

Tonga College and Tonga High School Jointly Celebrate
the World Teacher's Day

More than 60 teachers and students from Tonga College and Tonga High School held a Chinese Corner Gala showing their learning outcomes of Chinese language to celebrate the 16th World Teacher's Day on October 3rd.



At the beginning of the Gala, Tonga High School students' Chinese song "I Believe" shows the students' optimism and self-confidence in the progress and globalization of the world. The lyrics of the song are

uplifting and melodious. It expresses the students' belief in a better life and a better future. It also sends their best wishes to all the teachers in the Kingdom of Tonga.



Next, the students of the two schools also perform Chinese cheongsam show, finger language of "Song of One Hundred", Chinese character calligraphy, and a Chinese sitcom "Happy Birthday to You" adapted from daily life. Students' flexible use of Chinese knowledge in the performance shows their originality and talent in language learning, and the audience applause continuously.



The students also perform Chinese Kung Fu, speeches and other programs with enthusiasm. They actively participate in the activities of chopsticks to pick up candies from the bowl, rope skipping competitions and other games, bringing a feast of hearing and vision to the audience.



Principal Ms. Oketi of Tonga High school in her opening speech and Zhibin Liu, secretary of Chinese Embassy in Tonga, in his closing speech , have reviewed the teacher exchanges and student exchanges between China and Tonga since the implementation of the initiative of the Maritime Silk Road, and expressed their appreciation of the increasing number of cultural exchanges and cultural integration. They have congratulated those students who get scholarship and have opportunities to further their education in China.

Since the establishment of the Chinese Government Scholarship program, students from many countries in the Pacific region, including the kingdom of Tonga, have already been granted scholarships for their

study and research in China at various levels of funding, including undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students.



Yanyan Cui, a Chinese teacher from the Education Aid Team of Liaocheng University of Shandong Province in China, said that this is a special and significant teacher's day of the five Chinese teachers. Since the establishment of World Teacher's Day in 1994, The United Nations Educational, scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has repeatedly appealed to governments to ensure that teachers become career choices for young people. UNESCO identified the theme of "World Teacher's Day" in 2019 as "Young Teachers: the Future of the Profession". Teachers should conscientiously guide students to advance bravely on the road of learning and growth.