



Group Photo at the exhibition opening; Jan. 29, 2021

CY 90th Anniversary Exhibition

Chen Chu: CY to promote diverse services, digital transformation, and proactive communication

To mark its 90th anniversary this year, the Control Yuan held an exhibition titled *90-Year Heritage of Protecting Justice* from January 29 to April 30. “The exhibition is not only a reflection on the past but an inspiration for the future,” said CY President Chen Chu at the opening on January 29. Chen said the CY will promote a digital transformation project to diversify its services, overcome the limitations imposed by geographic distance and the COVID-19 pandemic, and continue to proactively communicate with the public.

The program includes a new system, which was trialed last year, to accept complaints by videoconferencing. “The system achieves petitioning without distance and communication without barriers,” said Chen. Starting January 27, inmates can submit complaints by videoconferencing in a first for the ombudsman and prison systems. Meanwhile, the first Sunshine Law Videoconference Briefing took place on January 21. The event had live online interactions that helped overcome the limitations of the pandemic, offshore islands and rural areas. To improve efficiency and transparency, the CY will update its meeting system to allow videoconferencing and live streaming. The National Human Rights Commission is also developing an accessible website to create a “human rights hears you” platform that will facilitate online participation in public policy.

▼ CY President and Members tour the exhibition; Jan. 29, 2021



Designed with pandemic policy in mind, the anniversary exhibition featured static displays on CY issues, including highlights from the CY’s work, paintings of the CY building, and a timeline of 90 years of CY history. With careful preventative measures in place, the CY also held small-scale activities, including the painting competition, art exhibition, concerts and charity sale.



▲ Zhong Zheng Junior High School String Orchestra performance; Jan. 29, 2021

CY 90th Anniversary Symposium

Practices and Prospects for Supervisory Power

CY President Chen Chu speaks at the opening; Apr. 30, 2021



Founded in 1931, the Control Yuan is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. This anniversary was celebrated with a symposium on April 30, comprising four panels: *Constitutionalism and the Supervision, Supervisory Power and Legal Due Process, The Supervision and Judiciary, and The Past of the Supervisory System and the Future of Human Rights*. The panels were moderated by former president of the Judicial Yuan Lai In-jaw, former grand justice Liaw Yih-

nan, National Taiwan University College of Law Professor Emeritus Li Hong-xi and the third-term CY Member Chang Fu-mei. They were accompanied by distinguished guests from various fields of law, including former president of the Judicial Yuan Lai Hau-min and several former CY Members.

Speaking at the symposium's opening, Chen said, "The CY is faced with a number of systematic reforms. At this time of transition, I hope that through this symposium, we can engage in a

dialogue with society, so the outside world can better understand the new face of Taiwan's ombudsman system. This will help the CY achieve its four missions to shape up government officials, clean up official governance, clear up public grievances, and keep up human rights."

The symposium reviewed current supervision practices and regulations, explored new supervision systems and working practices that meet public expectations, and facilitated exchanges between different sectors of society. The goal is to create a supervision system that meets due process requirements and realizes human rights and justice for society.



Group Photo after the opening; Apr. 30, 2021

The Symposium Successfully Concluded

The symposium was warmly received in all quarters, due to the COVID-19, only 215 registrants were accepted.



Group Photo after the symposium; Apr. 30, 2021

Front row: Wu Kun-Lu, Chen Chu, and Chou Yi-Chun hold up a signed partnership agreement at the launch; Mar. 8, 2021



HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE

Chen Chu:
Series will continue
Yin Hai-Kuang's
lifelong pursuit of
freedom of thoughts

National Human Rights Commission Chair Chen Chu, Yin Hai-Kuang Foundation President Wu Kun-Lu, and Soochow University Chang Fo-Chuan Human Rights Program Director Chou Yi-Chun took part in a press conference to launch a series of lectures on human rights titled “Be a Complete Person”.

The launch of NHRC's first partnership project with an NGO to promote human rights was attended by NHRC Vice Chair Kao Yung-Cheng, and NHRC Members Tien Chiu-Chin, Wang Yu Ling, Upay Radiw Kanasaw, Yeh Ta-Hua, Chi Hui-Jung, Chang Chu-Fang and Lai Ting-Ming.

The press conference was held at Yin Hai-Kuang's former Taipei residence, which Chen

said gave her deep feelings. “During martial law, Prof. Yin, together with Mr. Lei Chen and Mr. Fu Cheng, made great and lasting contributions to Taiwan's liberal democracy,” said Chen in her remarks. “I hope this lecture series will continue Yin Hai-Kuang's lifelong pursuit of freedom of thought.” Chen said she was fortunate enough to get to know Lei after he was released from prison, and after Chen was released in 1986, Fu was an important catalyst for her in the movement to build an opposition party. “Unfortunately, I never met Prof. Yin,” said Chen, “If Prof. Yin had lived another 10 or 20 years, I believe it would have made a big difference to Taiwan.”

NHRC and MOE to Create Right-based Campus Culture



Attendees of the press conference hold up translations of the UN World Programme for Human Rights Education; Apr. 26, 2021

National Human Rights Commission Chair Chen Chu and Education Minister Pan Wen-chung jointly held a press conference to launch the Human Rights Education Partnership Sprout Project. Chen stated that the NHRC has completed translation and printing of the UN World Programme for Human Rights Education, in hopes of working with educators to accelerate the coverage and impact of human rights education in schools. Pan said, “After the implementation acts for the five core human rights conventions were promulgated, the Ministry of Education established a Human Rights Working Group. This human rights education project could be a core foundation to protect human rights in Taiwan.”

CY and MOJ Cooperate on Human Rights

First petition from inmate received Jan 27



CY President Chen Chu (middle), Secretary General Judy Fu-meei Ju (left) and Supervisory Operation Department Director Tseng-hwa Wang at a press conference; Jan. 25, 2021

After launching a plan to digitally transform its complaints system, the Control Yuan (CY) received the first petition by videoconference in December 2020. In the following months, the well-received system has been used in Hualien, Penghu, Yunlin, Hsinchu, and other areas.

Aside from rural residents, another group vulnerable to human rights abuse is prisoners. According to human rights conventions, prisoners should be treated with dignity and not denied reasonable rights. That is why the CY has extended videoconference petitions to inmates. The service is possible thanks in large part to assistance from the Ministry of Justice and administrative support from the Agency of Corrections. The service takes into account the administrative demands of the prison system.

On January 27, 2021, an inmate successfully filed a petition from prison by videoconference with the on-duty CY member. Significantly, the case was the first in 73 years of implementation of the Control Act, and was also a first for the prison administration. The CY will continue to protect the human rights of complainants in various circumstances to proactively achieve the policy goal of petitioning without distance and communication without barriers.

President Promulgates Amendments to the Organic Act of the CY Committees

The Control Yuan has amended the law governing its committees. The changes were made in response to the practical needs of the CY's various committees. The number of staff would not be increased under the provisions. This follows the model established by the Legislative Yuan's committees.

The amendments were sent to the Legislative Yuan for approval and passed third reading on April 27, promulgated by presidential order on May 12. The CY announced on May 18 that the changes would come into effect on August 1, 2021.

CY Standing Committees

Domestic and Ethnic Affairs

Foreign and National Defense Affairs

Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Affairs

Financial and Economic Affairs

Educational and Cultural Affairs

Transportation and Procurement Affairs

Judicial and Prison Administration Affairs



NHRC Chair Chen Chu and 25 NGO representatives; Mar. 5, 2021

Human Rights Hub Forum Launch!

Chen Chu: Strength of collective concern can promote and improve human rights

Speaking at a forum with members of the National Human Rights Commission and 25 representatives of women's and LGBTQ groups on March 5, 2021, NHRC Chair Chen Chu said the phrase “the voice of human rights is the voice of God” was very apt for the meeting. “Human rights are an eternal pursuit,” said Chen, “Only with joint efforts, and the strength of collective concern by the government and NGOs, can human rights be continually promoted and improved.”

In March, the NHRC

launched the Social Dialogue—Human Rights Hub, which is a series of forums. The first discussion was chaired by NHRC Member Chi Hui-Jung. Activists from movements for the rights of women, the LGBTQ community, new migrants, sex workers, male victims of domestic violence, people with HIV and other groups expressed their expectations and suggestions. NHRC Members and Human Rights Advisors came together to listen to the advice and engaging in an exchange of opinions.

Conference on Welfare State and Social Unity

Chen Chu calls attention to the human rights of vulnerable groups in the pandemic

“The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all levels of society and has especially affected the human rights of vulnerable groups,” said Chen Chu, speaking at a conference on “The Welfare State and Social Unity—Models and Innovations for Human Rights and Social Welfare during the Pandemic” on May 14, 2021. Chen added she hoped the discussion would further raise policy suggestions. Five NHRC advisors were invited to the conference to examine the domestic human rights situation and challenges and offer the NHRC concrete advice. The conference was jointly organized by the NHRC and the Social Welfare Association of Taiwan.



NHRC Chair Chen Chu addresses the conference; May 14, 2021

CY Plenary Meeting First Held by Videoconference



CY President Chen Chu (middle) convened the plenary meeting by videoconference with Secretary General Fu-Meei Ju (left) and Vice Secretary General Wen-Shih Liu; June 25, 2021

meeting originally scheduled for June 8, was postponed to June 25, and conducted by videoconference. CY President Chen Chu, together with the Secretary General and Vice Secretary General, convened the first plenary meeting to be held online. Individual CY members and department supervisors joined the meeting from their own offices by videoconference link. Thanking the members for their cooperation in allowing the meeting to go ahead during difficult times, Chen said the CY could continue to fulfill its duties and exercise its powers despite pandemic restrictions. Chen said she hoped the outbreak would be brought under control as soon as possible.

Considering the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, with Taiwan remaining on nationwide Level-3 epidemic alert, the June plenary

Sunshine Acts Briefings Are Livestreamed!

On January 21, 2021, the CY held a videoconference briefing on the Sunshine Acts. The live-streamed event used cloud videoconferencing technology. Participants could join the briefing using a laptop, smart phone, or other mobile device, overcoming the limitations of manpower, time, travel distance, and venue availability. In February, the CY announced the online promotional events on its Sunshine Acts website and encouraged the public to register for the courses.



CY Secretary General Fu-Meei Ju (left) and Property Declaration Department Director Mei-yen Chen give a press conference briefing; Jan. 21, 2021



CY Complaints Channel for Children

The CY itself has established a complaints system suitable for children of all ages. The four new services are a Kids' Complaints Letterbox that accepts informal petitions and voice message uploads, specialists who can write petitions for children, a telephone petition hotline, and a consultation room with soundproofing and privacy to protect the identity of children.

CY President Meets AIT Director—Hopes for More Cooperation

Brent Christensen, the director of the American Institute in Taiwan's Taipei Office, visited Control Yuan President Chen Chu on January 13, 2021. In the meeting, Chen said, "People are created equal and human rights are universal values that apply everywhere. We hope to work with countries that share democratic values and connect with the international community." The two sides continued to exchange views on deep-sea fishermen and human rights in the Indo-Pacific. Chen also told Christensen that the National Human Rights Commission will conduct systematic inspections to investigate structural issues, and promote human rights in partnership with other government agencies.



AIT Director Brent Christensen (3rd left) visits Chen Chu; Jan. 13, 2021



Jenny Bloomfield (left) visits Chen Chu; Apr. 13, 2021



Canadian Trade Office Executive Director Meets CY President

Canadian Trade Office in Taipei Executive Director Jordan Reeves visited Control Yuan President Chen Chu on March 5, 2021. Chen said, "Canada has rich experience in protecting human rights. In the future, hopefully we can learn from Canada's wealth of experience in human rights protection, and have more cooperation and exchanges with the Canadian Human Rights Commission." She also stated that there is still much work to do on human rights issues, although Taiwan has established the National Human Rights Commission. It is necessary to promote human rights education to instill an awareness of human rights in people's minds.

Australian Office New Representative Visits CY President

Jenny Bloomfield, newly appointed representative of the Australian Office Taipei, met with CY President Chen Chu on April 13, 2021. Mentioning Australia's efforts on human rights protection, Chen said Taiwan had much to learn in this respect. Bloomfield praised Taiwan for properly handling indigenous issues and placing importance on women's status and rights. Both sides look forward to further exchanges and cooperation in the future.



British Office's newly appointed Representative John Dennis meets Chen Chu; Apr. 20, 2021

Taiwan-UK Human Rights Videoconference

Chen Reiterates Invitation to November Conference

National Human Rights Commission held a videoconference with the UK's Equality and Human Rights Commission on April 20, 2021. After thanking the EHRC for the valuable meeting, NHRC Chair Chen Chu formally invited the EHRC to the International Human Rights Conference in November. In addition, the British Office's newly appointed Representative John Dennis, who met with Chen earlier, also took part in the meeting.

CY and APOR Regional President meet by videoconference

Control Yuan President Chen Chu spoke with Peter Boshier, the Australasian and Pacific regional president for the International Ombudsman Institute, by videoconference on February 26, 2021. Chen was accompanied by members of the CY's International Affairs Task Force—Lin Sheng-Fong, Chi Hui-Jung, Fan Sun-Lu, Kao Yung-Cheng and Lai Ting-Ming.



CY and APOR Regional President videoconference; Feb. 26, 2021

It was the first time Chen and Boshier had met. Chen said it was a rare opportunity to exchange opinions. Boshier restated that the CY has been an important IOI member. There was a lively discussion with Boshier on issues including the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission and potential areas of future cooperation.



Videoconference displaying new IOI President Chris Field briefing members on reforms the IOI is promoting; May 25, 2021

CY Raises Its International Profile at the IOI World Conference

On May 25, 2021, CY Members Lin Sheng-Fong, Lin Wen-Cheng, Pu Chung-Cheng, Yeh Ta-Hua, Yeh Yi-Jin, Lai Chen-Chang, and Upay Radiw Kanasaw and Secretary General Fu-Meei Ju, together with more than 200 representatives from ombudsman institutions all over the world, participated in the

International Ombudsman Institute 12th World Conference. As a voting IOI member, the CY took part in the World Conference to keep up to date with the latest policies and trends at the IOI and raise the CY's profile in the international ombudsman community.