



# Message from the President

**Hand in Hand for Sustainability;  
“ACT TOGETHER, WE GO FAR!”**

The United Nations (UN) has set 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved by 2030. The 2020 coronavirus pandemic suddenly interrupted international contacts, and the world is forced to respond quickly to this epidemic and to restore order. Obviously, the vision of the UN's SDGs is not only profound but also imminent.

Per its motto, “Absorb the new to look far ahead, and work pragmatically,” National Chiao Tung University (NCTU), a top university in Taiwan, has the social responsibility of harnessing its expertise and employing technological innovation to eliminate the inequality between urban and rural areas and even the disparities among countries.

Thanks to the hard work of all the staff at NCTU, we continue to innovate our teaching and to cultivate new generations of talent who shape the future and tackle challenges. We conduct vital and ground breaking research to help our local community and to connect with the world. We continually reflect on school affairs to improve our university environment, facilities and campus life.

This year NCTU addressed all the sustainable development goals set by the UN. Due to page limitation, we only list the achievements of some faculty members and students in research, teaching, and service. NCTU has taken one big step toward the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

Next year, in cooperation with National Yang-Ming University, we will establish a new university, called National Yang-Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU). Combining our expertise in engineering technology and healthcare, we are laying the blueprints for a healthier, more equitable, and more environmentally friendly future. We look forward to collaborating with more international partners to jointly promote the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

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