. Confronted with increasingly severe challenges and difficulties in higher education both domestically and internationally, NSYSU with its solid foundation is poised for advancement amidst the rapid development and transformation in Kaohsiung. I pledge to transform NSYSU into an AI² university with “Artistic & Inclusive” and “Advanced & Innovative” features, and to realise faithfully the ten proposed governing strategies, making it a comprehensive university with well-balanced research in both humanities and sciences.

Like the Harvard University contributing immensely to the development of Boston area, NSYSU strives to foster local collaborations for mutual benefit. The NSYSU’s mission is not only to nurture talent and creativity for future transformation but also to showcase the natural beauty and intellectual strength of southern Taiwan to the world. Thus, my lifelong commitment lies in making NSYSU the premier university in southern Taiwan, akin to Harvard’s stature.

Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all faculty, staff, and students for your support and encouragement.

Yours Sincerely,

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