

New-Taipei City Student Honored with International Award

Arlington, Va., February 7, 2025 – Jyun-Wei Liao of New-Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C), received the 2025 Yes I Can Award for Transition from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Jyun-Wei will be honored this March along with other Yes I Can recipients at the CEC Convention and Expo in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Yes I Can Awards celebrate and honor the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities while increasing public awareness of the abilities and aspirations of students with disabilities.

Jyun-Wei lives with intellectual disabilities and experiences speech and language difficulties. Since entering high school, he has worked tirelessly to improve his verbal communication skills. Motivated to improve social skills, he expressed his desire to participate in the school's Special Olympics team. Through hard work and dedication, he was selected to represent and participate in a national Special Olympics team in December of 2023. He has further expressed his interest in competing for a spot on the Taiwan Special Olympics team.

Jyun-Wei's sibling also lives with intellectual disabilities. Understanding the importance of supporting his sibling in the future, he actively sought employment, first in the food service industry, adding an additional on-campus job soon after. Jyun-Wei actively engaged in conversations and discussions about post-schooling employment with his teachers. When he reached his senior year, he applied to and was accepted into Taiwan's Ministry of Labor's Employment Transition Program.

Jyun-Wei was jointly nominated by a group of 12 special educators who worked with him during high school. They recognize Jyun-Wei's diligent work in achieving his goals and looking toward the future. His willingness to engage with and share his experiences with his peers has helped his peers grow alongside him.



The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Learn more about CEC at <https://exceptionalchildren.org/>.