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This award enabled research to be undertaken into the current policy of the Taiwan Government in Early Childhood Education and its impact on services for families with young children in Taiwan. Professor Wilkinson was fortunate to have been granted a 1:1 interview with the Depute Minister (Mr Wu, Tsai-Shung) who is responsible for Early Childhood Education in Taiwan. He also visited a number of kindergartens in both the public and private sector, met with kindergarten principals, teachers and university professors. In addition, he taught a graduate class in Taipei Municipal University of Education on the subject of 'Ideology and Early Childhood Education'. Keynote lectures in several universities were also given and Professor Wilkinson was the invited speaker at a Teacher Education Conference in Chi Nan University. Finally Professor Wilkinson was invited to spend three days in Hong Kong on an official visit of Taiwan's Private Kindergarten Association. During this visit Professor Wilkinson made contact with several professors in the Hong Kong Institute of Education and was subsequently invited to read a paper at the first Conference of the Asian Pacific Educational Research Association in Hong Kong in November 2006.