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# Newsletter

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## Chen Chu leads the Delegation to France and Germany

*An opportunity to learn from  
the experience; a chance to  
convey Taiwan's determination  
for democracy, freedom, and  
human rights*

Chen Chu, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), led a delegation including CY members and Executive Secretary to France and



Meeting with  
Delphine Borione  
(lower left), French  
Amb. at Large for  
Human Rights;  
Dec. 6, 2022



French Senate VP Alain Richard  
(center) presented the delegation with  
commemorative books; Dec. 5, 2022



Attending a seminar organized by the  
Bundestag Committee; Dec. 14, 2022



Chairperson Chen  
addresses the French  
Academy and  
receives a gift by  
Permanent Secretary  
Jean-Robert Pitte;  
Dec. 7, 2022

Germany from December 4 to 16, 2022. The delegation visited French government agencies, in addition, Chen was invited to give speeches at the French Academy and Association Formose en France. While in Berlin, the group was also invited to attend a seminar organized by the Bundestag Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid. Participants exchanged ideas on issues including the abolition of the death penalty and rights of migrant workers. The visitors received affirmation and support from France and Germany. Chen added that Taiwan would continue to let the world know about its efforts to promote human rights.



## CY VP Lee Leads Delegation to Japan to Study Net-Zero Transformation

Lee Hung-chun, Vice President of the Control Yuan, and other CY members visited Japan from November 28 to December 2, 2022, to learn about the key issues and developments in the country's net-zero practices.

The fact-finding delegation met with Keiji Furuya, Chairman of Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council; Nobuo Kishi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister. As the first exchange between the CY and the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, the meeting was very significant.



Group photo with VP Lee Hung-chun (front row, second from left, Shinzo Abe's brother Nobuo Kishi (front row, second from right); Nov. 29, 2022



Delegation visits Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council Chairman Keiji Furuya (fifth from left) at the National Diet; Nov. 29, 2022

## CY Joins 26th FIO Annual Assembly

*Discussion focused on the three main challenges in Latin America—human rights, rising inequality, and digitalization.*

Member Lai Chen-chang represented the CY at the 26th annual assembly of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudsmen (FIO) in Mexico City from November 28 to December 1, 2022. The FIO annual assembly was attended by over 150 people from at least 21 countries. Participants discussed the characteristics of ombudsmen systems in different countries and shared experiences of working practices.



Member Lai Chen-chang (front row, first from right) with representatives of FIO member states; Nov. 30, 2022



# CY Delegation Attends 34th APOR Conference

*“Through investigating, publishing reports, and arranging symposiums, the CY has continued to play its role: promoting government integrity and protecting human rights.”*



Control Yuan President Chen Chu, together with members of the International Affairs Committee Wen-cheng Lin, Mei-yu Wang and Sun-lu Fan, attended the 34th APOR annual conference on 13-14 October 2022 in Wellington, New Zealand.

The theme of the conference was “Remaining Relevant and Getting Government to Listen.” CY President Chen was invited to present at the session “Influencing an integrity and human rights agenda,” discussing influencing government while remaining above the political fray.

The conference coincided with celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the Ombudsman in New Zealand, and the delegation was invited to the ceremony held at Parliament House. The delegates also visited the Office of the Ombudsman and the New Zealand Human Rights Commission and had fruitful exchanges and discussions on both supervisory experiences and human rights systems.



▲ APOR ombudsmen meet in NZ; CY President Chen Chu (front row, first from right); IOI President Chris Field (front row, third from left); New Zealand Chief Ombudsman Peter Boshier (front row, center); APOR President Deborah Glass (front row, third from right); Oct 13, 2022



▲ CY delegation visits the Office of Ombudsman (New Zealand); Oct. 11, 2022



◀ CY delegation visits the New Zealand Human Rights Commission; Oct. 11, 2022

The Control Yuan inspected the Executive Yuan on December 23, 2022 with CY President Chen Chu leading the entire CY membership on the circuit supervision.

### Chen pointed out the equal treatment for migrant workers

Given that there are currently 710,000 migrant workers in Taiwan, it is vitally important that they receive due rights and assistance. “I hope the CY and the National Human Rights Commission can cooperate with the EY,” said Chen.

### Premier Su gave a briefing on the EY’s key work of 2022

CY Committee representatives addressed issues including preventing fake bank accounts, challenges facing parents of migrant workers—losing contact



CY President Chen Chu (left) and Premier Su Tseng-chang (right); Dec. 23, 2022

## CY President Chen Chu Leads Members in Circuit Supervision of EY

and unregistered children, school accessibility, and name correction of plains indigenous peoples etc. Su and relevant agency heads were asked to give immediate responses.

### The CY expects the EY to supervise government agencies

By studying the suggestions collected by the CY, the two branches hope to make improvements, and work together to serve the people of Taiwan and meet their expectations.

## First Seminar for all CY Members Improve Supervision and Human Rights Investigation

On July 21 and 22, the Control Yuan (CY) held a conference on the new era of supervision and human rights investigations. The CY President, Vice President, and all its members took part in a general discussion to impartially address several administrative issues. The aim of the conversation was to improve the smooth operations of the CY and pave the way to openness reform.

The event also covered issues of data security and

environmental education. As well as learning about modern trends and sharing experiences in their work, participants exchanged ideas, built teamwork, and helped the CY better exercise its powers.



CY President, CY members and officials; July 21, 2022





## 90th Anniversary Special Issue English Edition Released : Committed to International Exchanges

To record the important historical facts about the progress of Taiwan's supervisory system and human rights, after almost a year of effort, the English edition of the Special Issue was finally launched on August 9, 2022, in a demonstration of the CY's ongoing commitment to working with the

international community.

President Chen Chu said that the CY also aims to host the APOR Conference in 2025 or 2026 to both promote international exchanges and cooperation and to show the world Taiwan is a committed global partner in the fight for democracy and human rights.



## Grand Justice Introduces New Court Procedures



The Constitutional Court Procedure Act formally came into effect. On October 17, the Control Yuan's Committee on Judicial and Prison Administration Affairs invited Grand Justice Hwang Jau-yuan to give a talk on the newly implemented procedures for the Constitutional Court.



Grand Justice Hwang explained how the highest state organs can exercise their powers and lodge petitions. CY members and staff actively took part and asked lots of questions, ensuring that the lecture finished on a high note.

# NHRC Chairperson Chen Thanks Pelosi for Past Human Rights Assistance

*On August 3, Chen Chu, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, gave Nancy Pelosi a tour of the Jingmei White Terror Memorial Park. Chen said the United States had played a key role in promoting the process of democratization in Taiwan.*



Chen and Pelosi hold hands while touring the White Terror Memorial Park (Photo: MOFA Facebook); August 3, 2022

In late 1979, a group of opposition leaders held speeches to mark International Human Rights Day. The event was broken up by military police, leading to a conflict with the participants that became known as the Kaohsiung Incident.

In the aftermath, well-known opposition leaders were imprisoned, including Chen. Overseas Taiwanese organized a campaign to help the accused by bringing them to the attention of mainstream American society and media. This saved the dissidents from the death penalty. The incident was a watershed moment for Taiwan's democracy movement.

Chen said it was deeply significant to meet Pelosi in the military courtroom where she was tried. Pelosi said it represents how democracies must learn from their past mistakes to stop history repeating itself in the future.



NHRC Chairperson Chen meets Pelosi in the military courtroom where she was tried; August 3, 2022

打造性平友善職場  
實踐企業共融永續  
座談會

NHRC Chairperson Chen Chu addresses in the ceremony; Sept. 8, 2022

**Progress on  
20 Years of  
Gender Equity  
Education Act**



Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chen Chu, addressed a forum on September 8 about creating gender-friendly workplaces and achieving corporate inclusion and sustainability.

The Act of Gender Equality in Employment was formally implemented exactly 20 years ago, in 2002. "For someone of my generation," added Chen, "it has been very gratifying to see companies take concrete steps to support female employees in taking care of their families."





President Tsai Ing-wen (front row, fourth from left), Premier Su Tseng-chang (front row, third from left), NHRC Chairperson Chen Chu (front row, fourth from right), pose for photos at the Indigenous Rights Forum; August, 2, 2022

On August 2, 2022, President Tsai Ing-wen attended the 2022 Indigenous Peoples Rights Forum. Speaking at the event, she expressed the hope that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) would maintain its independence, align itself with international human rights standards, promote understanding of indigenous rights within Taiwanese society, learn from indigenous peoples, and pay homage to them.

NHRC Chairperson Chen Chu said the NHRC would cooperate with the Executive Yuan

and civil society organizations in the second half of the year to promote indigenous rights education in colleges and universities nationwide, to achieve indigenous human rights protections.

The forum was cohosted by the NHRC and the Council of Indigenous Peoples. Held at the Grand Hotel in Taipei, the venue was filled with indigenous representatives. Guests included Premier Su Tseng-chang, Control Yuan Vice President Lee Hung-chun, and members of the diplomatic corps.

## ***Taiwan and France Sign Agreement on Human Rights***



NHRC Chairperson Chen (center), BFT Director Casabonne-Masonnave (left), Human Rights and Management Technical Expert (right), pose for photos at the signing ceremony; Nov. 3, 2022

The French side has agreed to send human rights experts to Taiwan and assist human rights organizations in exchanges, provide professional advice and consultation. This agreement represents a major milestone in human rights cooperation between Taiwan and France.

On November 3, 2022, NHRC, French Office in Taipei, Expertise France and Human Rights and Management Technical Expert jointly signed a work content agreement.



Members and participants at signing ceremony; Nov. 3, 2022



## CY President Chen Meets French Senator Pellevat

On September 8, 2022 CY President, and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairperson Chen Chu, met a delegation led by French Senator Cyril Pellevat. The two discussed women's equality and participation in



Senator Pellevat (left) gives a gift in return;  
Sept. 8, 2022



CY President Chen Chu (center)  
present a porcelain cup to Senator  
Pellevat (fifth from left); Sept. 8, 2022

politics, indigenous peoples, and other human rights issues. Chen said that Taiwanese society needs to discuss human rights in more depth. She added, "In the future, we will learn from France through exchanges and cooperation to stay in step with the rest of the world."

The European Union's representative in Taiwan Filip Grzegorzewski, Head of the European Economic and Trade Office, visited NHRC Chairperson Chen Chu.

The two sides engaged in an extensive discussion on issues including migrant



A group photo of NHRC Chairperson Chen Chu (fourth from right), CY members  
with EU Representative in Taiwan Grzegorzewski; Sept. 19, 2022



Chen presented a porcelain cup to  
Grzegorzewski; Sept. 19, 2022

workers, fishermen, disabled rights. Grzegorzewski praised Taiwan's development of human rights. He added that the EU supported national human rights institutions founded on the Paris Principles and looked forward to closer cooperation with Taiwan.

**EU-Taiwan  
Engagement**  
to Further  
Advance Human  
Rights  
Cooperation