

# **THE STUDY ON CURRENT SITUATION OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE RELATE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SPORTS, AND LEISURE IN TAIWAN**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The first department of sports management was established in Taiwan in 1995, from that time on, the progress of establishment on physical education, sports, and leisure was started formally. In a short time of just ten years, there were more than 50 universities that established similar departments one after another. This study was to discuss the current situation of development in the relate department of physical education, sports, and leisure in Taiwan. The contents were divided into three parts including general condition of departments, teachers, and students.

## **METHODS**

This study utilized the secondary analysis to explore the current situation in department of physical education, sports, and leisure in Taiwan. Meanwhile, the induction analysis was used for this study.

## **RESULTS**

The results were as followed:

1. General condition of departments: in 165 Taiwanese universities, there had been 62 universities which were established with relate departments of physical education, sports, and leisure, in total of 89 departments. In the meantime, there was an increasing trend in the departments of marine leisure sports and recreation, sports and health, and sports medicine. This trend would be taken more attention in the future.
2. General condition of teachers: from the view of the number of teacher in the department of physical education, sports, and leisure, it was gradual increasing every year, especially in the number of professor. In addition, the number of male teacher was still more than that of female teacher in Taiwan.
3. General condition of students: the number of student in the department of physical education, sports, and leisure was also quite a lot. Until now, there had exceeded 3,000 students graduated from the department of physical education, sports, and leisure. By all accounts, it was easy to see the growth of human resource in relate physical education, sports, and leisure. Meanwhile, after the newly risen departments of physical education, sports, and leisure were standing out prominently, the female human resources were increasing significantly. The number of female graduated students also increased gradually every year.

## **DISCUSSION**

Because of the transformation in workplace, increasing of leisure time, and the accent on health fitness, the needs of sports and leisure industry were forced to increase rapidly. The scholars in physical education, sports, and leisure fields had completed the education and returned to Taiwan successively, and then joined to the human resource incubation system one after another. This is why the Taiwanese universities increased the department of physical education, sports, and leisure aggressively in recent ten years.

During the decade, this study found the diversity of development in the department of physical education, sports, and leisure from current situation in Taiwan, including physical education, sports, management, leisure, health care, and health, etc. It was glad that this trend was simultaneously with the diversity of sports and leisure industry. Otherwise, it should take more considerations about development policy in department and curriculum plan in order to explore better employment opportunities for students. Moreover, because the diversity of development in department, it was difficult to take care of all aspects in recruiting teachers.

Finally, the physical education, sports, and leisure were correlated with one another. If these fields could be integrated to develop and promote, the maximal efficiency would be gotten by the minimal investment. Within, the important juncture was the incubation of professionals. The government should integrate the leisure and recreation organizations of schools and private companies in order to fossilize the professionals in sports and leisure activities. Also, establishing the institution of operation and management in sports and leisure was another solution way.