

President Keh Presents Flag to National Intercollegiate Athletic Games Athletes, Encouraging Show of Strength with Safety as Top Priority

Campus focus

The 2024 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games (NIAG) flag presentation ceremony was held at 12:30 PM on April 22 on the 4th floor of Shao-Mo Memorial Gymnasium. This year, 11 representative teams are participating, including track and field, swimming, table tennis, badminton, tennis, taekwondo, judo, fencing, karate, softball, and woodball, with nearly 150 athletes. During the ceremony, President Huan-Chao Keh presented the flag to the Dean of Physical Education, I-Cheng Chen. Vice President for Academic Affairs Hui-Huang Hsu, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Chun-Hung Lin, and several teachers also attended to cheer on the athletes. President Keh expressed in his speech that Tamkang University's representative teams have achieved outstanding results in recent years at NIAG, consistently ranking first among non-sports colleges. In the 2020 academic year, we secured an impressive 10 gold, 4 silver, and 8 bronze medals, while last year, we attained 6 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze medals. He hoped our athletes would perform even better this year, striving to bring home more medals for the university. Tamkang University cultivates students with Eight Essential Qualities, among which “a cheerful attitude and healthy lifestyle” is achieved through sports activities. Tamkang University has also been honored 4 times with the Ministry of Education's Excellence in Sports Award, recognizing the efforts of the sports department in securing resources, improving campus facilities, and organizing various large-scale sports events, demonstrating the importance placed on sports education. Finally, he encouraged the athletes to embody the spirit of sportsmanship, abide by the relevant regulations, prioritize their safety, and showcase their best abilities on the field. The softball team captain, Yang-Kai Zhong, a third-year student majoring in Business Administration, expressed that even though it's not his first

time participating in NIAG, he still feels nervous before the competition. Last year, the softball team left with regret for not bringing home the gold medal. In addition to individual practice, the team has arranged intensive training sessions this time. They hope everyone can perform at their best and achieve the honor of winning the team gold medal.

The swimming team captain, Shin-Yau Huang, a second-year student majoring in Banking and Finance, stated that to achieve good results in this competition, team members have enhanced their swimming techniques and intensified their weight training to ensure their bodies are in peak condition. They hope everyone can demonstrate the skills they have accumulated during practice and achieve good results in the competition.



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