

President Jing-pha Tsai of Asia University presented the 2016 Innovative Teaching Award! --- 2016-12-19

Innovative Teaching Methods and Innovative Teaching Materials as well as fifty-three winners. A total of \$1.788 million dollars was awarded.



Photo: Prof. Shiao-yuh Chou (left) of the Early Childhood Education Department receiving the Outstanding Teaching Award, and Prof. Zheng-ping Chen (right) of the General Education Center receiving the Special Award from President Jing-pha Tsai of AU.

On December 19th, President Jing-pha Tsai of Asia University (Taiwan) held the "2016 Innovative Teaching Method" and the "2016 Innovative Teaching Material" competitions, with 53 professors winning awards at the executive meeting. The Outstanding Teaching Award of the 2016 Innovative Teaching Method was awarded to Professor Shiao-yuh Chou of the Department of Early Childhood Education, and Professor Zheng-ping Chen of the General Education Center.

Professor Huei-chen Ko, Vice President and Head of the Center for Teaching and Learning at Asia University, pointed out that all the award-winning professors were chosen from among thousands of candidates. Candidates are first recommended by the Dean and the Director. The Education and Training Center then hired twenty-two representatives and impartial jury members who met from November 28th to December 2nd. On the day of the reviews, the final decision was announced by the referee, and they produced a list of winners.

Congratulations to all the award-winning professors!

Six professors were awarded a total of 38 thousand dollars for the 2016 Innovative Teaching Materials Competition of Asia University. Among them, the Outstanding Teaching Award was given to Professor Shiao-yuh Chou of the Department of Early Childhood Education, who received a prize of ten thousand dollars from President Tsai, and a Special Award was given to Professor Zheng-ping Chen of the General Education Center, with a prize of eight thousand dollars.

As for the 2016 Innovative Teaching Materials competition, there were three categories that were presented: textbook materials, case materials, and digital teaching materials. A total of nine copies of the textbook materials were awarded, along with a prize of 195,000 dollars. Among the winners, the Special Award was given to Associate Professor Shu-chuan Liao of the Department of Social Work, Associate Professor Qing-hui Wang of the General Education Center, Professor Mei-kuei Lu of the Department of Early Childhood Education, and Director Qing-mei Lin of the Department of Fashion Design, with a prize of twenty-five thousand dollars. For the case material, four prizes were presented for a total of forty-eight thousand dollars each. Among these, the Special Award winner was Dr. Che-ying Lin of the Department of Social Work, whose prize was twelve thousand dollars.

In addition, a total of 34 awards were awarded in the "Digital Material" category, the largest of all categories, with prizes totaling 1.57 million dollars. Among these, seven professors were awarded the Special Award, including Prof. Jia-nian Zheng of the Department of Business Administration, Prof. Ying-li Lin of the Finance Department, Dr. Chi-ying Chen of the Department of Information Communication, Dr. Yu-fen Nan of the Department of Social Work, Dr. Pei-fen Tsai of the Finance Department, Dr. Chih-hao Lin and Dr. Yi-hui Chen of

the M-Commerce and Multimedia Applications Department. The awards with a prize of 50 thousand dollars each were presented by the president.

It is worth mentioning that the Outstanding Teaching Award was received by Professor Shiao-yuh Chou of the Department of Early Childhood Education and the Special Award received by Professor Zheng-ping Chen of the General Education Center. They opened the classes “The Children's Drama” and “Literary Appreciation (including Work)”. They used the Moodle system for collecting responses and feedback from the students.

Associate Professor Shu-chuan Liao of the Department of Social Work was also chosen for the "Community Organization and Community Development" course, which combines two-way communication between teachers and students with teaching students theories and practices. Three to four teams visited the community to intern, and students learned how to apply what they have learned to their community work. The students were trained in work roles, communication, and coordination.

There is also a "Digital Teaching Materials" category in the 2016 Innovative Teaching Materials competition. The one which received the highest marks was “Quality Management: Flip Course” by Prof. Jia-nian Zheng of the Department of Business Administration, whose curriculum is aligned with the teaching philosophy of inverted teaching and innovative teaching activities. With the progress of teaching materials clear and comprehensive as well as lively and vivid, good learning outcomes for learners and interactive exchanges were generated. This shows how hardworking Prof. Zheng was in planning this wonderful teaching material.



Photo: Receiving the Special Award for the "Digital Materials" category in the 2016 Innovative Teaching Materials competition. Prof. Jia-nian Zheng (left) of the Department of Business Administration, Prof. Ying-li Lin of the Finance Department (second from left), and Dr. Chi-ying Chen (third from left) of the Department of Information Communication are shown with President Jing-pha Tsai (fourth from right).