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Classic and Grace

*RESTORATION OF CENTURY-OLD
CONTROL YUAN DOME COMPLETED*

CY President Chen
addresses in the
ceremony;
Apr. 10, 2023



“The CY would strive to protect the cultural heritage of its own building and ensure its sustainable use”

Recent restoration work on the historic dome that caps the entrance of the Control Yuan (CY) was completed in March 2023. This is the first time the structure’s ornamental plasterwork has been repaired in its hundred-year history.

On April 10, 2023, the restored dome was formally unveiled to the public in a ceremony personally chaired by CY President Chen Chu.

Ceremony to Unveil the Historic Dome

OLD CHARM WITH INTRACATE DETAILS



CY President Chen, members, and the heads of departments in front of the M-shaped staircase; April 10, 2023



Wood Beams Inspecting



Paint Chipping



Fall-offs Re-gluing

Speaking in front of the M-shaped staircase on the ground floor, Chen said that, beyond fulfilling its duties as national ombudsman and protector of human rights, the CY would continue to strive to protect the cultural heritage of its historic building and ensure its sustainable use. A nationally designated monument, the CY building was designed by a Japanese architect Moriyama Matsunosuke and

built during Japan's colonial rule of Taiwan. Construction was completed in the fourth year of the Taisho era (1915). The historic building is one of the best-preserved examples of Western-style architecture in Taiwan. The restored dome area is in the lobby of the CY. Visitors who look up as they enter the building will enjoy a breathtaking view of the dome and its stained-glass window.

The ceiling of the dome is modeled on the Pantheon in Rome and is a classical architecture in Taiwan. Apart from going to the CY for official business, more and more people are visiting to look around and learn about the historic building. The famous dome is not just emblematic of the CY entrance but is the perfect backdrop for everything from selfies to wedding photos.

CY President Chen Chu Presents National Report

CY President and NHRC Chairperson Chen was invited to represent Taiwan at the second Summit for Democracy, hosted by US President Joe Biden on March 29 to 30, 2023. Chen and leaders of other democratic countries shared their visions for



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strengthening democracy in prerecorded messages.

Speaking from Chen’s experience, she outlined the results of Taiwan’s efforts to realize democratic commitments through the combined efforts of the government and private sector. She hoped to share Taiwan’s democratic experience with people who were fighting for democracy and freedom.



To mark its 92nd anniversary, the CY held a lunchtime concert on February 1. The elegant music, classic surroundings, and festive atmosphere set the tone for anniversary celebrations. The audience of CY staff were blown away by the performance of classic local and international tunes from the Taipei Chinese Orchestra (TCO).

The concert was opened by the acapella group Fantasia from Kaohsiung. The energetic young group ended with the classic “Just The Way You Are”. After they gave the audience an acapella lesson, everyone sang along in a rousing chorus.



Holding a Chinese mandolin, Chen poses with the TCO; Feb. 1, 2023



Fantasia and CY President Chen Chu show the HEART ♡; Feb. 1, 2023



CY President Chen (left) and VP Lee (right); Jan. 5, 2023

Control Yuan 2022 Work Review Meeting

Looking to the future, CY is committed to live up to the public's high expectations and Confidence

The meeting on January 5, 2023 followed with presentations on the work status, performance, and areas for improvement. In 2022, CY received 14,207 public complaints and launched 232 investigations. It established 108 corrective measures, and 27 impeachment cases. The CY also conducted 41 inspections of central government agencies and 32 of local government agencies.



CY President Chen (front row, seventh from left) poses for a photo at Shalun Demonstration Site; May 25, 2023

The Control Yuan's Committee on Financial and Economic Affairs inspected the Shalun Green Energy Technology Demonstration Site on May 25, 2023. The CY team made a number of recommendations on issues included how to link smart green energy to the UN's sustainable development indicators and education and advocacy, progress on energy storage facilities and legislation, cultivating talent to build offshore wind plants, recycling decommissioned turbines, and the impact of offshore wind farms on the ocean ecology.



▲ CY President Chen, VP Lee and member Tsai Chung-yi—who was on duty that day—try the multimedia smart service machine; Apr. 11, 2023

**“MOVE TOWARD
BEING A BODY
OF THE PEOPLE
AND OF
TECHNOLOGY”**

Multimedia Smart Machine Digitizes CY Services

Control Yuan has launched a digitization initiative to diversify services and create a smart service environment. A multimedia smart service machine has been placed at the Complaint Receipt Center so members of the public can use the touchscreen to get access to services by themselves. It offers information on the CY member on duty that day, background details about all the CY members. The smart technology improves the quality and efficiency and upgrades the standard of public services.

CY President and members launch the multimedia smart service; Apr. 11, 2023



Meeting Rooms Go Digital after Upgrades

The CY is updating its meeting room systems and related equipment. The new digitized audio-visual transmission facilities will meet the need for unbroken connections, easy data storage, and rapid editing and broadcasting. The introduction of videoconferencing, live casting, and other digital technologies will improve the transparency of video conferences and strengthen public participation.



before



After 2023

EU Antidisinformation Experts & Freedom House Delegation Visits NHRC

A report on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the EU was recently passed by the European Parliament. It recognizes Taiwan's experience in countering foreign interference and disinformation. Following the report, Marcin Jerzewski, head of the Taiwan Office of the European Values Center for Security Policy, accompanied a group of experts to visit the NHRC on March 27, 2023. The delegation exchanged opinions on fact checking and media literacy.

Michael J. Abramowitz, president of Freedom House, and a delegation from the US human rights organization met with the NHRC on March 29, 2023 to exchange views on the development of freedom and democracy.

EU Antidisinformation Experts; Mar. 27, 2023



Freedom House Delegation; Mar. 29, 2023

Swiss Parliamentarians Discuss Democracy and Human Rights with Chen



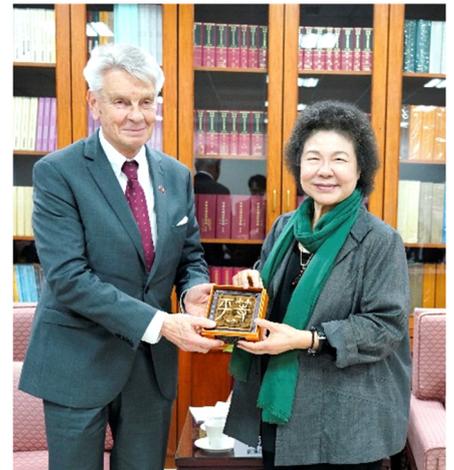
NHRC Chairperson Chen Chu (right) welcomes Swiss National Council member Fabian Molnar (left); Feb. 9, 2023

On February 9, 2023, NHRC Chairperson Chen met with the Switzerland-Taiwan parliamentary friendship group of the Swiss Federal Assembly. The two sides engaged in a broad discussion on democracy, human rights, and environmental rights.

Taiwan and Switzerland are both multiethnic and multilingual countries. The delegation recognized Taiwan that despite not being a member of the United Nations, Taiwan has incorporated international human rights conventions in domestic law and promotes a local review model of national reports.

French Senate Friendship Supports for Democratic Taiwan

A delegation led by French Senate Vice-president Alain Richard, visited the NHRC on April 26, 2023. Chairperson Chen hoped the friendship between two sides would deepen and solidify. French Senate passed a resolution supporting Taiwan’s international participation in 2021. France hopes to promote peace and security across the Taiwan Strait and looks forward to increased discussions and exchanges with Taiwan on human right issues.



Chen presents EQUAL ornaments to Richard; Apr. 26, 2023



A group photo of Chen, CY members with Friendship Group; Apr. 26, 2023

NHRC Chairperson Chen Chu Celebrates Kartini Day with Indonesian Migrant Workers



Chen holds the Nasi kuning, a rice dish of celebration; Apr. 23, 2023

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairperson Chen Chu spoke at an event to celebrate Kartini day and Eid Al-Fitr with the Indonesian community on April 23, 2023. She thanked the Indonesian women who had migrated from overseas to work and contribute

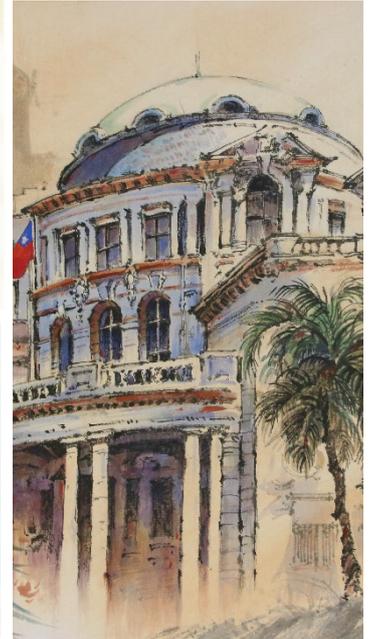
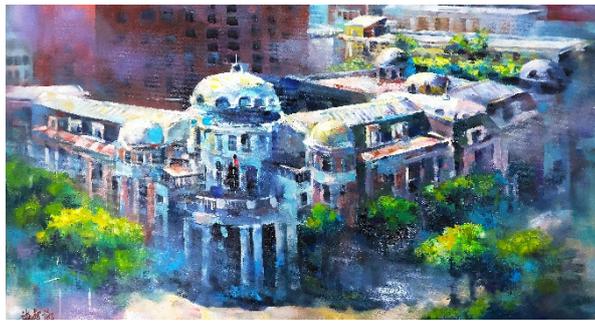
to Taiwan. The event helped Taiwanese people understand Indonesian culture, promoted ethnic harmony, and enriched multicultural Taiwan. Chen said this year there will be an independent report, which aims to advance and protect the right to equality for ethnic groups in Taiwan.



Chen (center) attends the celebration with migrant workers; Apr. 23, 2023

Painting Day & Night WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The categories were watercolor, ink, and oil painting (clockwise from top center). Three winners from each section were chosen; Apr. 25, 2023



The Control Yuan held an art competition to celebrate its 92nd anniversary, highlight the beauty of its historic building, and promote its work on investigations and human rights. The Painting Day & Night contest was launched by CY Secretary General Judy, Fu-meei JU.

The contest attracted a flood of entries. Competition judges included art experts and teachers from the National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, the ROC Oil Painting Association, and the Department of Fine Arts at National Taiwan University of Arts. The works vividly depicted the CY building in bold brushstrokes and vibrant colors.

National Taiwan University Law Professor Lecture at CY



Member Kuo Wen-dong, Prof. Hsu Heng-da, and Secretary General Judy, Fu-meei JU (from left to right); May 2, 2023

NTU Law Professor Hsu Heng-da gave a lecture at the CY on victim protection and participation in legal proceedings. Hsu gave a detailed explanation on the current practices in Taiwan. The lecture was well attended by CY staff, who were informed by Hsu’s lively and humorous presentation style.

CY Launching Greater Service “Single Account Shared Platform”

The Control Yuan is making efforts to advance digital transition. The public can go to the website of the CY or scan the QR codes above and choose various complaint service systems according to their needs in order to accomplish the goal of accessible communication free of the obstacle of distance.

Online System	Intro	QR Code
Online Complaint Mailbox	The public can express their needs or report illegal matters through the online system at any time, whenever and wherever they may be.	
Reservation for Videoconferencing	The public can file complaints and meet the CY member online in the county or city where they are located.	
Reservation for in person at counter	The public can make reservations online, arrive at the counter according to the reserved time slot, and enjoy priority reception without waiting.	