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Ombudsman General of the Guatemalan Human Rights Ombudsman's Office (PDH) Dr. José Alejandro Córdova gives keynote speech at Control Yuan, deepening bilateral cooperation



Ombudsman Córdova
 delivers a speech at the CY
 (1 Jun. 2026)

The Ombudsman General of the Guatemalan Human Rights Ombudsman's Office (Procurador de los Derechos Humanos, PDH), Dr. José Alejandro Córdova (hereinafter referred to as Ombudsman Córdova) and Director of the International Cooperation Department Juan Carlos Díaz visited Taiwan at the joint invitation of the Control Yuan (CY) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They visited the CY on June 1, where Ombudsman Córdova delivered an informative speech introducing the organizational structure, functions, and practical experiences in promoting supervision and human rights protection of the PDH, aiming to deepen exchange and cooperation between Taiwan and Guatemala in the fields of supervision and human rights protection.



The Acting President of the CY, Lee Hung-chun, stated in his opening remarks that Guatemala is one of our important diplomatic allies, and both sides have long maintained good friendship and cooperative relations. Ombudsman Córdova is committed to judicial and human rights work and has held multiple important positions. Under his leadership, PDH, like the CY, is a member of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudsmen (FIO). He also serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions in the Americas (RINDHCA), committed to promoting regional and international human rights cooperation. He expressed hope that this sharing of experience would enhance mutual understanding of each other's institutional operations and lay a foundation for future exchange and cooperation between the two sides.



Acting President Lee (5th from right) of the CY in a group photo with Ombudsman Córdova (5th from left) and Director Díaz (4th from left), along with the CY members and senior officers (1 Jun. 2026)



Ombudsman Córdova receives a commemorative plaque from Acting President Lee of the CY (1 Jun. 2026)



The delegates visit the National Human Rights Museum as Mr. Yao Chia-wen (2nd from right), Senior Advisor to the President of Taiwan, explains the display of Formosa Magazine from 1979 (2 Jun. 2026)



The delegates visit the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) and meet with Deputy Secretary General Stephen Lee (2nd from right) and his team (3 Jun. 2026)

Ombudsman Córdova focused his keynote speech on the operation and practical experience of the PDH, introducing how, since its establishment in 1985, the PDH has, in its role as an independent supervisory agency, encouraged government agencies to act in accordance with the law and safeguarded fundamental human rights through mechanisms such as oversight, audits, mediation, and protection.

To help Ombudsman Córdova and Director Díaz further understand Taiwan's supervisory system, human rights development history, and current social and cultural situation, the CY also arranged relevant field visits to continuously deepen friendly exchanges and cooperation between Taiwan and Guatemala in the fields of human rights and democratic rule of law. 🇹🇼



Independent Opinion on Taiwan's Fifth Report on the Implementation of CEDAW released by NHRC (29 Jan. 2026)



The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) held a press conference on January 29, 2026 to release its Independent Opinion on Taiwan's Fifth Report on the Implementation of CEDAW. The assessment addresses six major areas: definition of discrimination against women, gender equality mechanisms, gender-based violence against women, participation in public affairs and decision-making power, work-family life balance, and intersectional discrimination against women in disadvantaged groups. The Commission presented 40 monitoring observations and 20 recommendations, supervised by Commissioners Chi Hui-jung and Kao Yung-cheng.

NHRC releases independent assessment of the fifth CEDAW National Report

Vice Chairperson Chi Hui-jung noted that the Executive Yuan is scheduled to convene the international review meeting for the Fifth CEDAW National Report in July this year. In accordance with its mandate, the NHRC has provided an independent assessment of the government's implementation of CEDAW over the past four years. The report identifies persistent structural discrimination within Taiwan and clarifies both government actions and existing challenges, with the aim of assisting international review experts in understanding the current state of women's human rights in Taiwan.



Group photo at the press conference (29 Jan. 2026)

The NHRC hopes that through CEDAW's periodic review and follow-up mechanisms, gender equality will be advanced on a continuous basis, rather than only in response to major incidents. This press conference also serves as a reminder of the urgent need to address remaining issues of gender discrimination. Many of these concerns have been consistently highlighted by international review committees under both CEDAW and the two International Covenants, including the absence of comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, the lack of explicit prohibition of gender-based hate speech, and insufficient protection of the rights of migrant domestic workers. 🇹🇼

To commemorate Human Rights Day, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), in collaboration with the Department of Property-Declaration by Public Servants of the Control Yuan (CY) and the National Human Rights Museum, jointly organized the "Formosa, Where Human Rights Take Flight" poster exhibition at Terminal 2 of Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport. For the first time, the airport's departure corridor has been transformed into a dedicated "Human Rights Corridor," allowing travelers from around the world to depart with a lasting impression of Taiwan's commitment to human rights. ➡️



Human rights poster exhibition at the "Human Rights Corridor" in Terminal 2 of Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (3 Dec. 2025)



Human rights posters debut at Taoyuan International Airport

Formosa, Where Human Rights Take Flight



At the press conference held on December 3, 2025, CY Vice President Lee Hung-chun (currently serving as Acting President) remarked that, as the 75th anniversary of Human Rights Day is observed, showcasing a curated selection of outstanding works from the Human Rights Poster Design Competition over the past three years at the nation's gateway is especially meaningful. He emphasized that human rights and democracy constitute Taiwan's most vital intangible safeguards, and that given Taiwan's unique international context, their significance is all the more profound. He expressed hope that travelers will recognize Taiwan's enduring commitment to human rights and cherish this homeland built upon such values. 三

International Affairs

Delegation led by former President of Japan's House of Councillors Akiko Santo visits Acting President Lee Hung-chun

Her strong sense of justice, transcending national boundaries, has long resonated with the close ties between Taiwanese communities in Japan and Taiwan

A delegation of 40 members from Japanese civic association Seio-kai, led by Akiko Santo, visited the Control Yuan on March 6, 2026, and met with Acting President Lee Hung-chun. Acting President Lee extended a warm welcome and expressed his hope that the sincere friendship between Taiwan and Japan will continue to grow stronger and endure over time.

Acting President Lee, a long-time friend of former President Santo, was delighted to meet her again. He also highlighted her longstanding support for Taiwan, particularly during her tenure as President of the House of Councillors in 2021, when she actively advocated for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. He remarked that her strong sense of justice, transcending national boundaries, has long resonated with the close ties between Taiwanese communities in Japan and Taiwan, leaving a deep impression on the people of Taiwan.



The delegation representatives and Acting President Lee exchange commemorative gifts (6 Mar. 2026)



Former President of Japan's House of Councillors Akiko Santo (2nd left) and delegation chair Kazuyuki Katayama (2nd right) lead their delegation in a meeting with Acting President Lee (6 Mar. 2026)



Acting President Lee concluded by emphasizing the close relationship between Taiwan and Japan, describing the two sides as steadfast partners who have supported each other through challenges. In an increasingly turbulent international environment, such friendship is particularly valuable, and he expressed hope that these strong ties will continue well into the future. 🇹🇼

The delegation visits the Assembly Hall of the Control Yuan (6 Mar. 2026)

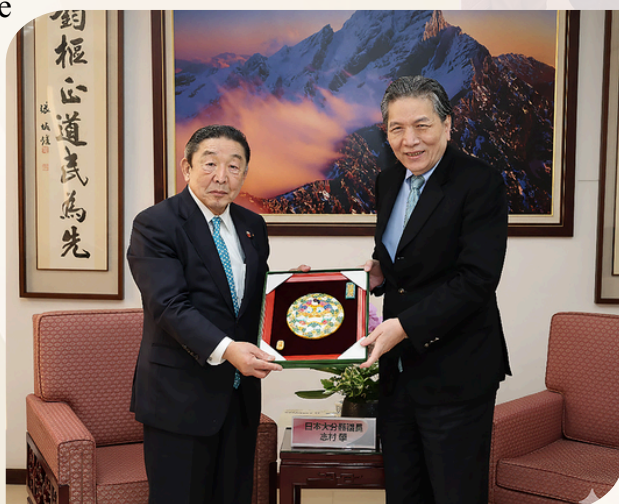
Japan–Taiwan Friendship Diet Members' League from Oita Prefecture visits the Control Yuan

A delegation from the Japan–Taiwan Friendship Diet Members' League of Oita Prefecture, led by Chairperson Shimura Manabu, visited the Control Yuan (CY) on January 13, 2026. The delegation was received by Vice President Lee Hung-chun (currently serving as Acting President) and Member Fan Sun-lu, accompanied by Secretary-General Huang Shih-cho. Vice President Lee extended a warm welcome



Group photo at the meeting (13 Jan. 2026)

A colored-glaze wall plaque featuring an auspicious lion is presented to Chairperson Shimura Manabu (left) (13 Jan. 2026)



and expressed his hope for the continued deepening and strengthening of Taiwan–Japan ties.

Vice President Lee noted that since its establishment in 2017, the Japan–Taiwan Friendship Diet Members' League of Oita Prefecture has actively

promoted exchanges between Taiwan and Japan in areas such as the economy, culture, education, and tourism. He further highlighted that Chairperson Shimura and Member Fan have jointly promoted Taiwan–Japan educational exchanges since as early as 2001.

Over the past two decades, more than 370,000 Japanese students have visited Taiwan for educational trips, and each year over 200 students from Japan also visit the CY as part of such programs, making meaningful contributions to the advancement of bilateral exchanges. Vice President Lee emphasized the close relationship between Taiwan and Japan and expressed hope that continued youth exchanges will carry forward this profound cultural connection and enduring friendship. 🇹🇼



The delegation poses for a group photo at the main entrance of the CY (13 Jan. 2026)

Global Engagement

Control Yuan participates in the 4th & 5th meetings of the IOI Standing By-Laws Committee



Member Lin Wen-cheng, Convener of the Control Yuan's International Affairs Committee, led Executive Secretary Uang Lin-ling to attend the 4th and 5th meetings of the Standing By-Laws Committee of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) via videoconference on March 2 and April 29, 2026, respectively, on behalf of the Control Yuan (CY). The meetings were chaired by Jack Chan Jick-chi, Chair of the Standing By-Laws Committee. In addition to the CY, participants included representatives from the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, the Parliamentary Ombudsman of Malta (attending the 4th meeting only), and the IOI Secretariat.



CY International Affairs Committee Convener Lin Wen-cheng (right) and Executive Secretary Uang Lin-ling (left) attend the IOI Standing By-Laws Committee (2 Mar. 2026)

At the 4th meeting, discussions focused on enhancing flexibility in the participation of regional presidents in Board meetings, strengthening transparent communication among the IOI Board, Executive Committee, and the wider membership, and refining membership eligibility criteria. The 5th meeting continued deliberations on the eligibility criteria for nonvoting individual membership. It was agreed that the IOI Secretariat will present the outcomes of these discussions to the IOI Board in May.

The CY will continue to closely monitor the development of these issues and provide timely input, fulfilling its responsibilities and obligations as an active member of the IOI. 🇹🇼

Control Yuan and National Audit Office advance smart governance through “AI × DIGITAL AUDIT INNOVATION APPLICATIONS” WORKSHOP



Institutional Affairs

In response to the rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) and to enhance government effectiveness, the Control Yuan (CY) organized a three-session workshop series titled “AI × Digital Audit Innovation Applications” starting on April 8, 2026, with the participation of over 250 CY Members and staff.



Acting President Lee opens the training session with encouraging remarks (8 Apr. 2026)

Acting President Lee Hung-chun noted that the Control Yuan, as Taiwan's highest supervisory authority, exercises

the powers of impeachment, censure, and audit, and may propose corrective measures. He observed that AI has become widely applied across numerous domains—from government governance and data analysis to administrative support, smart buildings, and smart cities—and that this growing presence has created an urgent need for AI-assisted tools in day-to-day public affairs work, from routine administrative processes to complex data analysis and cross-referencing tasks. Against this backdrop, the workshop aims to strengthen participants' accurate understanding and appropriate use of AI tools, ultimately enhancing overall administrative efficiency and quality.

The program brought together theory and practice, with Professor Shia Ben-chang, Honorary Chairman of the Taiwan Artificial Intelligence Association, taking the morning to help participants lay strong groundwork in fundamental AI concepts and generative AI applications, as well as an awareness of the associated risks. In the afternoon, the National Audit Office shared its experience in advancing digital auditing, including the use of generative AI to develop audit assistants and public opinion analysis modules, as well as the application of machine learning to examine solar energy policy implementation and identify high-risk government procurement cases. 🇹🇼



Professor Shia Ben-chang presents on fundamental AI concepts and generative AI applications (8 Apr. 2026)

Control Yuan holds 2025 Annual Review Meeting

Showcasing achievements and charting the future

The Control Yuan (CY) convened its 2025 Annual Review Meeting on February 2, 2026, chaired by Acting President Lee Hung-chun. As the final annual review of the Sixth Term of CY Members, Acting President Lee expressed his sincere gratitude to all Members and staff for their years of dedication, urging them to remain steadfast in the exercise of their oversight functions in order to fulfill the institution's constitutional mandate and meet public expectations.

Secretary-General Huang Shih-cho reported that throughout fiscal year 2025 and the entirety of the Sixth Term of CY Members (August 1, 2020–December 31, 2025), the CY consistently refined its legal and institutional framework. These efforts included strengthening enforcement rules under relevant oversight legislation and improving procedures governing the receipt of public complaints, investigations, inspections, corrective measures, censures, and impeachment cases. The work reflects the CY's responsiveness to public concerns and its supervisory impact on key issues including judicial justice, domestic affairs, ethnic group matters, and social welfare. An overview of the CY's oversight performance for 2025 is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Overview of the Control Yuan's Oversight Performance, 2025

Category	Oversight Results
Public Complaints Received	15,549 cases
Investigations Initiated	186 cases
Corrective Measures	89 cases
Impeachments	27 cases (40 persons)
Censures	1 case (1 person)
Circuit Supervisions	Central: 27 sessions Local: 19 sessions
National Audit Office Cases	176 cases
Sunshine Law (Integrity and Ethics)	Asset Declarations: 11,433 cases Political Contribution Filings: 130 cases Administrative Sanctions: 118 cases

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On-site view of the Annual Review Meeting. (2 Feb. 2026)

On the international front, the CY hosted the 37th Australasian and Pacific Ombudsman Region (APOR) Conference, participated in international meetings, and signed an addendum to a bilateral cooperation agreement with the Ibero-American Ombudsman Federation (Federación Iberoamericana del Ombudsman, FIO), further enhancing the institution's international visibility and professional exchanges. In addition, the CY completed structural assessments and restoration works at its national historic site, balancing cultural heritage preservation with public safety requirements. The institution also advanced its cybersecurity and digital governance capacities by

establishing remote mobile office systems, improving off-site backup capabilities, and optimizing the accessibility of its official website.

Looking ahead, the CY aims to deepen international ombudsman exchanges, improve transparency under the Sunshine Law (governing integrity and ethics) and strengthen circuit supervision systems, and enhance human rights protection mechanisms. The institution will also work to integrate generative AI applications and specialized talent development into its operations in order to improve overall supervisory efficiency and institutional resilience.