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The Control Yuan hosted the 37th Australasian and Pacific Ombudsman Region (APOR) Conference from September 3 to 5, 2025, with the three-day event successfully encompassing the APOR Members' Meeting, an international seminar on human rights, and culture tours.



The APOR Members' Meeting (3 Sep. 2025)



(from left) IOI Secretary General Bernhard Achitz, APOR Director Iain Anderson, CY Vice President Lee Hung-chun, and CY Member Lin Wen-cheng (3 Sep. 2025)

The APOR Members' Meeting was held on the afternoon of September 3, presided over by APOR Director and Commonwealth Ombudsman of Australia Iain Anderson. The meeting discussed the Communiqué of the APOR Conference and 37th Members' Meeting, which referenced the 2019 Venice Principles and United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/79/177 of 2024, reaffirming the central role of Ombudsman institutions in maintaining public trust, promoting accountability, and safeguarding human rights. The communiqué explored the need for AI applications

37th APOR Concludes Successfully

Australasian and Pacific Ombudsman Region Conference

September 3-5, 2025





The Welcome Reception (3 Sep. 2025)



The International Seminar (4 Sep. 2025)

in public governance to maintain transparency and accountability without infringing upon fundamental rights and democratic values, and expressed solidarity with resource-constrained Ombudsman institutions in the Pacific and other regions while committing to continued regional cooperation and trust-building.

The International Seminar on September 4 opened with remarks by Control Yuan (CY) Vice President Lee Hung-chun, followed by statements from APOR President Niki Rattle, IOI Secretary General Bernhard Achitz, and AIT Acting Deputy Director John Morgan. Three thematic sessions explored raising public awareness of Ombudsman work, strengthening the National Preventive Mechanism and advancing anti-torture safeguards, and ensuring that AI development aligns with human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

Speakers from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the United States, Papua New Guinea, and Taiwan shared practical insights on investigation practices, preventive inspections, digital inclusion, and emerging human rights challenges.

In closing, Vice President Lee thanked the international guests for their contributions and reaffirmed the Control Yuan's commitment to good governance, human rights protection, and deeper regional collaboration with Ombudsman institutions worldwide. 🇹🇼



◀ CY Vice President Lee gives an opening remarks (4 Sep. 2025)

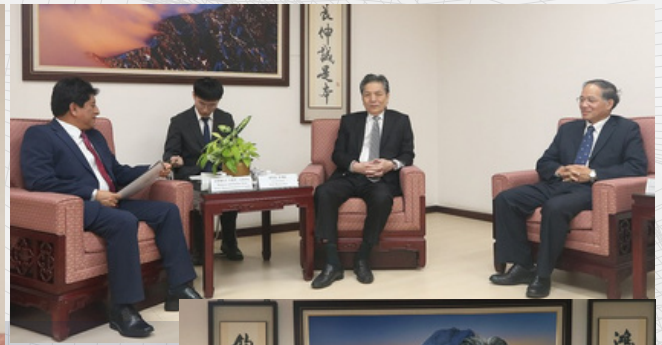
(From top) Moderators and speakers from Sessions 1 to 3 of the seminar (4 Sep. 2025) ▼



Group photo of participants at the International Seminar of the 37th APOR Conference (4 Sep. 2025)



Group Photo from the Exchange Meeting



Ombudsman Gutiérrez presents the 29th FIO Conference invitation to VP Lee (3 Sep. 2025)

Peru's Ombudsman, Host of the 29th FIO Annual Conference, Visits the Control Yuan

Josué Gutiérrez Córdor, Ombudsman of Peru and host of the 29th Annual Conference of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudsman (Federación Iberoamericana del Ombudsman, FIO), was invited to Taiwan to participate in the 37th Australasian and Pacific Ombudsman Region Conference (APOR Conference). On September 3, 2025, he paid a courtesy call on Control Yuan (CY) Vice President Lee Hung-chun and personally delivered the formal invitation to the 29th FIO Conference.

Vice President Lee expressed appreciation for FIO's longstanding support of the CY and voiced his expectation that both institutions would continue their collaborative efforts to advance good governance and human rights protections. The meeting also provided an opportunity to exchange experiences on matters concerning migration, Indigenous peoples, environmental protection, and digital

privacy rights. Member Lin Wen-cheng noted that the CY would lead a delegation to attend the FIO Conference in October to further strengthen bilateral exchanges.

Ombudsman Gutiérrez commended Taiwan's demonstrated resilience in upholding human rights amid a shifting international landscape. He observed that Peru's multicultural society shares strong affinities with Taiwan's humanistic values and expressed his hope that continued exchanges would consolidate the friendship and cooperation between both institutions. 🇵🇪



VP Lee Hung-chun photographed with Professor Yasuhiro Matsuda (left) (5 Sep. 2025)

Professor Yasuhiro Matsuda Leads University of Tokyo Cross-Strait Relations Research Group in Meeting with Vice President

On September 5, 2025, a delegation from the University of Tokyo's "Cross-Strait Relations Research Group," led by Professor Yasuhiro Matsuda, met with Control Yuan Vice President Lee Hung-chun. Vice President Lee extended a warm welcome and expressed his hope that the strong friendship between Taiwan and Japan will continue far into the future.

Vice President Lee remarked that Professor Matsuda is a leading Japanese scholar in the fields of Taiwan and cross-strait issues, having long provided pragmatic perspectives on Taiwan-U.S.-China relations. He also noted that the group members are dedicated to related research and maintain close attention to Taiwan's democratic development.

As democratic partners, Taiwan and Japan have conducted numerous exchanges between their oversight institutions, learning from one another in the areas of public accountability and anti-corruption efforts. When confronted with disaster-related challenges, the two nations have demonstrated their capacity to support each other, reflecting a deep and enduring friendship. Vice President Lee emphasized that Taiwan and Japan share universal values including democracy and freedom, positioning them as steadfast allies amid an unstable international environment. He expressed his hope for increasingly close exchanges between the two nations going forward. 🇹🇼



▶ VP Lee welcomes the delegation from the University of Tokyo's "Cross-Strait Relations Research Group" (5 Sep. 2025)



▶ Group photo from the meeting (5 Sep. 2025)

Global Engagement



Member Lin Wen-cheng represents the Control Yuan at the meeting (26 Sep. 2025)

Control Yuan Participates in Third Meeting of International Ombudsman Institute's Standing By-Laws Committee

Control Yuan (CY) Member Lin Wen-cheng, Convenor of the CY's International Affairs Committee, represented the Control Yuan at the third meeting of the International Ombudsman Institute's (IOI) Standing By-Laws Committee on September 26, 2025. The meeting was conducted via videoconference.

The meeting was chaired by Jack Chan Jick-chi, Ombudsman of Hong Kong. Participating institutions included the Parliamentary Ombudsman



▶ Videoconference session (26 Sep. 2025)

of Malta, the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission of Korea, the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City, and the IOI Secretariat. Discussions centered on proposed amendments to the IOI Constitution and strategies for strengthening transparent communication among the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and member institutions.

The meeting resolved that the fourth Standing By-Laws Committee meeting will be held in January 2026. The CY will continue its active engagement in international affairs, fulfill its membership obligations, and work collaboratively to advance the development of ombudsman systems worldwide. 🇹🇼



Control Yuan participates in the FIO Members' Meeting for the first time as a non-regional member (11 Oct. 2025)

29th FIO Conference in Peru

October 6-11, 2025



Member Lin Wen-cheng attends the FIO members' meeting (11 Oct. 2025)



Member Lin Wen-cheng (center) at the FIO Conference seminar session (10 Oct. 2025)



Group photo taken after the FIO members' meeting (11 Oct. 2025)

Delegation of the Control Yuan Attends the 29th Ibero-American Ombudsperson Federation (FIO) Conference in Peru

Following its admission as an extra-regional FIO member at the 28th General Assembly held in Asunción, Paraguay (2024), the Control Yuan (CY) dispatched a delegation in 2025 to Peru for the 29th FIO Conference. The Peruvian Ombudsperson personally delivered the official invitation during a visit to Taiwan, underscoring the importance attached to the CY's participation.

The 2025 Conference, themed “The Fulfillment of Rights, the Sustainability of the State,” took place from October 6 to 11 in Cusco and Lima. This year's program focused on four major topics: structural discrimination and intersectionality; climate change, land, and environmental justice; children's and adolescents' rights—including associated risks and active participation; and business and human rights.

Member Lin Wen-cheng, Convenor of the International Affairs Committee, and Member Su

Li-chiung represented CY and joined more than 100 representatives from 22 countries for in-depth, face-to-face exchanges. Their participation further enhanced understanding of Taiwan's supervisory system and the CY's constitutional mandate among FIO members and partner organizations.

The delegation also attended the FIO members meeting and took part for the first time in the election of the 2025–2027 Governing Council. Peru's Ombudsperson, Josué Gutiérrez Córdor—who visited Taiwan in September—was elected as the new FIO President. Members Lin and Su also extended warm congratulations and reaffirmed the CY's shared commitment to the universal values of democracy, freedom, human rights, and the rule of law. They expressed the hope of working closely with the new leadership to deepen exchanges and further advance good governance and human rights protections. 🇹🇼





& Human Rights Virtual Symposium

Control Yuan and Paraguay's Office of the Ombudsman Co-Host International Virtual Symposium on AI and Human Rights

To promote cross-border exchange in oversight and human rights, the Control Yuan (CY) and the Office of the Ombudsman of Paraguay jointly hosted an international virtual symposium on “AI and Human Rights” on November 24, 2025. The event invited representatives from ombudsman and human rights institutions across Latin America, along with government officials, with over 100 participants from 6 countries joining online.



(from left) Member Kao Yung-cheng, Member Lin Wen-cheng, Director Uang Lin-ling joined the Virtual Symposium (24 Nov. 2025)

The CY was represented by Members Lin Wen-cheng and Kao Yung-cheng, both of whom delivered keynote presentations at the symposium. Discussions examined AI's impact on public governance, judicial oversight, and human rights—particularly privacy and non-discrimination. The symposium received support from the Ibero-American Ombudsman Federation (FIO) and the Network of National Human Rights Institutions of the Americas (RINDHCA). This event marks an important first step in strengthening collaboration with international partners and advancing future cross-regional cooperation and exchange. 🇹🇼



Human Rights Initiatives

Cross-Generational Dialogue Establishes Platform as NHRC Advances Asia-Pacific Human Rights Diplomacy

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), in partnership with the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, convened “Human Rights in Asia: A Multigenerational Dialogue” on July 15, 2025. The forum brought together 45 young leaders from 16 countries participating in this year's Southeast Asia-South Asia-Taiwan Youth Camp to examine human rights practices and challenges amid global instability. Discussions centered on four key themes: social resilience, youth mobilization, international relations, and Taiwan's evolving role in regional human rights advocacy.

Panelists included Wang Yu-ling, the then NHRC Vice Chairperson, Marcin Jerzewski, Director of the European Values Center for Security Policy, Lai You-hao of the Center for Technology, Democracy and Society Research, Lu Yeh-chung, Deputy Executive Director of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Chiu E-ling, National Director at Amnesty International Taiwan, and youth representatives from across the region.

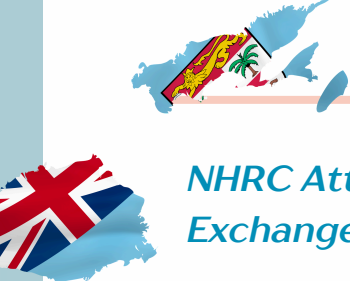


Participants of “Human Rights in Asia: A Multigenerational Dialogue” (15 Jul. 2025)



Vice Chairperson Wang Yu-ling presiding over the forum (15 Jul. 2025)

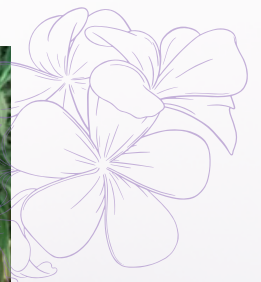
In her remarks, Vice Chairperson Wang emphasized that engaging youth and civil society organizations represents a vital pathway for strengthening human rights protections and expanding human rights diplomacy. She noted that Taiwan's experience under authoritarian rule has deepened the nation's commitment to freedom and democracy, positioning it to share valuable lessons with the international community. Throughout the forum, participants exchanged perspectives on constitutional safeguards, freedom of expression, international cooperation frameworks, and grassroots advocacy strategies. 🇹🇼



NHRC Attends APF Annual General Meeting and Biennial Conference, Exchanges Views on Gender Equality and Climate Change Issues

The four-member delegation from the NHRC, led by Vice Chairperson Chi Hui-jung and including Member Upay Radiw Kanasaw, attended the 30th Annual General Meeting and Biennial Conference of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) held in Fiji from November 9 to 16. As an observer, the NHRC reported to nearly 30 countries on progress in protecting the rights of pregnant migrant workers and advancing gender equality. Vice Chairperson Chi Hui-jung and Executive Secretary Tsou Hsiao-han were invited to participate in the Gender Equality Working Group meeting for female members and senior staff, and sought inclusion as core members to contribute Taiwan's experience in gender equality.

30th APF Annual General Meeting & Biennial Conference in Fiji



Delegates from various countries at the 30th APF Annual General Meeting (11 Nov. 2025)



NHRC attends APF women leaders' discussion meeting by invitation (11 Nov. 2025)



NHRC delegation visits the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (FHRADC) (11 Nov. 2025)

Additionally, the delegation engaged extensively with national human rights institutions from the Philippines, Mongolia, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka, Samoa, Fiji, and the Cook Islands, as well as international organizations such as the Pacific Community. Discussions covered topics including the rollback of civic space and human rights risks associated with generative artificial intelligence (AI), while exploring opportunities for future collaboration. Earlier this year, the APF publicly expressed concern regarding significant budget cuts to Taiwan's NHRC. The delegation conveyed its appreciation to APF Chairperson Samar Haj Hasan, who reaffirmed support for Taiwan and all national human rights institutions to operate independently in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Following the conference, the delegation met with the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and local LGBTQI organizations, and visited the smart farm and agricultural technology transfer center operated through cooperation between Taiwan's Technical Mission and Fiji's Ministry of Agriculture. 🇹🇼



Control Yuan Conducts Inspection of the Executive Yuan, Raises Key Social Issues

On December 19, the Control Yuan (CY) conducted an on-site inspection of the Executive Yuan (EY) 2025, led by Vice President Lee Hung-chun and joined by all Members of the CY. Vice President Lee noted that the CY's oversight authority serves as an external supervisory mechanism for government administration, assisting executive agencies in reviewing policy implementation and responding to public concerns.

During the inspection meeting, Premier Cho Jung-tai stated that the investigation reports submitted by the CY provide valuable references for executive governance. He expressed hope that the two institutions would fulfill their respective constitutional roles, strengthen cooperation, and jointly address issues of public concern. The EY also briefed the delegation on international developments, industrial policy, disaster response, and key administrative priorities.

Vice President Lee summarized the CY's exercise of its investigative, corrective, impeachment, and auditing powers in 2025. As of December 9, 2025, during the tenure of the Sixth Term of the CY Members, 125 impeachment cases and 478 corrective measures had been approved, and revisions to 375 central and local regulations had been recommended, demonstrating the continued effectiveness of its oversight functions. Members also raised inquiries on issues including campus gender equity, police discipline, anti-fraud policies, and the rights of persons with disabilities, underscoring the CY's commitment to clean governance and public well-being. 🇹🇼



CY's Education and Culture Committee Conducts Inspection of National Palace Museum

To assess artifact preservation and management, restoration facility enhancements, security protocols for high-resolution digital files, and progress on the New Palace Museum Project, the Control Yuan's Education and Culture Committee conducted an on-site inspection on the afternoon of June 12, 2025. The inspection team, comprising Vice President Lee Hung-chun, Convenor pasuya poiconx, and 17 Members, examined the ceramics storage facility, the artifacts and textiles conservation workshop, and the administrative campus.

Committee Member pasuya poiconx remarked that, on the occasion of the National Palace Museum's centennial anniversary this year, the institution, as a world-class museum, should accelerate storage facility equipment upgrades and refine management protocols to ensure sustainable preservation of invaluable cultural artifacts. He emphasized the importance of enhancing professional capabilities, advancing toward modern museological standards, and amplifying the Museum's broader societal impact. 🇹🇼



Inspection meeting convened at the National Palace Museum (12 Jun. 2025)



The inspection group photo (12 Jun. 2025)