The Great Experiment of Taiwanese Education(1987-2003)

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This study investigates many controversial issues in educational reform programs launched by the government during the past 15 years.

It contains seven chapters including:

1.the social context of the reform era 2.the educational reform chronicle 3. the best male leading characters in the Ministry of Education: portrait of seven Ministers of Education,

4.educational reform advocates

- 5 .diagnosis of the controversial reform programs
- 6. the changing profile of school ecology: past, present, and tomorrow
- 7 .what comes next to Taiwanese tomorrow schools.

The research pointed out many controversial issues over the current reforms in curriculum, textbooks, and teacher preparation programs, and their impacts on schools, and Taiwan society.

The reform origin

The lift of martial Law in 1987

Liberalization of the political arena

GNP:10,000 USD/year

The call for restructuring Industry and upgrading technology

- The Great Gap between school and society
- Exam and book-knowledge-oriented schooling

The Reform Chronicle

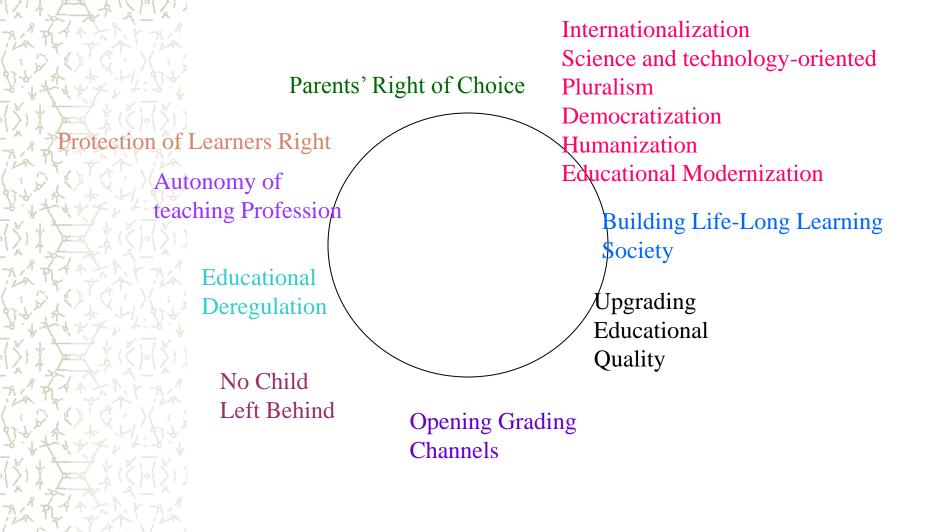
1987-1988
1989-1993
1994-1998
1999 to date

The reform adoption

The establishment of the Committee on Education Reform (1994-96)

The reform framework

The Framework Education Reform 1996



The reform implementation

- Eight Ministers of Education stepped in and out of the office between 1987-2004
- Their priorities in the education reform programs
 - Primary level
 - Secondary level
 - Tertiary level
 - Teacher Preparation Education
 - Curriculum & Instruction
 - The marketization of text book publication

The reform Outcome

- **Wonitoring**
- Evaluation
- Public opinion
- The pressure from International competition

What's Next?

