



Dear faculty,

Winter is now here and the temperature drops significantly at night; please take good care of yourselves during the seasonal transition. Though the pandemic situation has been less severe and the government control measures relaxed, the faculty are still reminded to take preventive measures for personal health.

The year 2022 marks an important milestone for the development of the University. With the concerted efforts of you all, the University established the *School of Banking and Finance* and the *College of Semiconductor and Advanced Technology Research* in response to the country policy; it also founded the *College of Medicine* in Aug with an enrollment of 23 state-funded students, accomplishing the NSYSU mission of *North Taiwan University, South Sun Yat-sen University*. The number of colleges thus raises from seven to ten in 2022.

This year is also a crucial year for all the faculty because the Ministry of Education has revised the *Regulations Governing Accreditations at Junior Colleges and Institutions of Higher Education* in order to simplify and improve the evaluation procedure for professorship rank promotion. In line with this amendment, the University amended the *Regulations for Evaluation of Professorship Rank Promotion* in the University Council meeting on Oct 28 (Friday), and hence the number of external evaluations decreased from two to one. It is worth reminding that the University also removed the provision in the *Regulations for Appointment Qualifications of Faculty and Researchers* and the *Faculty Contract Agreement*, that new-hired faculty shall advance the professorship rank within the first eight years. With this provision lifted, the current faculty is no longer pressured by the time frame and therefore able to focus on personal academic development as well as the duties of teaching, research and service, and follow the university guidelines to apply for rank advancement and be evaluated accordingly.

In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes.





In addition, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) has announced and started inviting applications for Academic Year 2023-24 research project grants; the Office of Research and Development also sent out a notification regarding the applications to all units on Nov 1. NSYSU is a research-oriented university with well-balanced development in both Humanities and Science and Technologies; it has always been in the lead in southern Taiwan, with remarkable teaching/research capacity and outstanding achievements. I would like to encourage and remind all faculty, both the new-hired and the senior, that December 31st is the last day for submitting NSTC research project applications and we shall all view the application as one of our responsibilities being NSYSU faculty and actively seek external resources to enhance personal research capacity.

Facing current innovation challenges in higher education, life at NSYSU will be even more splendid and glorious when we work seamlessly as a team. Last, it is great to have you all at NSYSU.

Wish you all good health and smooth teaching and research,

President

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