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Open Taiwan's Doors to the World



In January 2003, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) was founded under the initiative of then President Chen Shui-bian, through the efforts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the unanimous support of the Legislative Yuan. The TFD is not only the first national democracy foundation in Taiwan, but also the first such institution in the whole of Asia which aims to promote democracy worldwide.

The importance of the establishment of the TFD lies in expressing our gratitude to countries and peoples around the world which had provided support and assistance during the period of democratization in Taiwan. Now, after multiple democratic transfers of power, Taiwan is gradually evolving into a mature democracy where freedom, democracy, human rights, and justice have become the core values of her citizens and the assets that bring them the most pride.

In the near future, not only will we persist on the path of democratic reforms, but also we will perform our duties to the international society. We will share our valuable democratic experiences and human rights ideas unreservedly to every corner of the world.

The TFD has been established for more than a decade now. I, together with the TFD's Members of the Board and staff, shall continue working for democracy and human rights, opening Taiwan's doors to the world.

Our Commitment to Freedom and Democracy



The Republic of China was the first country in Asia to achieve democracy. As such, elective government and respect for human rights have long been pillars of the nation, as well as cherished values of its people. In 2016, Taiwan witnessed three important milestones in its democratic development: the third change of governing party since the start of direct presidential elections, the first change of majority party in the Legislative Yuan, and the first election of a female president. The economic progress and democratic transformation of Taiwan have produced a thriving civil society, with various NGOs actively participating in international events. The TFD has played a prominent role in the nation's democratization. Since its establishment in 2003, the TFD has hosted and taken part in many seminars and international meetings and conferences on democracy and human rights. It has thereby served as a platform for exchanges between Taiwan and other democracies and civic groups.

In my career as a civil servant, I have worked at the Government Information Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and numerous overseas missions. I have personally witnessed Taiwan's evolution from authoritarianism to democracy, and from a one-party system to a free society that embraces different viewpoints. In this peaceful process, the core values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law gained further traction, as well as better protection. Indeed, throughout over 30 years of public service, my proudest moments have been when foreign friends have given a thumbs-up to Taiwan's accomplishments in advancing democracy and developing civil society.

In my capacity as Minister of Foreign Affairs, it is a great honor to concurrently serve as Vice Chairman of the TFD. I trust that the TFD and Ministry of Foreign Affairs will continue to work side by side to give the international community a better understanding of the Taiwan people's pursuit of and commitment to freedom and democracy, and to encourage even more governments and peoples around the world to identify with and treasure these common values.

The Struggle between Democracy and Autocracy is Both a Contest of Strength and a Competition among Values



Human history has no fixed trajectory, and democracy does not fall from the sky. Established democracies may be destroyed, and complacent democracies may be hollowed out from within. However, democracy has become a core tenet of human civilization. Therefore, the defense, deepening, and expansion of this civilization are the common responsibility of humanity, and these are also the core missions of the TFD.

Democracy can be thought of as a political system or as a way of life. It can be understood or interpreted in various ways. Nonetheless, no matter how we perceive it, suppression of freedom, infringements of human rights, autocracy or dictatorship, and violations of public interest must not be indulged or tolerated, since such acts will corrode the foundations of all forms of democracy. Just as Taiwan's democracy was not easily achieved, the global expansion of democracy has been beset by obstacles and difficulties. Moreover, since the process of Taiwan's democratization was assisted by friends from many other countries around the world, Taiwan cannot shirk the responsibility to assist democratization in other countries. The struggle between democracy and autocracy is both a contest of strength and a competition among values. The TFD is willing to serve in the vanguard of this struggle.

Democracy is the consensus of Taiwanese society, and the founding spirit of the Republic of China. Although Taiwan already possesses a democratic constitutional framework, there are many immature or defective aspects in our actual practice of democracy. Deepening and strengthening our democratic system through institutional reform and innovation, as well as broadening our pluralistic ideals of democracy, require efforts from all sectors of society. The TFD is willing to work together with Taiwanese civil society, academia, political parties, media, and government institutions; at the same time, we will form partnerships with global and regional democratic forces. Together, we will strive to build a more robust and expansive future for democracy!

Prospects and Mission

Taiwan's peaceful transition to democracy is not only a historical accomplishment for its twenty-three million people, but a landmark in the worldwide spread of democracy. Only after years of struggle and effort could this transformation take place. We must never forget this history, for it shapes the cornerstone of our continued commitment to the principles of democracy and human rights.

The TFD was established under a two-tracked mission. Domestically, the TFD strives to play a proactive role in consolidating Taiwan's democracy and fortifying its commitment to human rights. Internationally, the TFD aims to become an integral link in the global democratic network, joining forces with related organizations around the world. Taiwan was the recipient of valuable assistance and stalwart support from the international community. The establishment of the TFD symbolized Taiwan's dedication to recompense the global community for its encouragement and support.

The TFD was established in 2003, when the Ministry of Foreign Affairs obtained the necessary budget with the support of all political parties in the Legislative Yuan. The TFD is governed by a seventeen-member Board of Trustees and a five-member Supervisory Board. Board members represent political parties, government, academia, non-governmental organizations, and the business sector. Former Legislative Yuan Speaker Wang Jin-pyng was elected chairman by the board in 2003 and served until 2016. In March 2016, Legislative Yuan Speaker Su Jia-chyuan was elected as chairman.

The TFD is the first national democracy assistance foundation to be established in Asia and is devoted to strengthening democracy and human rights in Taiwan and abroad. Its primary missions are to assist the deepening of Taiwan's democracy, to promote democracy in Asia, and to become an active participant in the global democratic network.

The TFD will put its ideals into practice through farsighted, transparent, and non-partisan management. Building on the strength of both political parties and civil society, the TFD will enable Taiwan to positively contribute to the worldwide movement for democracy. According to its By-laws, the TFD's mission is as follows:

- Work with the international community to strengthen democracy around the globe and expand Taiwan's participation in international activities;
- Support democratization in Asia and the rest of the world by establishing close relationships with leaders of the world's democracies and cooperative partnerships with civil society groups, political parties, think tanks, and nongovernmental organizations in democratic countries; and
- Elevate Taiwan's democracy and further consolidate its democratic development by promoting education in democracy and international exchanges among academic circles, think tanks, parliaments, and political parties from the world over.

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Basic Goals

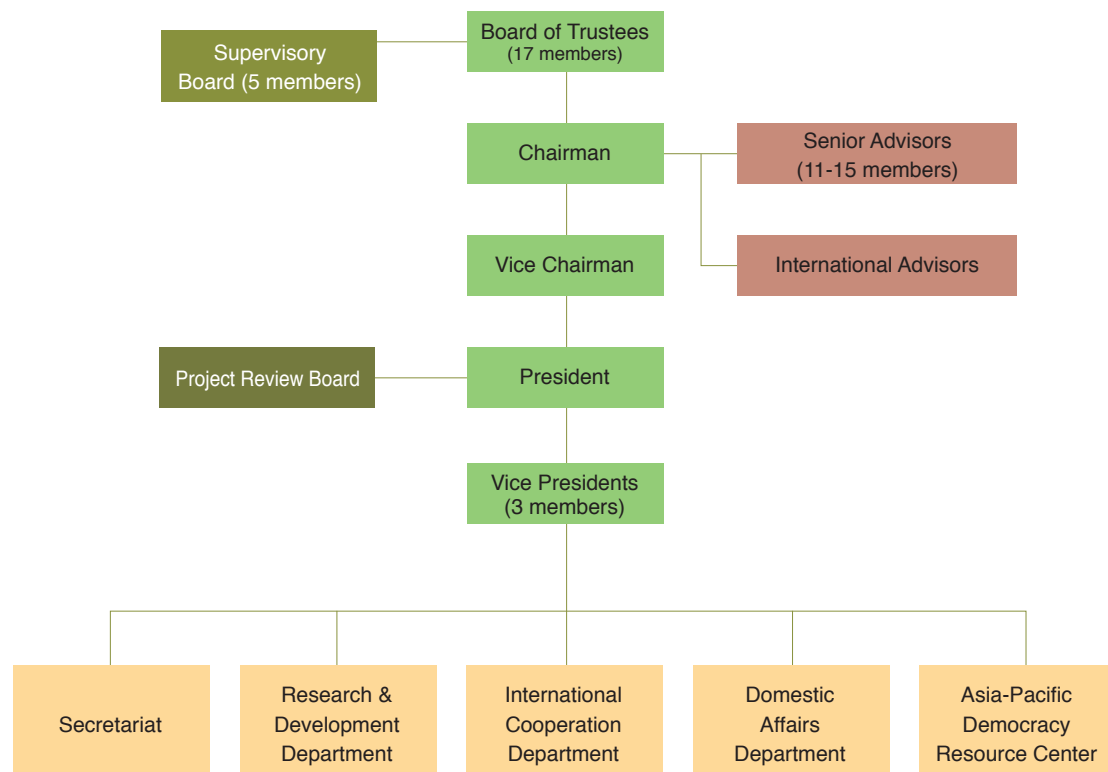
The primary source of funding for the TFD is the government. However, it is independently incorporated, non-partisan, and non-profit. According to its By-laws, the Foundation may accept international and domestic donations. One-fifth of its budget is reserved for Taiwan's political parties, supporting their own international and local initiatives that are in line with the mission of the TFD. The remaining budget is used for the TFD core activities, including:

- Building relationships with democracy-advancing institutions around the world;
- Participating in the promotion of democracy worldwide and supporting the improvement of human rights conditions;
- Supporting democracy-strengthening activities of NGOs and academic institutions;
- Promoting research and publications on democratic developments at home and abroad; and
- Organizing and sponsoring seminars, workshops, conferences, and other educational activities in the field of democracy and human rights.

Organization

According to the By-laws, the structure of the TFD is as follows: the Board of Trustees is composed of 13 to 17 members, who serve a term of three years. The Board of Trustees should include representatives from political parties, government, enterprise, academic circles, and nongovernmental organizations. Over half of its membership consists of representatives from those political parties which receive at least 5% of the votes for the party lists in the elections to the Legislative Yuan; the number of representatives are allocated among the parties according to the proportion of their total seats in the Legislative Yuan, but each eligible party shall have at least one representative. The Supervisory Board is composed of three to five members, with the same term of service as the trustees, one of whom is designated as the standing supervisor. Neither the trustees nor the supervisors receive pay. The current term of service lasts until June 17, 2018.

· Organizational Chart of the TFD



Board of Trustees in 2017

Title	Name	
Trustees	Chairman	Su, Jia-chyuan
	Vice Chairman	Lee, David Tawei
	Representative from the Government	Wu, Joseph Jaushieh
	Representatives from Political Parties	Chang, Sho-wen
		Chiang, Chi-chen
		Hsiao, Bi-khim
		Hsieh, Jolan
		Kao, Yung-cheng
		Ko, Chih-en
		Liao, Fu-te
		Lin, Yu-fang
		Lo, Chih-cheng
	Representative from Academia	Tsai, Cheng-wen
	Representatives from the Business and Financial Sector	Huang, Theodore M. H.
		Shaw, Daigee
	Representative from Non-governmental Organizations	Yeh, Sandy Yu-lan

Board of Supervisors in 2017

Title	Name
Supervisors	Chen, Chi-sheng
	Hwang, Shu-ling
	Lee, Yung-ran
	Tsai, Ming-hua
	Yeh, Chin-fong

Management Team in 2017

Title	Name
President	Hsu, Szu-chien
Vice Presidents	Yang, Maysing
	Chen, Ketty W.
	Lu, Yeh-chung

April 10, 2017: The fifth board meeting of the fifth-term Trustees and Supervisors.



September 27, 2017: The sixth board meeting of the fifth-term Trustees and Supervisors.



International Grants

Through its international grants program, the TFD supports the work of civil society groups from different countries and international non-governmental organizations to promote the development of democracy and human rights. As the only democracy assistance foundation in the Asian region, the TFD places its main focus on Asia, actively building partnerships with other democratic groups in the region. Types of projects supported by the TFD's international grants include:

- Research and publication projects
- Training and education activities
- International conferences and workshops
- Advocacy activities

In 2017, international grants funded by the TFD totaled NT\$19,267,661. A statistical overview of funded international grants is presented here. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the detailed list of international grants.

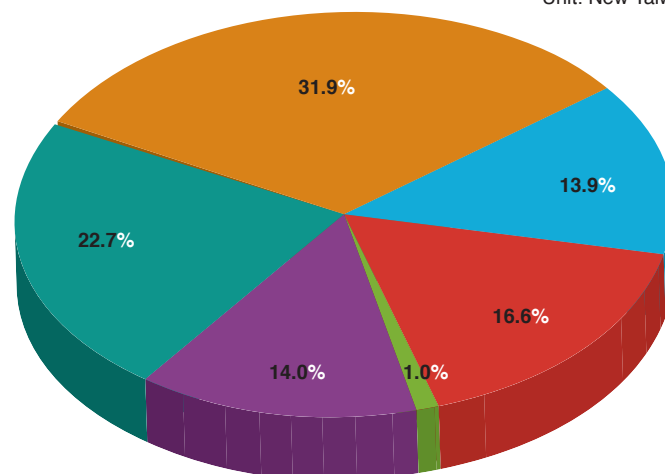
Table 1. International grants in 2017, by project categories

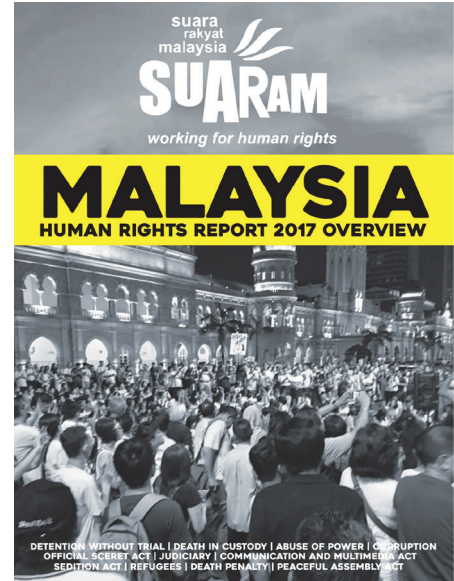
Category	Number of Cases	Grant Amount Approved	Percentage of Grant Amount Approved
Research and Publications	17	2,679,175	13.9%
Training Programs	17	3,191,116	16.6%
Visits and Exchanges	1	186,000	1.0%
Fellowships	13	2,691,917	14.0%
Conferences	25	4,376,996	22.7%
Other Activities	19	6,142,457	31.9%
Total	92	19,267,661	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Proportions of international grants in each project category

- Research and Publications
- Training Programs
- Visits and Exchanges
- Fellowships
- Conferences
- Other Activities





Selected TFD International Grants in 2017

1. A TFD grant supported the 14th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS).
2. A TFD grant supported the production of the annual *Human Rights Report* of Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM).
3. A TFD grant supported Thailand's Asia Center to hold the seminar "Human Rights Mechanisms in Southeast Asia--A Regional Assessment."
4. A TFD grant supported ROR JAN, a Pakistani NGO, in its "Advocacy Campaign to End Domestic Violence" project.
5. A TFD grant to the U.K.-based International Tibet Network supported the regional conference "Collaboration and Strengthening the Tibet Movement in Asia."
6. A TFD grant to Sweden's Youth to Youth Initiative supported the "3rd International Youth to Youth Summit."
7. A TFD grant supported the "Democracy Summer Camp" held by Mongolia's Zorig Foundation.
8. A TFD grant to the Freedom from Debt Coalition, a Filipino organization, supported the 2017 ASEAN Civil Society Conference on the theme "Beyond Boundaries: Strengthening People's Solidarities for a Just, Equitable, and Humane Southeast Asia."

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Table 2. International grants in 2017, by continent and country or territory of applicant

Continent	Country/ Territory	Number of Cases Approved	Grant Funds (Percentage)
Asia	Malaysia	3	8,266,169 (42.9%)
	Thailand	5	
	Philippines	7	
	Pakistan	6	
	Indonesia	3	
	Bangladesh	4	
	Mongolia	1	
	India	3	
	Japan	1	
	Nepal	2	
	South Korea	1	
	Hong Kong	1	
	Armenia	1	
	Subtotal	38	
Americas	United States	10	2,724,156 (14.1%)
	Canada	1	
	Mexico	1	
	Subtotal	12	
Europe	Switzerland	2	2,102,691 (10.9%)
	United Kingdom	3	
	Slovenia	2	
	Ireland	1	
	Netherlands	1	
	Sweden	1	
	Poland	1	
	Germany	1	
	Denmark	1	
	Austria	1	
	Subtotal	14	
Africa	South Africa	1	398,699 (2.1%)
	Kenya	1	
	Uganda	1	
	Subtotal	3	
Oceania	Australia	2	275,000 (1.4%)
	Subtotal	2	
Subtotal		69	13,766,715 (71.4%)

Grants Related to China Human Rights*			
Americas	United States	13	5,500,946 (28.6%)
Europe	Germany	2	
	United Kingdom	1	
	Denmark	1	
Asia	China	2	
	Hong Kong	2	
Oceania	Australia	2	
Subtotal		23	
Total		92	19,267,661 (100%)

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Regional distribution of international grants in 2017

- Asia
- China Human Rights
- Americas
- Europe
- Africa
- Oceania

- Note: Since most grants related to China human rights are awarded to organizations based overseas, largely in North America and Europe, they are listed in a separate category.

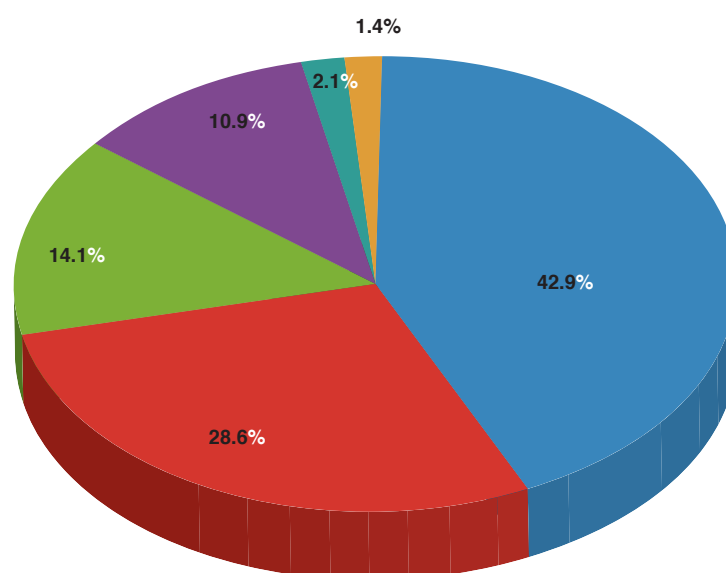


Table 3. International grants in 2017, by amount of grant

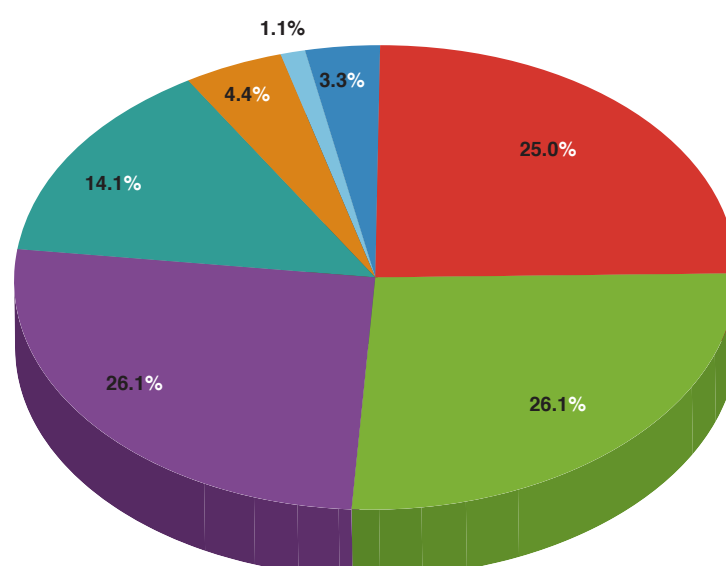
Grant Amount	Number of Cases	Percentage
Below 50,000	3	3.3%
50,001~100,000	23	25.0%
100,001~150,000	24	26.1%
150,001~200,000	24	26.1%
200,001~500,000	13	14.1%
500,001~1,000,000	4	4.4%
1,000,001 and above	1	1.1%
Total	92	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Distribution of international grants by amount of grant

- Below 50,000
- 50,001~100,000
- 100,001~150,000
- 150,001~200,000
- 200,001~500,000
- 500,001~1,000,000
- 1,000,001 and above

- Note: International grant funds approved represented 23.8% of the funds requested by successful applicants, and the average amount per case was NT\$209,431.



Domestic Grants

By providing financial assistance to domestic non-governmental organizations, the TFD seeks to strengthen the power of Taiwan’s civil society and deepen the development of democracy and human rights. Issues frequently addressed by TFD-funded projects include transitional justice, democracy and human rights education, the rights of children, gender equality, the rights of immigrants, and the rights of indigenous peoples.

In 2017, domestic grants at the TFD totaled NT\$24,335,707. A statistical overview of funded domestic grants is presented here. Please refer to Appendix 2 for the detailed list of domestic grants.

Table 1. Domestic grants in 2017, by region

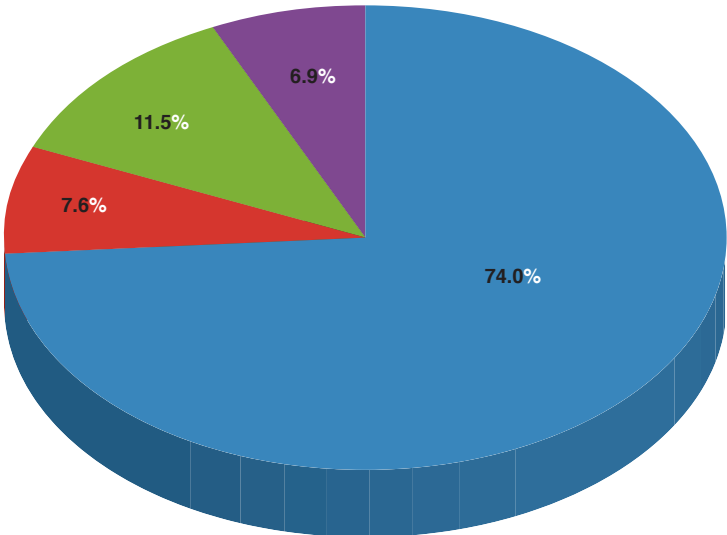
Region	Number of Cases	Total Grant Amount	Average Grant Amount Approved
Northern Taiwan	97	19,387,453	199,871
Central Taiwan	10	1,591,835	159,184
Southern Taiwan	15	2,324,305	154,954
Eastern Taiwan	9	1,032,114	114,679
Total	131	24,335,707	185,769

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Regional distribution of domestic grants

- Northern Taiwan
- Central Taiwan
- Southern Taiwan
- Eastern Taiwan

• Note: In 2017, the northern Taiwan region not only had the most number of cases approved and the largest share of grant amount, but its grant approval rate was also slightly higher than that of other regions.





Selected TFD Domestic Grants in 2017

1. A TFD grant to the Taiwan Association for Human Rights supported a training program on “Establishing a Refugee Protection Framework.”
2. A TFD grant to the Homemakers United Foundation supported “The Green Female in the Age of Climate Change” project.
3. A TFD grant supported the Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation to organize the “13th Road to Human Rights Youth Camp.”
4. A TFD grant to the Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association supported the “International Gender Rights Exchange and Collaboration Program.”
5. A TFD grant to the Tsai Jui-Yueh Dance Foundation of Taipei supported the “70th Anniversary of the February 28th Incident Event.”
6. A TFD grant supported the Persons with HIV/AIDS Rights Advocacy Association of Taiwan to implement the “Asia Pacific AIDS & Co-infections Conference Project.”
7. A TFD grant to the Taiwan Civil Rights Realization Association supported the “2017 Ask a Politician Project.”
8. A TFD grant supported the participation of the Taiwan Green Queers Association in the 2017 Global Greens Congress in Liverpool, United Kingdom.

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Table 2. Domestic grants in 2017, by project categories

Category	Number of Cases	Grant Amount Approved	Percentage
Research and Publications	5	787,880	3.2%
Training Programs	32	5,282,153	21.7%
Visits and Exchanges	21	3,467,501	14.3%
Conferences	41	6,922,199	28.4%
Other Activities	32	7,875,974	32.4%
Total	131	24,335,707	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Table 3. Domestic grants in 2017, by type of organization funded

Organization Type	Grant Amount	Percentage
Academic and Research Institutions	3,039,077	12.5%
NGOs	21,296,630	87.5%
Total	24,335,707	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Table 4. Domestic grants in 2017, by amount of grants

Grant Amount	Number of Cases	Percentage
Below 50,000	12	9.2%
50,001~100,000	41	31.3%
100,001~150,000	27	20.6%
150,001~200,000	31	23.7%
200,001~500,000	14	10.7%
500,001~1,000,000	4	3.0%
1,000,001 and above	2	1.5%
Total	131	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Note: According to 2017 statistics, the majority of grants approved by the TFD are small grants that assist different sectors of the society to jointly foster the development of democracy and human rights in Taiwan.

Political Party Grants

To encourage domestic political parties to foster activities related to democracy and human rights, the TFD, in accordance with its bylaws, reserves a fixed amount of its annual budget to financially support projects carried out by Taiwanese political parties.

All political parties that receive more than five percent of the votes for party-list legislators in the most recent elections are eligible for party grants. The total budget for party grants is allocated according to the proportion of the parties' total seats in the Legislative Yuan.

In 2017, TFD grants to political parties totaled NT\$25,656,745, as summarized below:

Table 1. Allocation of Grants to Political Parties in 2017

Party	Quota Allocation	Quota Proportion	Actual Grants Total	Number of Cases	Amount Retained into 2018	Cases Retained	Total Amount Approved	Total Cases
DPP	17,459,471	61.3%	10,502,748	24	4,342,640	8	14,845,388	32
KMT	8,986,477	31.5%	5,546,338	9	3,415,344	3	8,961,682	12
NPP	1,283,782	4.5%	789,405	6	290,000	5	1,079,405	11
PFP	770,270	2.7%	770,270	1	0	0	770,270	1
Total	28,500,000	100%	17,608,761	40	8,047,984	16	25,656,745	56

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Description of Political Party Grants in 2017:

- Grants provided to the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) included: (a) the 2017 Roots Journey through Southeast Asia Project, (b) attendance at the 61st Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), (c) the 2017 Asia Democracy Forum, (d) series of events on the 30th anniversary of the lifting of martial law, and (e) the 2017 Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) Women's Caucus Conference.
- Grants provided to the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) included: (a) KMT legislators' investigation of Singapore's forward-looking programs, (b) KMT legislators' investigation mission to United Kingdom and France, (c) the Deutschlandtag 2017 organized by Junge Union, and (d) KMT visits to Canada and Asia for overseas compatriot affairs.
- Grants provided to the New Power Party (NPP) included: (a) the "New Generation of Taiwan and Hong Kong Parliamentarians" Forum, (b) the tour of Taiwanese-Americans to deepen their knowledge of Taiwan's democracy, (c) the "A New Financial Order to Boost the Growth of Taiwan's Industries" Forum, (d) the 2017 NPP Debate Competition and Cup Challenge, and (e) the "India-Pacific Strategy--East Asia Security under the Rise of China" Forum.
- A grant provided to the People First Party (PFP) included the "Democratic Renewal, Democratic Participation, Democracy and Culture" series of events.

Major Programs

In 2017, the TFD was once again listed in the *2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report* published by the University of Pennsylvania, ranking seventh among all think tanks in the Southeast Asia and Pacific region and first in Taiwan.

Major programs of the TFD in 2017 included the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, the East Asia Democracy Forum, the Asia Young Leaders for Democracy Program, the Community of Democracies Youth Forum, the Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Lifting of Martial Law in Taiwan, the China Human Rights Program, Publications, Visiting Fellowships, the launch of the *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin*, and the Research Program.

In addition to these major programs, the TFD has continued active participation in many other international organizations and activities to expand and strengthen its international links. Highlights during 2017 included:

- Attended the “Stability and Democracy in East Asia” symposium held by the Taiwan Research Center at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia.
- Attended the 14th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies in Venice, Italy.
- Organized the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*’s international conference in Tunis, Tunisia.
- Visited the Shanghai Institute for East-Asian Studies in China and attended the Symposium on “Cross-Strait Relations and East Asian Order after the Taiwan and U.S. Elections.”
- Attended the 61st Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the NGO CSW Forum in New York.
- Participated in forums hosted by National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) in New York and Washington, USA.
- Attended the International Network of Liberal Women (INLW) General Meeting and the 70th Anniversary Congress of Liberal International (LI) in Andorra.
- Attended the Fourth Taiwan-Japan Strategic Dialogue organized by the Japan Institute of International Affairs in Tokyo.
- Attended the Ninth Annual Oslo Freedom Forum (OFF) in Norway.



- Participated in the 2017 Taiwan Studies Programme Roundtable at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom.
- Attended the 13th General Assembly of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Participated in the Rising Democracies Network meetings in Tokyo, Japan.
- Organized the “The Corrosion of Democracy Under China’s Global Influence” workshop in Washington, USA.
- Co-organized the East Asia Democracy Forum with Freedom House in New York, USA.
- Participated in the “21st Forum 2000 Conference” in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Participated in the “International Conference on China Democratization” in Potsdam, Germany.
- Participated in the 2017 Seoul Democracy Forum in Seoul, South Korea.
- Participated in the 2017 ASEAN Civil Society Conference in Manila, Philippines.

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1. On May 18, TFD Vice President Maysing Yang participated in the General Meeting of the International Network of Liberal Women (INLW) in Andorra.
2. Participants in the seminar on “Stability and Democracy in East Asia,” organized by the Taiwan Research Center at University of Ljubljana, Slovenia on February 28. From left to right: Professor Hermann Halbeisen, Professor Stéphane Corcuff, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu, Professor Kerry Brown, Dr. Mathieu Duchâtel, Professor Tun-jen Cheng, and Professor Saša Istenič.
3. On March 6, following the 2017 *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* (TJD) academic workshop held in Tunisia, the TFD delegation led by President Szu-chien Hsu visited Tunisia’s Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, meeting the center’s President, Dr. Radwan Masmoudi (fifth from right) and other members of the center.
4. On June 28, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu participated in the Executive Committee Meeting of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) in Edinburgh, Scotland.
5. The TFD co-organized the East Asia Democracy Forum in New York with Freedom House on September 18. Speakers included Professor Jerome A. Cohen, School of Law at New York University; Professor Andrew J. Nathan, Department of Political Science at Columbia University; Arch Puddington, Distinguished Fellow for Democracy Studies, Freedom House; and Russell Hsiao, Executive Director, Global Taiwan Institute.
6. On October 8-9, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu attended the “21st Forum 2000 Conference” as a representative of Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen.
7. On October 12, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu and TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen visited Amb. Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director of the European Endowment for Democracy in Brussels, Belgium.
8. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu posed for a group photo with the event organizers of “Keep Taiwan Free” in New York on September 18.
9. On November 13, following participation in the ASEAN Civil Society Conference in Manila, Philippines, the TFD delegation paid a visit to the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD), recipient of the 2016 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award.

The 2017 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award

The recipient of the 12th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award was the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (BERSIH 2.0) of Malaysia. BERSIH 2.0 Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah led a delegation to Taiwan to accept the award at the ceremony on December 10th, International Human Rights Day.

“We are trying to define democracy in Malaysia, to say that it is all right for you to speak up, it’s all right to not fear them. Because once we show fear, we back down, we compromise.

——Maria Chin Abdullah

Founded in Malaysia in 2006, BERSIH 2.0’s mission is to promote free and fair elections in Malaysia. It currently has 93 civil society groups and organizations in its network. Under the leadership of Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah, BERSIH 2.0 has become a major force calling for social change in Malaysia, as the coalition remains unaffiliated with any political party, avoids ideological disputes, advocates for ethnic integration, and insists on practicing the principle of non-violent assembly. While BERSIH 2.0 is well-known for its sea of bright yellow-clad protesters, rallies are not the only approach the coalition has taken in expanding civil political participation throughout Malaysia. They have also organized electoral observations, and formed Delineation Action and Research Teams (DART), and held seminars and courses on the basics of democracy, elections, and mass mobilization.

At the Award Ceremony, TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan stated that Taiwan has also experienced many adversities and hardships during its democratic transition. “We understand that the value of democracy can only be reflected through a fair electoral system. Presenting the 2017 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award to BERSIH 2.0 is an affirmation of their contributions in promoting clean elections. We hope that through this award, all countries will be encouraged to promote democratization and democratic reforms, including Taiwan. We must always remember the important responsibilities that the nation and the people have put on us,” he said.

“Democracy does not happen overnight. Democracy takes time. We are struggling. We are backsliding. But I still believe in the power of the people.

——Maria Chin Abdullah



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1. On December 10, TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan presented the 2017 ADHRA to Maria Chin Abdullah, Chairperson of the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (BERSIH 2.0) from Malaysia, at the award ceremony held at the Taipei Guest House.
2. The TFD held a press conference at the Legislative Yuan briefing room on November 15 to announce the recipient of the 2017 ADHRA.
3. On December 10, Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah delivered the ADHRA acceptance speech on behalf of BERSIH 2.0.
4. Following the ADHRA award ceremony, BERSIH 2.0 Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah exchanged views with Watchout's Director of Design and Technology, Mr. Chih-hao Yu.
5. BERSIH 2.0 Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah spoke at the forum following the ADHRA award ceremony.
6. At the ADHRA award ceremony, TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan met with (from right to left) BERSIH 2.0 Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah, Secretariat Manager Mandeep Singh, and Deputy Chairperson Shahrul Aman.

On December 10, the TFD held a forum following the 2017 ADHRA award ceremony, where BERSIH 2.0 Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah exchanged views with Taiwanese NGOs.



At a symposium following the award ceremony, Chairperson Maria Chin Abdullah shared her experiences with Taiwanese NGOs. Citizen Congress Watch (CCW) Chairperson Shioh-Duan Hawang also offered her views, saying that it is crucial to start anti-corruption education from a young age, as children can also be more persuasive in communicating information to older generations. Hawang also shared how CCW supervises Taiwan's legislators by broadcasting legislative sessions, making legislative documents accessible to the public, and issuing evaluation reports of legislators' performance. "I don't think the government will clean itself. It needs supervision. That's why we need to create a system of separation of powers," said Hawang.

Mr. Chih-hao Yu, head of design and technology for the NGO Watchout, responded by saying that "empowering the people is the ultimate solution, but it's the toughest solution." He added, "Practicing democracy in Taiwan is our lifeline. It's one of the factors that differentiate Taiwan from China, and it's one of the factors that get Taiwan international recognition and respect." Yu also emphasized the importance of democratic countries learning from each other.

The Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award has entered its 12th year. The award represents Taiwan's ultimate respect for the democratic spirit and its firm determination in the defense of human rights. Past recipients of the Award include Reporters Without Borders; Dr. Cynthia Maung, founder of the Mae Tao Clinic located on the Thai-Burmese border; Dr. Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission; Mr. Kim Seong-min, founder of Free North Korea Radio (FNKR); the Rescue Foundation (India); Boat People SOS (USA); ECPAT International (Thailand); the Karen Human Rights Group (Thailand); the Centre for Human Rights and Development (Sri Lanka); Ms. Sunita Danuwar, Nepalese women's rights activist; and the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (Philippines). Awarded individuals or organizations from all parts of Asia have become role models in the pursuit for democracy and human rights.

The East Asia Democracy Forum: Strengthening Democracy in Asia

Faced with the deterioration in the contemporary global democratic environment, the TFD responds to this phenomenon by deeply reflecting on how to maintain and strengthen Asian democratic systems and restore the people's confidence in democracy. Therefore, the 4th East Asian Democracy Forum (EADF) set "Strengthening Democracy in Asia" as its theme and focused on discussing ways to combat this trend of democratic recession, as well as how to safeguard democracy from the challenges at all levels.

The EADF was established in Taipei in 2014, and serves as a multi-functional space or platform for East Asian democrats. The 2015 EADF, held in Japan and co-organized with the Asia Economic and Cultural Exchange Promotion Association, focused on immigration policy, foreign migrants, multiculturalism, and indigenous people's issues, exploring the relationship between these issues and democratic development, regional security, and human rights protection. The 2016 EADF, in Ulaanbaatar, co-organized with the Mongolian Women's Fund, focused on the issues of political and social participation of East Asian women, youth initiatives and democracy movements, transparency and governance, and progresses and problems of democracy.

The 4th East Asia Democracy Forum was held at the GIS Convention Center, National Taiwan University. The Forum invited three Taiwanese NGOs--Taiwan Alliance in International Development (Taiwan AID), the Garden of Hope Foundation, and the Open Culture Foundation--to co-organize workshops on related issues such as digital security for human rights defenders, women's empowerment, and the creation and maintenance of a more enabling environment for civil society organizations (CSOs).

The Forum plenary sessions consisted of "lightning talk" presentations and round-table discussions. In her "lightning talk," Louisa Greve, Vice President for Asia, Middle East & North Africa, and Global Programs at the National Endowment for Democracy, expressed concerns about the contemporary trend of democratic recession, abuses in democratic systems, the suppression of civil society, and the problem of corruption. In particular, she singled out Russia and China, two countries that had adopted legislation in recent years to restrict the space for civil society groups, thus posing grave threats to the flow of information and individual civil rights.

For her talk, Taiwan Association for Human Rights Secretary-General Eeling Chiu raised the case of Lee Ming-che, a Taiwanese social activist who was imprisoned by the Chinese authorities for "endangering national security." The

case clearly demonstrates that individual rights are ubiquitously affected by the deterioration of human rights conditions in other countries, she said.

In his presentation, K. Scott Hubli, Director of Governance Programs at the National Democratic Institute (NDI), stated that the endless stream of fake news showed that democratic systems are slow to adapt to technological innovations. “In the present digital era, how do we save democracy?” he asked. We must recognize our own blind spots and weaknesses in processing false messages. Combating disinformation must be an international effort at the cross-national, infrastructure level. Moreover, training and raising people’s media literacy and sensitivity to the news is the basis for reshaping their understanding of the values of democratic institutions, Hubli added.

Josh Wang, the co-founder of Watchout, described the purpose for establishing Watchout as enabling the public to have better access to the correct information, bringing democratic institutions closer to the people, and lowering the threshold of people’s participation in real politics. To that end, Watchout had set up a website where official documents of the Legislative Yuan can be easily visualized, including charts and videos of Taiwanese lawmakers’ remarks. The website also publishes edited clips of the Legislative Yuan’s Q&A sessions, thus making politics interesting and the parliament more open and transparent.

Crystal Rosario, an expert on gender issues at the NDI, in her talk made the case that violence against women in politics is a serious obstacle to women’s overall political participation today. Violence against politically active women makes the sustainable development of democracy much more difficult. “Too many women were told that the violence they have experienced is the price of politics; but violence should never be the price of participating in politics,” she said. Therefore, the NDI launched the #NotTheCost initiative to call for an end to the violence against women in politics.

In her presentation, Erdenechimeg Badrakh, Executive Director of the Mongolian Women’s Fund, said that in Mongolia, like many other Asian countries, women’s participation in politics has still been hindered by overall discrimination issues. Moreover, many issues concerning women’s rights had often been shelved during parliamentary sessions.

Tetet Lauron, co-chair of CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) based in the Philippines, stated in her “lightning talk” that gender equality cannot be discussed in isolation; rather, it is an issue that should be included in the overall context of vast global inequality, especially among women and girls. The practice of gender equality means “breaking down systems or policies that prevent women, or anyone, from fighting for their rights, and replacing these systems or policies with ones where women can strive to speak for themselves and imagine the rights they may have in the future,” she said.



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- 1 Group photo of the 4th EADF hosted by the TFD in Taipei on May 23.
- 2 TFD President Szu-chien Hsu chairing a roundtable session at the 4th EADF.
- 3 The plenary venue of the 4th EADF.
- 4 George Mathew, Chairman of the Institute of Social Sciences, an Indian think tank, participated in the 4th EADF.
- 5 National Endowment for Democracy's Vice President Louisa Greve speaking on the strategic challenges facing democracy in the digital era at the 4th EADF.
- 6 TFD President Szu-chien Hsu delivered his address at the opening ceremony of the 4th EADF.

The 4th EADF included two round-table sessions, “Democracy and Human Rights in Asia” and “Consolidating the Community of Democracies,” in which the speakers and participants from various countries put forward many different perspectives on the subject of “strengthening democracy in Asia.” In addition to the numerous international speakers, the vitality and energy of Taiwan’s thriving civil society organizations toward the development of global democracy were fully demonstrated at the EADF. As TFD President Szu-chien Hsu said in his opening remarks, “The processes of democratization and democratic consolidation have not only stagnated at the global level, but the world is in fact undergoing a democratic recession. At this critical juncture, it is imperative for democracies to work closely together, especially at the civil society level, to prevent the backsliding of democracies.” Indeed, the 4th EADF has successfully discussed the pressing issue of worldwide democracy recession, as well as promoted close cooperation between civil society organizations at home and abroad.

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1. At the 4th EADF, National Democratic Institute’s Director of Governance Programs K. Scott Hubli stated that the problem of fake news has become increasingly rampant.
2. At the 4th EADF, Watchout’s Project Manager Josh Wang talked about how to increase parliamentary openness and lower the threshold for political engagement.
3. EADF Workshop I: “Ending Sexual/Gender-based Violence in Asia,” organized by the Garden of Hope Foundation.
4. EADF Workshop II: “An Enabling Environment for Civil Society Organizations in East Asia,” organized by Taiwan AID.



The second and third days of the 4th EADF were devoted to three workshops. The first, “Ending Sexual/Gender-based Violence in Asia,” was co-organized with the Garden of Hope Foundation. Workshop participants discussed the fact that while Taiwan has made progress in raising the social status of survivors of sexual assault, victims in most other countries in Asia are still deprived of a voice. This Workshop brought together experts on the issue of gender violence from all over Asia, some of whom themselves victims of assault, to share and exchange experiences on gender violence initiatives with representatives of non-governmental organizations from Asian countries, beginning with the experience of Taiwan.

The second workshop was “CSOs and the Enabling Environment in East Asia,” co-organized with Taiwan AID. The workshop brought together CSO partners from other East Asian countries to discuss how a more enabling environment can be created for civil society organizations amid the worldwide deterioration in freedom of association and expression. Some of the measures considered include providing more friendly regulations for the development of civil society organizations, making the information on foreign assistance more transparent, and establishing new partnerships.

Finally, the third workshop was “Digital Security for Human Rights Defenders,” co-organized with the Open Culture Foundation. The workshop discussed digital rights of human rights defenders and provided training on cyber security and media literacy, to enable regional human rights defenders to make better use of digital technology and improve their cyber security.

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Asia Young Leaders for Democracy

The fourth Asia Young Leaders for Democracy (AYLD) program was hosted by the TFD from July 31st to August 8th, 2017. Members of the 2017 AYLD hailed from the Philippines, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan, South Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Finland, of which the youngest democracy advocate was only 22 years-old.

The 2017 AYLD featured a strong line-up of speakers to speak about a diverse set of issues. Carl Gershman, President of the National Endowment for Democracy, spoke on the global democratic recession; Dr. Mohamed Daadaoui, Professor of Political Science at Oklahoma City University, considered ways to combat

extremism; Dr. Gary Rawnsley, Professor of Public Diplomacy at Aberystwyth University in the United Kingdom, lectured about the role of social media in promoting and undermining democracy; Mary Aileen Diez-Bacalso, Secretary-General of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances, addressed the issue of enforced disappearance; Jay Lin, founder of Taiwan International Queer Film Festival, spoke on the legalization of gay marriage; Attorney Shifang Lin, Director of the Awakening Foundation, discussed women's political participation in Taiwan; and Jason Chih-hsin Liu, an independent Taiwanese journalist, examined the problem of "fake news."

At the conclusion of the program, all 20 participants drafted and issued a joint declaration vowing to take action to combat the tide of democratic recession. In the declaration, these young activists agreed to uphold the principles of combating authoritarianism and alternative models of democracy; fighting disinformation; rejecting discrimination against minority groups, the LGBTQIA community, and migrants; supporting equal and effective political participation for all groups; ensuring free and fair elections; and solving the problem of uneven societal development.

To realize these democratic principles and ideals, AYLD participants came up with three concrete action plans to strengthen greater regional cooperation and the exchange of ideas. The first involves creating a community page on Facebook to facilitate wider dissemination of relevant information, a place where democracy- and/or human rights-related articles can be quickly shared and translated into different Asian languages by community members. The second plan is holding regular regional workshops to pass on the necessary knowledge and skills to young human rights defenders, with a main focus on cyber security, utilization of social media, and legal training. The third plan seeks to improve young people's skills to combat "fake news" and disinformation through a series of media and information literacy workshops.

At the program's end, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu congratulated the participants and underscored the idea that they have a responsibility to wisely use this democracy network, saying, "We organized this workshop to be yours, not ours. It is for you to make the best of it. No matter what you do in the future, we'll be very proud of it as long as it serves the purpose of promoting and protecting democracy and human rights."



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1. On August 8, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu (front row, first from the right) and TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen (front row, second from the right) with the participants of the 2017 AYLD announcing their joint declaration at the closing of the program.
2. Carl Gershman, President of the National Endowment of Democracy, analyzed the global democratic recession at the 2017 AYLD.
3. Mary Aileen Diez-Bacalso, Secretary-General of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD), discussed the issue of enforced disappearances at the 2017 AYLD.
4. Opening of the 2017 AYLD, with Joseph Wu, Secretary-General, Office of the President; TFD President Szu-chien Hsu; TFD Senior Research Fellow Michael Y. M. Kau; TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen; and TFD Vice President Yeh-chung Lu.
5. Participants of the 2017 AYLD visited the Jing-mei Human Rights Memorial and Cultural Park.
6. Participants of the 2017 AYLD visited the Department of Youth Affairs in Taoyuan City.

The Community of Democracies Youth Forum: Strengthening Youth Participation in Democracies Worldwide

Established in 2000, the Community of Democracies (CD) is an important dialogue platform for democratic countries around the globe to promote democratic values, norms, and institutions. The TFD is one of the 25 organizational members of the International Steering Committee of the CD's Civil Society Pillar.

In view of the chronic underrepresentation of youth among parliamentarians and other political leadership positions, which fosters a sense of exclusion and marginalization among youth around the world, the TFD and the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies (PSCD) co-hosted the Community of Democracies Youth Forum in April 2017.

The 2017 CD Youth Forum brought together 28 young participants from 20 countries from all continents, selected based on the excellent leadership skills they demonstrated in their work in social movements, NGOs, civil society organizations, and human rights and democracy advocacy organizations. At the Forum, all participants agreed to make concerted efforts to promote the establishment of a permanent youth affairs pillar within the CD. Additionally, participants also called on all governments in the CD to take positive action on issues of civic education and youth empowerment, including paying more attention to structural factors such as socio-economic status and gender balance, and removing structural barriers faced by young people when they participate in public affairs.

The conference opened with a keynote speech by Dr. Matyas Eörsi, Senior Advisor to the Secretary General and Head of Administration, Finance and Human Resources at PSCD, in which he highlighted the current challenges to democracy globally, as well as opportunities for further action. Ms. Raeesah Cachalia, from the Institute for Security Studies in South Africa, and Dr. Kar Yen Leong, Assistant Professor in the Department of Global Politics and Economics at Tamkang University, then followed to address the specific challenges faced by democracies from the perspectives of security and economics, respectively.

On the Forum's second day, participants joined workshops led by Dr. Shaina Wang, from the Taipei City Mayor's Office, and Ms. Poyu Tseng, chairperson of the Hsin-Tien Stay Association, on the topics of effective youth participation and global youth solidarity. On the third day, Ms. Milka Zagloba, legal counsel to the PSCD, led a workshop on the techniques of persuasion and negotiation. The participants' opinions were further discussed to generate a specific set of recommendations for submission to the CD governments.

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1. From April 19 to April 22, the TFD and the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies (PSCD) co-hosted the 2017 CD Youth Forum in Taipei.
2. Ms. Milka Zagloba, Legal Counsel to the PSCD, led a workshop on the topic of persuasion and negotiation techniques.
3. Ms. Poyu Tseng of the Hsin-Tien Stay Association led a workshop on the topic of global youth solidarity.
4. Dr. Shaina Wang (second from the left) of the Taipei City Mayor's Office led a workshop on the topic of effective youth participation.
5. On September 12, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu attended the 2017 Civil Society Assembly of the Community of Democracies in Washington, DC.
6. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu and TFD Senior Research Fellow Michael Y. M. Kau participated in the CD's Ninth Ministerial meeting in Washington, DC.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu said, “During the forum, we saw how all the participants demonstrated their firm commitment to democracy as well as their excellent coordination and collaboration skills. Therefore, I am fairly confident that the outcome of this forum has laid a solid foundation for the future establishment of a Youth Pillar within the CD.”

In September 2017, President Hsu traveled to Washington, DC to attend the Civil Society Assembly of the CD, where he submitted the concrete recommendations produced by the Youth Forum in Taipei. He also proposed that the CD formulate specific strategic goals, including strengthening the cooperation among democratic countries to counter the damage that the authoritarian alliance inflicts on democratic institutions, and that a cross-national mechanism should be established so that individual countries--when facing an authoritarian threat at home or abroad--can share experiences, strategies, and information.



Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Lifting of Martial Law in Taiwan

1. TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan delivering opening remarks at the lecture co-hosted by the TFD and Academia Sinica, "Democracy Reassessed: A Twenty-First Century Project under Pressure," on November 20.
2. Together with Academia Sinica, the TFD invited Professor Laurence Whitehead, Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University, to deliver a lecture "Democracy Reassessed: A Twenty-First Century Project under Pressure."
3. At the "Democracy Reassessed: A Twenty-First Century Project under Pressure," lecture, pictured (from left to right) are Professor Tun-jen Cheng from College of William & Mary, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu, TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan, Professor Laurence Whitehead, Academia Sinica Distinguished Research Fellow Yu-shan Wu, and Academia Sinica Associate Research Fellow Chin-en Wu.
4. Participants in the conference "Democratic Persistence: A Concept and a Phenomenon."
5. TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen presented the chapter on Taiwan at the "Democratic Persistence: A Concept and a Phenomenon" workshop.
6. Dr. Sook-jong Lee presented the chapter on South Korea at the "Democratic Persistence: A Concept and a Phenomenon" workshop.



· Professor Viengrat Nethipo presented the chapter on Thailand at the "Democratic Persistence: A Concept and a Phenomenon" workshop.

The year 2017 marked the 30th anniversary of the end of martial law in Taiwan. In other words, Taiwan has been developing its democracy for over 30 years. The fact that this process had been relatively peaceful makes this date all the more commendable. Hence, the TFD organized a series of activities to commemorate this anniversary, including the "Democratic Persistence: a Concept and a Phenomenon" project, a special lecture on "Democracy Reassessed: A Twenty-First Century Project under Pressure," and various grants to support related activities at home and abroad.

As TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan observed, at the time, Taiwan had the longest period of martial law in the world. "Nevertheless, since the 1960s there were many democratic pioneers in Taiwan who bravely fought for democratic freedom and the end of authoritarianism. Under the pressure of international opinion and local democracy movements, on July 15, 1987 the government finally lifted 38 years of martial law and opened the doors to democratization," he added.

History and memory should not be forgotten, and we must cherish our present democracy and freedom. Thus in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the lifting of the martial law in Taiwan, the TFD collaborated with Academia Sinica to co-host a public lecture by internationally renowned scholar of comparative politics Professor Laurence Whitehead, Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University, titled "Democracy Reassessed: A Twenty-First Century Project under Pressure" on November 20. In his speech, Professor Whitehead said that developments in Taiwan's democracy over the past 30 years are providing standards and examples that are positive and encouraging for the international community. Many older democracies are currently facing the challenge of democratic recession. Therefore, we must be more aggressive to promote democracy, not merely relying on the construction of a consent foundation from within. If Taiwan continues to maintain high standards of democracy, it could go on to provide leadership and expertise for other democracies in the long run, he said.

Also commemorating the 30th anniversary of the end of martial law was the "Democratic Persistence: a Concept and a Phenomenon" project, co-led by TFD President Szu-chien Hsu and the Editor of *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, Professor T. J. Cheng. The project convened scholars in relevant fields to conduct research on the development and persistence of democracy in East Asian countries such as Taiwan, Mongolia, South Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and

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Myanmar. The results of the research and workshop will be published as a edited volume in the near future.

In addition, the TFD also funded NGOs to organize related activities. For example, the “End of Martial Law at 30” Conference and Study Camp Activity Series, executed by Wu San-lien Historical Foundation, allowed participants to understand from different angles the damages caused by the martial law regime in Taiwan on politics, society, culture, and the arts, as well as the pluralistic developments of Taiwan’s society after the lifting of martial law.

In addition, the TFD also funded the “Martial Law Memorabilia” Acquisition Program executed by the Taiwan Association for Truth and Reconciliation, to collect physical objects, organize workshops, and accumulate collective memories of the martial law era.



China Human Rights Program

China Human Rights Report

Since 2004, the TFD has continuously published the *China Human Rights Report* each year. Relying primarily on publicly available information, the reports use the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) as the observation criteria. The TFD believes that objectively offering a long-term, balanced account of the human rights situation in China may have a positive influence on the development of China's human rights in the future.

The *China Human Rights Report 2017* was divided into eight sections: social rights, political rights, judicial rights, economic and environmental human rights, religious and ethnic minority rights, the rights of Taiwanese businesspeople in Mainland China, gender rights, and general observations. Project scholars collected and indexed significant news events, policies, or laws/decrees coming out of China, and compiled them into weekly journals and monthly reports. These journals and reports plus additional related information then formed the basis for observation and assessment of human rights progress in China over the entire year. The final report consisted of individual chapters for each respective section by leading experts in these fields of specialization, as well as an overall summary report.

In addition, the TFD collaborated with the Taiwanese Political Science Association in holding the “China Human Rights Research Panel” at the International Conference on “Democratic Growth and Democratic Deficit: 30th Anniversary Reflections on the End of Martial Law in Taiwan.” At the event, the chapter authors of the 2017 *Report* presented their findings.

“Encountering Liu Xiaobo in Taiwan”

In 2017, Dr. Liu Xiaobo, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and Chinese human rights activist, passed away. Therefore, the TFD and other Taiwanese NGOs concerned with the human rights situation in China co-organized a commemorative event, “Encountering Liu Xiaobo in Taiwan.”

Liu Xiaobo was a victim of China's deteriorating human rights environment, but his death was certainly not an isolated incident. In China, there are still many individuals who have their personal rights and freedoms violated because they defended the rights of others, held different opinions from that of government, or simply stood up to fight for their own rights. This event echoed the National Endowment for Democracy's call to remember the sacrifices and contributions of Liu and many other Chinese rights activists like him, and to intensify Taiwanese

civil society's solidarity with human rights activists in China and around Asia.

"Encountering Liu Xiaobo in Taiwan" was an event to highlight the fact that Liu's democratic spirit is still everywhere. Through speeches, music, dance, poetry recitation, and other means of expression, representatives from non-governmental organizations, academia, the arts and culture community, political parties, and youth groups came together to demonstrate Taiwan's solidarity with democracy and human rights activists in Asia. The event also invited the public to make use of the "Liu Xiaobo card" designed by the TFD to use their creativity to imagine the places and the things that a free Liu Xiaobo would want to go and do.

Overseas NGO Law Forum

In response to the implementation of the *Law of the People's Republic of China on Administration of Activities of Overseas Nongovernmental Organizations in the Mainland of China* ("Overseas NGO Law") in 2017, the TFD organized a forum in which government officials as well as representatives from domestic NGOs active in cross-strait exchanges and work discussed the "Overseas NGO Law" and its impact on Taiwan's civil society. This forum strengthened the role of the TFD as a bridge between domestic NGOs and government agencies on this subject.

Related Grant Projects

Finally, in addition to the TFD's own activities, grant support was provided to many domestic and foreign academic institutions, think tanks, and NGOs in the area of human rights in China during 2017, including:

1. Taiwan Labor Front, for organizing the "Labor@China.tw" Lecture Series. By holding book club events and lectures, the project exposed the worsening labor conditions in China by understanding shifts in China's social structure. The project produced the "Labor@China.tw" brochure, an introductory guide to the state of China's labor rights.
2. Taiwan Environmental Information Association, for organizing the "China's Green Activists Exchange Program--Putting and Fitting Together Different Aspects of Cross-strait Environmental Human Rights." Two cross-strait public forums were held under the themes of "Protecting the Habitat" and "Land Justice," in which Chinese environmental activists were invited to speak on the issues and experiences with advocacy of the environmental movement in China. The forums also served to promote experience exchanges among cross-straits environmental activists.
3. Center for Modern China Foundation (USA), for publishing two special issues in *Modern China Studies*: 1) the "China as a Potential Superpower" issue, which explores the challenges that China will bring to Asia and rest



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of the world after its rise, and 2) the “Corruption And Anticorruption Campaigns In China” issue, which discusses from an academic perspective the effectiveness and consequences of anti-corruption campaigns after Xi Jinping took office.

4. China Transform Study Institute, (Australia), for organizing the Democratic Transformation and National Memory--A Conference on Forward-looking Democratic Transformation and Restoration of Historical Truth.” This conference focused on issues such as the U.S. political situation in 2017, developments in the South China Sea, changes in Sino-U.S. relations or cross-strait relations, political changes in the Asia-Pacific region, and the impact of democracy and human rights protection movements in China.
5. Initiatives for China (USA), for organizing the 12th Interethnic/Interfaith Leadership Conference, which was held in Tokyo, Japan, bringing together delegates from the Tibetan, Uyghur, Mongolian, Taiwanese, Hong Kong, and Chinese communities. In addition to panels that reported on the present status of various ethnic, religious, and regional issues, and workshops that taught non-violence methods, the conference also highlighted the “Global Magnitsky Act,” which aims to put not only China, but also other Asian countries such as Myanmar, North Korea, Singapore, and Vietnam, under scrutiny in democratic countries.

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2. The TFD held a commemorative event, “Encountering Liu Xiaobo in Taiwan,” at the Tsai Jui-yueh Dance Research Institute on September 7th.
3. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu laid roses in front of an empty chair in honor of Liu Xiaobo at the commemorative event, “Encountering Liu Xiaobo in Taiwan.”
4. The TFD created Liu Xiaobo and Liu Xia cards to encourage the public to express their concern on social media.
5. At the Overseas NGO Law forum organized by the TFD on January 24, Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation Executive Director Rebecca King-ying Wang spoke about her organization’s work in China.
6. The TFD provided a grant to the Taiwan Labor Front to support the “Labor@China.tw” Lecture Series, moderated by Taiwan Labor and Social Policy Research Association Executive Director Feng-yi Chang.
7. The TFD provided a grant to the Taiwan Labor Front to support the “Labor@China.tw” Lecture Series. Pictured is Ms. Yu-chi Tseng, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, speaking on “Land Development and Labor in the Transformation of the World’s Factory--Observations from Shenzhen.”
8. The TFD provided a grant to the Taiwan Environmental Information Association to support the “China’s Green Activists Exchange Program--Assembling the Picture of Cross-strait Environmental Human Rights.” Pictured is Mr. Jui-kwang Chao, a researcher with the Tainan Community College Environmental Club, presenting how Taiwan’s land and water have been discolored due to pollution.
9. TFD Vice President Maysing Yang was invited to attend and give opening remarks at the 12th Interethnic/Interfaith Leadership Conference, organized by Initiatives for China/Citizen Power (a U.S.-based NGO) on November 14-17.

Publications

Taiwan Democracy Quarterly

The *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* is one of the leading domestic journals in the field of political science, whose purpose is to explore theories of democracy and human rights as well as issues related to Taiwan's democratic politics. Founded in 2004, the *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* has been included by the National Science Council in the list of journals that comprise the Taiwan Social Sciences Citation Index (TSSCI) since 2008. In 2017, the *Quarterly* was again rated as a core journal by the Ministry of Science and Technology's "Taiwan Humanities and Social Sciences Journal Evaluation and Core Journals Inclusion" Program. In 2017, the four issues of Volume 14 were published.

Taiwan Journal of Democracy

The *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* is the TFD's main English-language academic publication, and it plays an important role in fostering exchanges between the TFD and other international scholars and academic institutions dedicated to the study of democratic politics and associated fields. The TFD has specially appointed Dr. T. J. Cheng, Professor in the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary, to serve as the journal's Editor-in-Chief. Under the auspices of the *Journal*, the TFD also organizes international conferences on different scholarly topics relevant to the Foundation's mission. In 2017, the two issues of Volume 13 were published.

Publication of *China Human Rights Report 2016* in both Chinese and English versions

Since 2004, the TFD has carried out a research project reviewing the development of human rights in China. The results of each year's research are published as the *China Human Rights Report* in the following year. The *China Human Rights Report 2016* divided its discussion of human rights in China across six major areas—society, politics, judiciary, economy and environment, education and culture, and Taiwanese businesspeople in Mainland China. Integrating the results across the six areas, the 2016 *Report* reached the conclusion that human rights protection in China has entered an era of retrogression and contraction, especially in the areas of civil and political rights. The 2016 *Report* added a general observation chapter entitled "Dialogue and Confrontation between China and the West on the Issue of Human Rights."



- Vol. 14, No. 1 of *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly*
- Vol. 13, No. 1 of *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*
- Chinese edition of the *China Human Rights Report 2016*

Visiting Fellows

To promote research on global democracy and human rights and increase our understanding of democratic development theory and practice, the TFD has established a visiting fellows program to support scholars and experts in the field of democracy studies to travel to and reside in Taiwan for a period of time to carry out research projects related to Taiwan's democracy and human rights. The TFD divides visiting fellowships into four categories: International Visiting Fellowships, Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellowships, Postdoctoral Fellowships, and Dissertation Fellowships. Below is the list of 2017 fellows.



- Dr. Rumi Aoyama, TFD's International Visiting Fellow, presented her findings on September 15 at the Social Science Information Center, National Chengchi University.



- Dr. Thomas B. Gold, TFD's International Visiting Fellow, presented his findings on June 2 at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica.

International Visiting Fellowships

· Rumi Aoyama, Japan (April to September)

China's Economic Engagement Strategy: Taiwan's Perspective and Democratic Response

Dr. Rumi Aoyama is a Professor at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University. Her research examined the development of China's foreign policy and examines its impact on Taiwan and other countries in the region.

· Thomas B. Gold, USA (May)

Remaking Taiwan: Society and the State since the End of Martial Law

A leading scholar in the field of China studies, Professor Thomas B. Gold currently teaches in the Department of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley. His research analyzed Taiwan's democratic system under the KMT regime and the subsequent democratization process in the context of Pierre Bourdieu's "theory of capital" and sociologist Neil Fligstein's sociological theory of markets.



- Ms. Blaine Johnson, TFD's International Visiting Fellow, presented her findings on September 1 at the TFD.

· **Blaine Frances Johnson, USA (July to August)**

Taiwan's Engagement With its Neighbors: Lessons for Washington

Ms. Blaine Frances Johnson is presently a China and Asia Policy Analyst at the Center for American Progress. Focusing on the Tsai Administration's "New Southbound Policy," her research examined the policy's objectives in expanding business investments and trade opportunities, as well as enlarging the network of diplomatic ties. Ms. Johnson's study made recommendations on how Taiwanese entrepreneurs can contribute to the social development of New Southbound Policy countries through investment and management opportunities, and also analyzed how Washington's current Southeast Asia policy can learn from Taiwan's engagement with the region.



- Ms. Ellen Bork, TFD's International Visiting Fellow, presented her findings on September 28 at the TFD.

· **Ellen Bork, USA (September)**

Beyond Imagination: Taiwan's Identity and Its Consequences for the United States

Ms. Ellen Bork has previously worked in Freedom House and other think tanks in Washington, DC. Many of her articles on U.S. foreign policy and human rights development had been published in well-known newspapers such as the *Washington Post* and the *Wall Street Journal*. Her research in Taiwan showed that Taiwan's experiences in democratic transformation and Taiwanese identity were extremely critical for the development of democracy in the island.

· **Zlatko Šabič, Slovenia (October to December)**

Taiwan and Parliamentary Diplomacy

Dr. Zlatko Šabič is a social science researcher at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. His research in Taiwan investigated the accomplishments and influence of Taiwan lawmakers' work in parliamentary diplomacy. At the same time, he reaffirmed Taiwan's recent policy turn toward the promotion of parliamentary diplomacy and the expansion of Taiwan's visibility on the international stage.



- Dr. Zlatko Šabič, TFD's International Visiting Fellow, presented his findings on December 20 at the Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University.



- Mr. Brian Hioe, TFD's Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow, presented his findings on December 22 at the TFD.



- Mr. Bei Ling, TFD's Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow, presented his findings on June 23 at National Chengchi University.



- Ms. Nive Yong, TFD's Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow, presented her findings on December 25 at the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University.

Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellowships

• Brian Hioe, USA (January to December)

Democracy in Action among Taiwanese Youth Today: Oral Histories of the Sunflower Movement

Brian Hioe has a MA in East Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University. He is currently the editor of *New Bloom*, an online magazine. Using the Sunflower Movement as a case study, he conducted interviews with several participants of the Sunflower Movement and established a website to document Taiwan youth's participation in politics and how the student movement had impacted Taiwan's democratic process.

• Bei Ling, USA (February to June)

Under the Shadow of China: A Comparative Study of the Freedom of the Press and the Publication in Hong Kong and Taiwan of Books Banned by the Chinese Government

Bei Ling is a writer in exile, literary editor, and publisher. He is also a human rights activist who defends the freedom of speech and the freedom of publication. On the basis of the Hong Kong Causeway Bay Books Incident, in which staff members of the bookstore were abducted in 2015, and using case studies, interviews, and questionnaires, he performed a comparative analysis of a) the possible political intervention in the publication and distribution of Chinese books in Hong Kong and Taiwan--which enjoy legal protection for the freedom of publication; b) political and business concerns about censorship, and c) the phenomenon of self-censorship.

• Nive Yong, Malaysia (September to December)

The Assessment of the Southbound Policy: From the View of Taiwan

Ms. Nive Yong has extensive experience in social movements. She is currently working for an NGO and pursuing her Ph.D. at the Asia-Europe Institute of the University of Malaya. Through her interviews with representatives from government, business, academia, and civil society organizations, her research explored how Taiwan's New Southbound Policy has shaped the humanitarian values and social justice of Taiwan's democratic society, and suggested ways that Taiwan can make best use of its new immigrants from Southeast Asia to deepen its exchanges with Southeast Asian countries.



- Dr. Marta Kosmala-Kozłowska, TFD's Postdoctoral Visiting Fellow, presented her findings on September 6 at the TFD.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

• Marta Kosmala-Kozłowska, Poland (July to September)

Taiwanese Democracy and the Rule of Law in Comparative Perspective

Dr. Marta Kosmala-Kozłowska is currently employed at the Institute of Middle and Far Eastern Studies of the Jagiellonian University, Poland. Through a case study of civil disobedience between Taiwan and other countries, her research in Taiwan explored the conceptual differences between the rule of law and governance according to law (or law-based governance), explaining further the importance of the freedom of assembly in the democratic rule of law.

Dissertation Fellowships

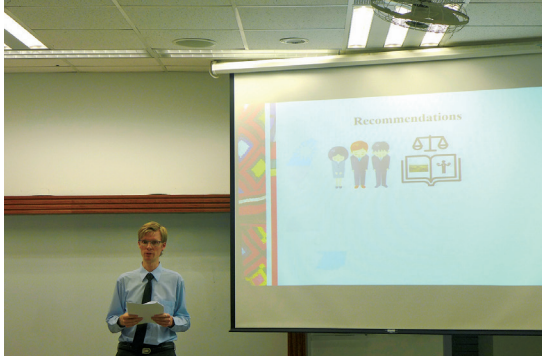
• Anna Matevosyan, Armenia (January to February)

Understanding Local Environmental Governance: The Case of Wildlife Refuges in Taiwan

Ms. Anna Matevosyan is a Ph.D. candidate in the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Auckland. Her research in Taiwan focused on the evolution and present policy status of Taiwan's natural resource governance system, a case study under the framework of global sustainable development.



- Ms. Anna Matevosyan, TFD's Dissertation Fellow, presented her findings on February 22 at National Taiwan University's School of Forestry and Resources Conservation.



- Mr. Jeroen van Bekhoven, TFD's Dissertation Fellow, presented his findings on November 27 at National Taiwan University College of Law.

· **Jeroen van Bekhoven, Netherlands (August to November)**

Unraveling the Double Oppression of Indigenous Societies in Taiwan and Paraguay: The Rights to Land and Self-Government of Indigenous Peoples

Mr. Jeroen van Bekhoven is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the College of Law, National Taiwan University. His research compared the experiences of Taiwan and Paraguay's indigenous peoples, using legal opinions to interpret the experiences of indigenous peoples suffering persecution for a second time in their struggle to obtain the right to self-government in the process of transitional justice.



- Mr. Robin Verrall, TFD's Dissertation Fellow, presented his findings on November 30 at Academia Sinica.

· **Robin Verrall, Canada (September to November)**

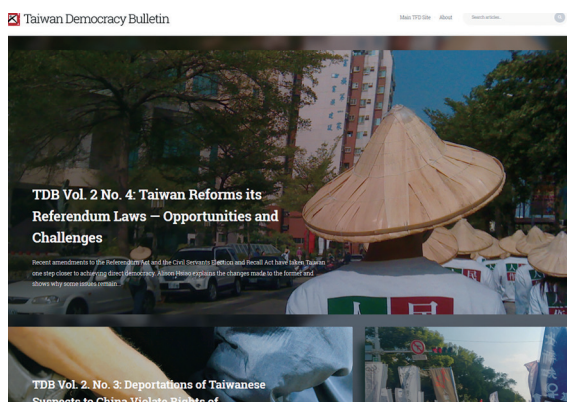
Taiwanese National Identity in the Sunflower Movement: Verbal and Visual Dimensions of Nationalism from Below

Mr. Robin Verrall is presently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at York University, Canada. His research in Taiwan focused on the visualization and textual presentation of the Sunflower Movement (including posters, photographs, brochures, etc.), and explored the transformation of Taiwan's new generation toward the notions of national identity.

Launch of the *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin*



- On February 23, at the public launch of the *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin*, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu gave welcoming remarks.



- The website of *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin*, a new TFD publication.

To fortify our links with domestic and foreign democratic institutions and strengthen partnerships, the TFD established the *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin* in 2017, and hired Mr. J. Michael Cole, senior media writer and Research Fellow of China Policy Institute at University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, as the editor-in-chief.

The *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin* regularly invites renowned international columnists who are familiar with the political situation and social development in Taiwan to write on the progress of democracy and human rights on the island, including issues related to land, the environment, and labor. This would allow readers at home and abroad to have a deeper understanding of the evolution of important political and social issues in Taiwan.

Since the Sunflower Movement in 2014, the international community has long neglected a critical factor affecting cross-strait relations and the strategic balance in the Taiwan region: Taiwan's robust and dynamic democracy. The consolidation and persistence of democracy in Taiwan not only depends on regular elections but also needs to be rooted on social movements that remain active, as well as lively competition of different interests from civil society organizations.

Under the pressure of a diverse, plural society, the current DPP government is also striving to promote various public policy reforms that respond to societal needs. New issues are publicly debated in Taiwan each day. Fierce competition among various social forces and ideologies are also appearing in every aspect of the public domain.

In this context, the publication of *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin* is the outcome of the TFD's efforts to meet the needs of the international community. The Bulletin lets the international community quickly grasp and comprehend the subtle complexities and rapid-change dynamics inherent in Taiwan's democratic process and practice.

We hope that *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin* opens a window to the world, in which readers can become more interested in the inspirational stories that come out of Taiwan. At the same time, we look forward to the feedback and suggestions from our readers.

In addition to launching the *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin*, in 2017 the TFD has actively expanded its presence on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube, to connect with the wider global democratic network. Members of the public are thus invited to follow the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy on Facebook, Youtube, and Twitter (hashtag #TFD).

Research Program

Promoting Taiwan's Experiences with Participatory Budgeting

An important research theme for the Foundation during 2017 was participatory budgeting. To that end, the TFD invited various participatory budgeting experts and scholars from Europe and the United States to Taiwan to share their implementation and research experiences in promoting participatory budgeting in various countries. The TFD co-organized the international conference “Participatory Budgeting in Taiwan: A Dialogue from Within and Without” with the Department of Public Administration of National Chengchi University. At this conference, Taiwan’s experiences of implementing and promoting participatory budgeting at the local level were presented to an international audience for the first time, including the Disability Employment Promotion Program in New Taipei City, the electricity conservation project in Ludi Community College, proposal development and decision-making experiences of participatory budgeting in Taichung City, the “Public School-Small Living Room” space activation project for the dormitories of Xindian Elementary School, Taipei public housing distribution, and Chiayi community proposals.

Furthermore, the TFD implemented the "Participatory Budgeting and NGO Youth Study Tour" in the second half of the year. This project provided a case study of participatory budgeting in Taiwan and offered an in-depth discussion of the experiences of youth NGOs in implementing participatory budgeting. The results were published in the *Taiwan Democracy Bulletin*, thus sharing with the international community the experiences of Taiwanese NGOs and their efforts in deepening Taiwan’s democratic development.

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1. The TFD held the international conference “Participatory Budgeting in Taiwan: A Dialogue from Within and Without.”
2. Chicago Alderman Joe Moore spoke about Chicago’s experience at the “Participatory Budgeting in Taiwan: A Dialogue from Within and Without” conference.
3. Participants of the “Participatory Budgeting in Taiwan: A Dialogue from Within and Without” conference visited the DRF Goodot Village to learn about the Taichung City Government’s practical experiences in promoting participatory budgeting.



The “2017 Social Equity and Justice in Taiwan” Public Opinion Research Project

The TFD regularly commissions professional public opinion research companies to carry out surveys to explore Taiwanese public’s attitudes and levels of satisfaction toward democratic governance, government performance, and social equity and justice. Based on the principle of transparency, the TFD makes all the resulting survey data freely available to researchers in any field.

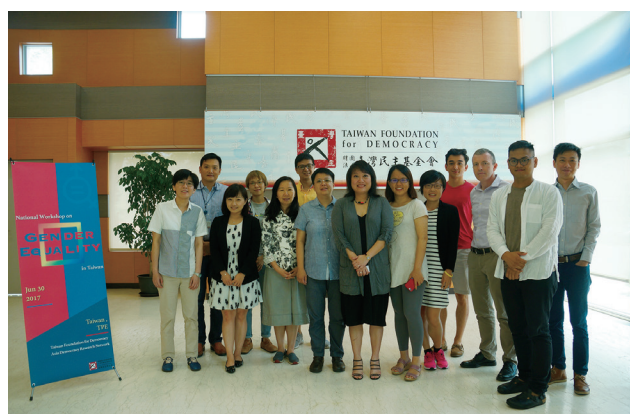
The “2017 Social Equity and Justice in Taiwan” public opinion research program conducted telephone interviews of Taiwanese adults (excluding the residents of Kinmen and Matsu islands) over the age of 20, and a total of 1,067 effective samples were obtained. The TFD invited scholars and experts to utilize this data for research and thesis writing, and they presented their results in the “Democratic Participation and Social Equity and Justice” Panel at the Annual Conference of the Taiwanese Political Science Association.

The “Taiwan Gender Equality” Research Project

Having joined the Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN) in 2017, the TFD implemented the “Taiwan Gender Equality” Research Project as part of an ADRN initiative. The project examined Taiwan’s progress in achieving the indicators of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) on gender equality. The TFD’s report, “Gender Equality in Asia: The Case of Taiwan,” was presented at an ADRN meeting in which Taiwan’s achievements were compared with Thailand, the Philippines, Pakistan, and other Asian countries.

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1. The TFD organized the “Democratic Participation and Social Equity and Justice” Panel at the Annual Conference of the Taiwanese Political Science Association on November 12, inviting scholars and experts to present their research papers that utilized data from two surveys: “2016 Democratic Participation in Taiwan” and “2017 Social Equity and Justice in Taiwan.”
2. The TFD organized a National Workshop on Gender Equality in Taiwan on June 30.



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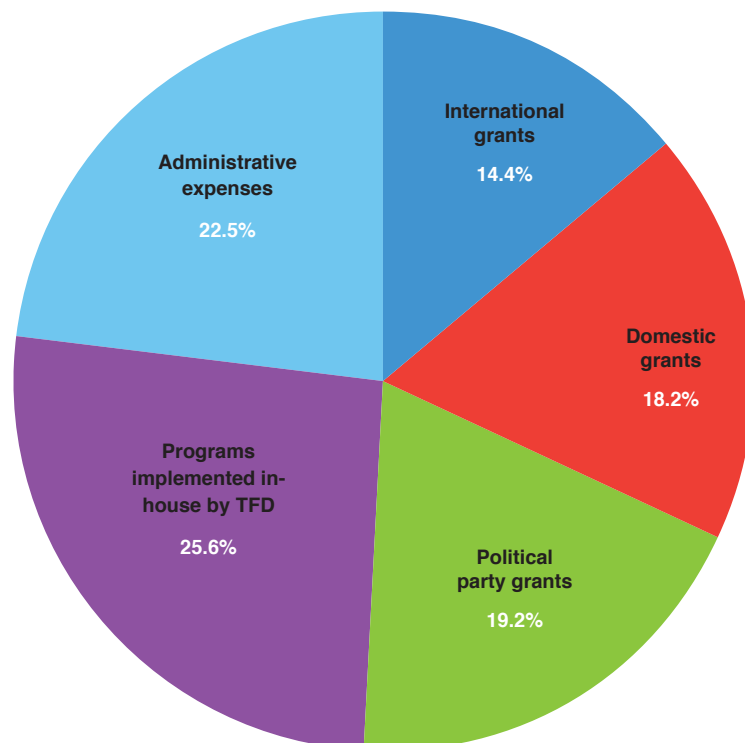
One fifth of the Foundation's budget is reserved for Taiwan's political parties, whereby they can apply to support their own international and local projects related to democracy and human rights. The remaining budget is used for the Foundation's other core activities. In 2017, the TFD's total expenditure was NT\$136,816,202. Please refer to Appendix 3 for detailed financial statements.

Expenses for each type of activities in 2017 were the following:

- International grants: \$19,267,661
- Domestic grants: \$23,335,707
- Political party grants: \$25,656,745
- Programs implemented in-house by TFD: \$34,086,078
- Administrative expenses: \$30,058,912

(Unit: New Taiwan Dollars)

Overview of the TFD's Expenditures in 2017



Appendix 1

International Grants in 2017

Item Number	Name of Program	Grantee	Country
1	Understanding Local Environmental Governance: The Case of Wildlife Refuges in Taiwan	Anna Matevosyan	Armenia
2	The 10th International Conference of the International Society for Health and Human Rights: "Mental Health, Mass People Displacement, and Ethnic Minorities"	International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR)	Australia
3	Translation of Two Important English-language Books on Taiwan's Democracy into Chinese	Monash University	Australia
4	Conference on Forward-looking Democratic Transformation and Restoration of Historical Truth	China Transform Study Institute	Australia*
5	Sixth China Democracy Forum	China Democracy Forum	Australia*
6	Editors Meeting for <i>Vienna Taiwan Studies Series</i>	Vienna Center for Taiwan Studies	Austria
7	Protecting the Human Rights of Bangladeshi Domestic Female Workers Working in the Gulf Countries	Daffodil International University	Bangladesh
8	Protecting the Rights of Indigenous People	Bangladesh Centre for Human Rights and Development (BCHRD)	Bangladesh
9	Democratic Rights Education for Rural Women and Young Girls	Prova Society	Bangladesh
10	Youth Power Project (Second Phase)	Human Rights & Democratic Development Centre (HRDC)	Bangladesh
11	Taiwanese National Identity in the Sunflower Movement: Verbal and Visual Dimensions of Nationalism from Below	Robin Verrall	Canada
12	The Roles of Public Diplomacy and Civil Society in Foreign Policy	Taiwan Corner	Denmark
13	The Fourth China Road International Research Conference and the 2017 International Symposium	China Road International Research Association	Denmark*
14	ERCCT Visiting Fellow Programme 2016-2017	European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan - A CCK Foundation Overseas Center (CCKF-ERCCT)	Germany
15	Potsdam International Conference on the Current Situation and Democratic Future of China	Forum for a Democratic China and Asia	Germany*
16	2017 European Mongolia-Uyghur-Tibet-China Conference in Hamburg	German Chapter of the Federation for a Democratic China	Germany*
17	2017 Strait Talk Hong Kong Symposium and Lecture Series	Strait Talk Hong Kong	Hong Kong
18	Deliberation Plan to Promote the Participation of Civil Society in China's Universal Periodic Review	Chinese Aizhixing Limited	Hong Kong*
19	Hong Kong and Macao Youth Capacity Building for Public Participation	New School for Democracy	Hong Kong*
20	<i>Contact Magazine</i> : Supporting a Free Press for Tibetans in Exile	Lha Charitable Trust (Institute for Social Work and Education)	India

21	Enhancing Local Capacities of Peace to Address the Culture of Mob Justice	Institute of Social Research and Development (ISRD)	India
22	Publication of Global Network on Local Governance (GNLG) Newsletter	Institute of Social Sciences	India
23	End Gender-Based Violence	Sahabat Perempuan	Indonesia
24	The Power of the Poor Woman: The Journey of Indonesian Women Migrant Workers in Becoming Entrepreneurs	Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS)	Indonesia
25	Southeast Asia Digital Rights Camp	Engage Media Collective	Indonesia
26	Support for Asian Human Rights Defenders to Attend the Ninth Dublin Platform for Human Rights Defenders at Risk	Front Line--The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders	Ireland
27	China's Economic Engagement Strategy: Taiwan's Perspective and Democratic Response	Rumi Aoyama	Japan
28	Uprooting Female Genital Mutilation in Samburu	Solution Seeds	Kenya
29	Documentation & Monitoring Project (Human Rights Report & Thematic Research)	Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)	Malaysia
30	The Assessment of the Southbound Policy: From the View of Taiwan	Nive Yong	Malaysia
31	Empowerment of Voters, Especially Women, Indigenous Peoples, and Youth, in Political Participation and Electoral Reform	Bersih 2.0	Malaysia
32	Democratic Strengthening by Mobilizing Mexican Masculinities	Gendes A.C.	Mexico
33	Democracy Summer Camp 2017	Zorig Foundation	Mongolia
34	Initiative for Legal Education at the Community Level for Combating Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Promotion of Gender Equality	Environment and Justice Society (ENJUS)	Nepal
35	Protecting and Promoting Migrant Workers' Rights through Civil Society Monitoring of Migration Governance	Centre for Social Change (CSC)	Nepal
36	Unraveling the Double Oppression of Indigenous Societies in Taiwan and Paraguay: The Rights to Land and Self-Government of Indigenous Peoples	Jeroen van Bekhoven	Netherlands
37	Enhancing Capacity of Local Women Councilors and Political Workers for Strengthening Women's Participation and Establishing Grassroots Democracy	FLAME Foundation Pakistan	Pakistan
38	Strengthening Transparency and Accountability Mechanisms through the Right to Information Act	Merit Witness	Pakistan
39	Raising the Acumen of Newly-elected Local Representatives in Union Councils	Human Development Promotion Group (HDPG)	Pakistan
40	Defending Human Rights and Promoting Democratic Values by Engagement of Youth and Civil Society	Organization for Development and Peace	Pakistan
41	Know Your Rights	Kawish Resource Center	Pakistan
42	Advocacy Campaign to End Domestic Violence	ROR JAN	Pakistan
43	The Escalante Massacre, 31 Years After	Concerned Artists of the Philippines (CAP)	Philippines
44	Documentary of the Formal Peace Talks between the Government and the National Democratic Front	Kodao Productions	Philippines
45	People's Peace and Human Security Advocacy in ASEAN: Enabling Peoples and Communities to Develop and Advance a Peoples' Peace and Human Security Agenda	Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)	Philippines

46	Beyond Boundaries: Strengthening People's Solidarities for a Just, Equitable, and Humane Southeast Asia	Freedom from Debt Coalition	Philippines
47	2017 CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness Southeast Asia Sub-Regional Meeting: Promoting Human Rights-Based Approaches in Development Cooperation	Reality of Aid Network	Philippines
48	Migrants' Stories, Migrants' Voices: Sustaining Migrants Rights Protection through Sharing of Experience of Migrants and their Families	Philippines Migrants Rights Watch (PMRW)	Philippines
49	Policy Action Conference: Key Issues on Federalism in the Philippines	Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG)	Philippines
50	Taiwanese Democracy and the Rule of Law in Comparative Perspective	Marta Kosmala-Kozłowska	Poland
51	Taiwan and Parliamentary Diplomacy	Zlatko Šabič	Slovenia
52	Organization of Taiwan-Related Academic Activities	Taiwan Study Center	Slovenia
53	CIVICUS International Civil Society Week 2017: Our Planet, Our Struggles, Our Future	CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation	South Africa
54	Empowering North Korean Defectors with Democracy and Human Rights Education	People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE)	South Korea
55	Third International Youth to Youth Summit	Youth to Youth Initiative	Sweden
56	The Human Rights to Water and Sanitation in Courts Worldwide: A Selection of National, International, and Regional Case Law	WaterLex	Switzerland
57	Empowering Nepalese Civil Society to Help Victims of International Crimes Obtain Justice	TRIAL International	Switzerland
58	Human Rights Mechanisms in Southeast Asia--A Regional Assessment	Asia Centre	Thailand
59	Towards an Ethical Framework for Consultation and Research involving Children in Contexts of Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse	ECPAT International	Thailand
60	Enhancing Democratic Elections Process in Timor-Leste for the 2017 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections	Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) Foundation	Thailand
61	Creating E-Learning Resources on Human Rights and Gender Equality	Asian Institute for Human Rights	Thailand
62	ASEAN People's Center: Sub-regional Community Participation in the ASEAN Civil Society Conference	People's Empowerment Foundation	Thailand
63	National Conference on Electoral Democracy and Rule of Law in Uganda	National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda (NAFODU)	Uganda
64	The 14th EATS Annual Conference	European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)	United Kingdom
65	Forum: Justice for Women Defenders Victims of Corporate Abuses	Latin American Mining Monitoring Programme (LAMMP)	United Kingdom
66	Strengthening the Defence of Human Rights in Cambodia	Cord	United Kingdom
67	Collaboration and Strengthening the Tibet Movement in Asia: Regional Conference 2017	International Tibet Network	United Kingdom*
68	Democracy in Action among Taiwanese Youth Today: Oral Histories of the Sunflower Movement	Brian Hioe	United States
69	Remaking Taiwan: Society and the State since the End of Martial Law	Thomas B. Gold	United States

70	Taiwan Democracy Today: Exploring Taiwan's Democracy in Transition	Global Taiwan Institute (Taiwan American Culture Center)	United States
71	CSIS Taiwan-US Policy Fellows Program	Center for Strategic and International Studies	United States
72	Civil Society Participation in the Community of Democracies Ministerial Meeting	Alliance for Open Society International	United States
73	Beyond Imagination: Taiwan's Identity and Its Consequences for the United States	Ellen Bork	United States
74	RE: Taiwan as Practice, Method, and Theory	North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA)	United States
75	Oslo Freedom Forum	Human Rights Foundation	United States
76	Promoting Civil Society through National and Regional Networking	Boat People SOS (BPSOS)	United States
77	Empowering Cuban Human Rights Defenders and Mobilizing International Groups to Spotlight Cuba's Human Rights Record	Center for a Free Cuba	United States
78	Conference on Chinese Female Writers and the Female Consciousness in the Chinese Literature	Independent Chinese PEN Center	United States*
79	China's Democratic Revolution Seminar	Civil Society Institute	United States*
80	Publication of <i>Modern China Studies</i>	Center for Modern China Foundation	United States*
81	Under the Shadow of China: A Comparative Study of the Freedom of the Press and the Publication in Hong Kong and Taiwan of Books Banned by the Chinese Government	Bei Ling	United States*
82	Continued Publication of the <i>Beijing Spring</i> Monthly	Beijing Spring Magazine	United States*
83	To Record the Truth of the Times	Thin & High	United States*
84	<i>China Newsletter</i> Online Biweekly	Chinese Scholars Friendship Association	United States*
85	Writing, Editing, and Technical Support for <i>canyu.org</i>	China Netizens Rights	United States*
86	Publication and Launch of <i>The Victims' List of the Family Planning Policy</i>	Women's Rights in China	United States*
87	The International Academic Conference on China's Political Situation and Sino-U.S. Relations	Hu Yaobang and Zhao Ziyang Memorial Foundation	United States*
88	12th Interethnic/Interfaith Leadership Conference to Promote Interethnic/Interfaith/Interregion Understanding, Democratic Values, and Joint Action Plans	Initiatives for China/Citizen Power for China	United States*
89	2017 Free Tibet! Action Camp in Germany and India	Students for a Free Tibet	United States*
90	Writing and Publication of <i>Taiwan Democracy Map</i> (Volume IV)	Institute of Asia-Pacific Religion and Democracy	United States*

Note: Countries marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that those projects are considered part of the China Human Rights grants program.

Appendix 2

Domestic Grants in 2017

Item Number	Name of Program	Grantee	Type of Organization
1	Democracy at the Local Level: Survey Research Project on Local Democratic Development and Its Social Basis in the Post-authoritarian Era	Social Innovation Association of Miaoli County	NGO
2	The Southeast Asian Identity in Taiwan: New Southbound Policy's Social and Cultural Foundations Study Camp	Taiwan Association for Narrative Studies	NGO
3	Caring for the Human Rights Education of Vulnerable Groups	Taiwan Indigenous People's Culture Promotion Association	NGO
4	Fourth Myanmar International Music Festival	Kairos Art Taipei	NGO
5	2017 Taiwan-Japan Exchange Concert: Love to Taiwan from Japan	International Pacing Art Culture Education Foundation	NGO
6	Establishing a Refugee Protection Framework: A Work Training Program for Screening and Protection of Refugees	Taiwan Association for Human Rights	NGO
7	In-depth Discussion on Women's Issues Lecture Series	Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development	NGO
8	2017 International Volunteers Group Visit--"Love Together Service Project"	Extracurricular Activities Section, Office of Student Affairs, Chinese Culture University	Academic and Research Institution
9	Annual Campaign Series for Children's Human Rights	Taiwan Concern Society	NGO
10	2017 Freedom and Human Rights Education Program	Nylon Cheng Liberty Foundation	NGO
11	The Green Female in the Age of Climate Change	Homemakers United Foundation	NGO
12	Never Forget--Art Exhibition for the 70th Anniversary of the February 28th Massacre and the 30th Anniversary of the 1987's "February 28th Redress Movement"	Tainan Philharmonic Association	NGO
13	Exchange Program between Taiwan and Hong Kong Independent Bookstores	Taiwan Association for Independent Bookshop Culture	NGO
14	Deepening Democracy of Youth Against Oppression in Taiwan	Youth Against Oppression in Taiwan	NGO
15	Digital Archives Construction (First Stage) of Green Island Human Rights Culture Park	Chinese Nurturing Early Childhood Education Development Association	NGO
16	15th Faded Red Strawberries Campus Safety and Culture Project	Grace Hsiao Ching-wen Dance Theater Company	NGO
17	Action Plan to Overturn the Image of Southeast Migrant Workers in Taiwan	One-Forty Taiwan Migrant Education and Cultural Exchange Association	NGO
18	Fourth Taiwan Literature Award for Migrants	Southeast Asian Educational Science and Culture Association	NGO

19	Participation in the Conference "Taiwan's Democratic Development: Reflections on the Ma Ying-jeou Era" at the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University	Current Foundation	NGO
20	2017 Visit of Taiwan-India Parliamentary Friendship Association	Center for Studies on South Asia and the Middle East, National Chung Hsing University	Academic and Research Institution
21	NUK Criminal Law Lecture Series (10)--Criminal Finance and Money Laundering: How to Effectively Prosecute?	Department of Law, National University of Kaohsiung	Academic and Research Institution
22	The "616 Youth Dream Factory" Bornanew Youth Empowerment Project	Bornanew Youth Caring Association of the Republic of China	NGO
23	International Conference on "The Missionary Task of Taiwan's Churches Today: Moving toward a Society that Promotes Transitional Justice"	Taiwan Community Care Association	NGO
24	"Siro Heroes--Taiyuan Incident"	Lee Teng-hui Association for Democracy	NGO
25	Overseas Indonesian Student Association Alliance (OISAA) Annual Meeting in Taiwan	Muslim Life Support Association of Taipei City	NGO
26	13th Road to Human Rights Youth Camp	Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation	NGO
27	Broadcast of 2017 "Voice of Taiwan" in Mainland Chinese Radio Programs	Radio Taiwan International (RTI)	NGO
28	Broadcast of 2017 "Voice of Taiwan" in International Radio Programs	Radio Taiwan International (RTI)	NGO
29	Film Festival and Tour Events for "The Power of Stepping on Dreams," a Public Interest Documentary on Congenital Osteogenesis Imperfecta	Taiwan Osteogenesis Imperfecta Association	NGO
30	Stepping Out of Taiwan, Looking at the World--An International Gender Rights Exchange and Collaboration Program	Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBT) Hotline Association	NGO
31	"My Own Story, Filming It Myself"--Film Workshop Project for Southeast Asian Migrant Workers	Global Workers' Organization, Taiwan	NGO
32	2017 Stars Standing Together and Love Walk	Autism Society of Taiwan	NGO
33	Participation in the 2017 RightsCon "Human Rights in the Digital Era" Conference in Brussels, Belgium	Wikimedia Taiwan	NGO
34	Fourth New Power Youth Political Camp	New Power Youth Cultural Promotion Association of Tainan City	NGO
35	"Mainland China's Outlook for 2020" Academic Conference	Department of International Affairs and Business, Nanhua University	Academic and Research Institution
36	11th Transformation and Governance Academic Conference	Department of Public Affairs, Ming Chuan University	Academic and Research Institution

37	Publication and Promotional Project of <i>Taiwan Social Welfare Movement and Policy Effect: 2000-2016</i>	Taiwan Association of Third Sector Research	NGO
38	2017 "Yu'faoinana Pathfinder" Event Series: Indigenous Youth Team Building Camps and Workshops on Contemporary Indigenous Rights Issues	Association for Taiwan Indigenous Peoples' Policy	NGO
39	Elite Recruitment in the 19th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party: Political Implications, Institutional Norms, and Impact Assessment	Asia Pacific Development and Governance Society	NGO
40	2017 Democracy and Human Rights Exchange Trip to the United States	Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University	Academic and Research Institution
41	8th Conference on Semi-Presidentialism and Democracy	Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University	Academic and Research Institution
42	Participation at the National Model United Nations in New York, United States	Department of Business Administration, Shih Chien University	Academic and Research Institution
43	11th Cross-Strait Peace Forum Seminar	Center for Contemporary China Studies, National Chung Hsing University	Academic and Research Institution
44	Conference on Election and Participation in Southeast Asia	Election Study Center, National Chengchi University	Academic and Research Institution
45	Asian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	School of Law, National Chiao Tung University	Academic and Research Institution
46	Making Equality Part of Our Culture: Seeing Inequality	Taiwan Health Right Initiative Association	NGO
47	Seeing Two Mountains Across the Sea: 2017 International Indigenous Cultural Exchange for Cordillera Day in the Philippines	Hunter School Association of the Republic of China	NGO
48	Participation in the 2017 Global Greens Congress in Liverpool, United Kingdom	Taiwan Green Queers Association	NGO
49	Population Association of Taiwan Annual Meeting and Human Resources and Social Development Academic Conference	Department of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University	Academic and Research Institution
50	Institute for National Policy Research Annual Forum	Institute for National Policy Research	NGO
51	2017 Sixth Cross-Strait Youth Leaders Study Camp	Graduate Institute of China Studies, Tamkang University	Academic and Research Institution

52	Conference on Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblowing) Protection Policy and Management	Department of Government and Law, National University of Kaohsiung	Academic and Research Institution
53	Social Welfare Association Annual Meeting and International Academic Conference	Social Welfare Association of Taiwan	NGO
54	Taiwan Association of Southeast Asian Studies Annual Conference and the 20th Anniversary of Southeast Asian Studies Teaching and Research at NCNU	Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National Chi Nan University	Academic and Research Institution
55	Equality under Political Democracy and Local Autonomy: Survey of Labor Rights Resources	Taiwan Labor and Social Policy Research Association	NGO
56	New Taipei City Council Supervision Program	Hsin-Tien Stay Association of New Taipei City	NGO
57	2017 Taipei Environmental Human Rights Film Festival	Chi Sing Eco-conservation Foundation	NGO
58	Cultural Exchange Activities in Hokkaido, Japan	Amis Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in Taiwan	NGO
59	26th New Culture Study Camp	New Culture Foundation	NGO
60	Participation in the 16th United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and Pre-departure Meeting	Public Affairs Promotion Association for Indigenous Peoples of Hualien County	NGO
61	Taiwan Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs Annual Meeting and International Academic Conference	Taiwan Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs (TASPAA)	NGO
62	Academic Conference on Sun Yat-sen's Thoughts on Democracy and Taiwan's Political Development	Republic of China National Development Research Society	NGO
63	Documentary on the Community Visits of the Taiwan Environmental Movement	Taiwan Environmental Protection Union	NGO
64	2017 International Conference on Tibet--"Looking for Common Ground: Exploring Ethnic Issues between Han and Tibetan Peoples from a Taiwan Perspective"	Tibetan People's Welfare Association, Taipei	NGO
65	"End of Martial Law at 30" Conference and Study Camp Activity Series	Wu San-lien Historical Foundation	NGO
66	Series of Tribal Culture Study Sessions	Tao Foundation	NGO
67	Twelfth Tsai Jui-Yueh International Dance Festival--The 70th Anniversary of the February 28th Incident Event Series	Tsai Jui-Yueh Dance Foundation of Taipei	NGO
68	Cross-domain Explorations: International Study and Exchange Activities between Dulan and the Cordillera, Philippines	Atolan Amis Cultural Association, Donghe Township, Taitung County	NGO
69	"Collaborative Practice in Social Participatory Arts" Workshop	Prototype Paradise	NGO
70	6th Women and Children Protection Network: Commitment and Action	Taiwan Coalition Against Violence	NGO

71	International Cooperation in Global Citizenship Education and Promotion of Taiwanese Practices	Global Citizenship Education Center, National Chiao Tung University	Academic and Research Institution
72	Annual Conference of Taiwanese Sociological Association--Social Influence: New Vision for Collective Action	Department of Sociology, Fu Jen Catholic University	Academic and Research Institution
73	Asia Pacific AIDS & Co-infections Conference Project--AIDS Human Rights Poster Wall and Organizational Booth	Persons with HIV/AIDS Rights Advocacy Association of Taiwan	NGO
74	2017 International Conference on Child Online Safety and Training Courses for Law Enforcement Personnel	ECPAT Taiwan	NGO
75	2017 Taiwan-America Student Conference	Taiwan-America Student Conference Association	NGO
76	International Workshop on International Human Rights Perspectives and Their Practice in Taiwan	Good Shepherd Social Welfare Foundation	NGO
77	International Seminar on Asia-Pacific Cooperative Security	Foundation of Medical Professionals Alliance in Taiwan	NGO
78	Series of Lectures and Seminars on the Deepening of Democracy in Taiwan	Department of Public Administration, National Chengchi University	Academic and Research Institution
79	Taiwanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting and International Conference "Democratic Growth and Democratic Deficit: 30th Anniversary Reflections on the End of Martial Law in Taiwan"	Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University	Academic and Research Institution
80	International Symposium on Creating a Legal Framework for Social Enterprises in Taiwan	National Taiwan University Law Alumni	NGO
81	2017 Ask a Politician Project	Taiwan Civil Rights Realization Association	NGO
82	Oral History Research Project on the Promoters of Democratic Taiwan from Changhua	Expand & Develop Foundation of Culture and Education	NGO
83	Visit to Democratic Taiwan by BPW-Asia Pacific	International Federation of Business & Professional Women, Taiwan	NGO
84	"Martial Law Memorabilia" Acquisition Program	Taiwan Association for Truth and Reconciliation	NGO
85	Fourth Deepening and Cultivating Democracy Training Program	Taiwan Society North	NGO
86	9th Congressional Studies Conference: "Rising Spirits in a Changing Era: Public Opinion, the Congress, and the Administration"	Department of Political Science, Soochow University	Academic and Research Institution
87	Fourteenth Summer Term Historical Team Project--Green Island Human Rights Camp	Department of History, National Taiwan Normal University	Academic and Research Institution

88	12th Conference on Globalization and Administrative Governance	Department of Public Affairs and Management, Kainan University	Academic and Research Institution
89	Huagang Administration Forum (IX)--"International Conference on State Functions and Democratic Governance"	Department of Public Administration and Management, Chinese Culture University	Academic and Research Institution
90	Participation in the 17th International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists (ICWES)	The Society of Taiwan Women in Science and Technology (TWiST)	NGO
91	Academic Conference on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and International Law	Taiwanese Society of International Law	NGO
92	Taiwanese Society of International Law	Begonia Foundation	NGO
93	Participation in the International Review Meetings of Taiwan's Initial State Report on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Taiwan International Medical Alliance	NGO
94	There Is No Wind in the Grasslands--Nomadic Culture Film Festival	Taiwan Friends of Tibet	NGO
95	Implementing Services for Children's Rights to Maintain Parental Contact and Relations	Children and Family Care Association of Hualien County	NGO
96	Annual Meeting of Contemporary Japan Studies--Institutional, Cultural, and Structural Context of Japanese Studies	Taiwan Society of Japan Studies	NGO
97	2017 Investigation Report Workshop	Quality Journalism Development Association	NGO
98	2017 Dharamsala Democratic Exploration Mission	Students for a Free Tibet-Taiwan	NGO
99	2017 National Social Work Youth Leadership Motivation Camp	Taiwan Association of Social Workers	NGO
100	23rd Taiwan Women Make Waves Film Festival and Tour	Taiwan Women's Film Association	NGO
101	Labor@China.tw Lecture Series	Taiwan Labor Front	NGO
102	2nd Asian Councilors Forum (ACF), the 2017 Global Councilors Forum (GCF), and the Annual Meeting of Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF)	Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum	NGO
103	2017 Young Leaders Summer Camp	Pei-Gen Cultural and Education Association of Tainan City	NGO
104	2017 Performance Series on Jury System for Judicial Reform	Taiwan Jury Association	NGO
105	Participation and Attendance at the 2017 World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in Toronto, Canada	Taiwan's Indigenous Volunteer Service International Exchange Association	NGO
106	Concluding Observations and Recommendations of the International Review of Taiwan's Second Report on the Implementation of Two International Human Rights Covenants: the 2017 NGO Action Plan	Covenants Watch	NGO

107	Chinese Association of Political Science Annual Meeting and Academic Conference	Chinese Association of Political Science	NGO
108	12th Foreign Affairs Study Camp for Young Leaders	Public Opinion and Market Research Center, National Sun Yat-Sen University	Academic and Research Institution
109	16th Excellent Journalism Award Presentation and Ceremony	The Foundation for Excellent Journalism Award	NGO
110	Code for All--2017 Annual Meeting of the Global Citizenship Technology Alliance	Open Culture Foundation	NGO
111	"Crossing the River of Healing in the Ark of Life's Warriors" International Human Rights Education Series	Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation	NGO
112	Building the Capacity of Human Rights Defenders	Asia Public Culture Association	NGO
113	Until Taiwan Belongs to the People--Empowerment Camp for Building the Nation	Alliance of Referendum for Taiwan	NGO
114	Good Citizen Grassroots Democracy Project: Empowerment Plan for NGO Workers	Cosmopolitan Culture Action Taichung	NGO
115	11th "Taiwan UN Youth Study Camp"	Taiwan United Nations Alliance	NGO
116	Participation of the Scouts of the Republic of China in the 15th World Scout Moot	Scouts of the Republic of China	NGO
117	2017 United Nations High Level Political Forum and Side Events	International Climate Development Institute	NGO
118	China's Green Activists Exchange Program--Assembling the Picture of Cross-strait Environmental Human Rights	Taiwan Environmental Information Association	NGO
119	"LiMa Across the Philippines" Indigenous Youth Cultural Workshop	Social Development and Cultural Education Foundation	NGO
120	Plan to Improve Judicial Mechanisms for Family Cases	Awakening Foundation	NGO
121	2017 Visit of the Legislative Assistants Union to Mainland China	Legislative Assistants Union of the Legislative Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)	NGO
122	First Wave of Public Activities and Events for Reporters Without Borders in Taiwan	Taiwan Media Watch and Education Foundation	NGO
123	2017 Timor Leste Parliamentary Election Watch Mission	Taiwan Asian Network for Free Elections	NGO
124	Tainan Sprout--Culture Forum	Tainan Sprout Association	NGO
125	Deepening Democratic Governance: TEDxNCCU Series	College of Social Sciences, National Chengchi University	Academic and Research Institution

126	4th Taiwan International Queer Film Festival	Taiwan International Media and Education Association (TIMEA)	NGO
127	Global Democratic Politics and Development and the Transformation and Innovation of Political Strategy	Taiwan Strategy Research Association	NGO
128	13th "Terrorism and Non-traditional Security" Conference	China Homeland Security Research Association	NGO
129	Annual Meeting of the Society of Taiwan Indigenous Professors and the Academic Conference on "The Times, Patterns, and Challenges of Ethnic Identity: The 30th Anniversary of the Publication of <i>Stigmatized Identity</i> by Professor Shih-chung Hsieh"	Society of Taiwan Indigenous Professors	NGO
130	2017 Maritime Nation Sustainable Development Forum--Reshaping Seafront History and Culture	Foundation of Ocean Taiwan	NGO

Appendix 3

2017 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

The following financial statements are a translation of the original statements as audited and certified in April 2018 by: Solomon & Co., CPAs (3F-1, No. 237, Sec. 1, Fuxing S. Rd., Taipei City 106, Taiwan (R.O.C.), <http://www.slmcpas.com.tw>).

A. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Statement of Financial Position

Unit: NT\$

		2016	2017
ASSETS			
Current Assets	Cash and Cash Equivalents	45,727,025	42,200,451
	Other Receivables	272,288	225,434
	Prepayments	1,544,645	3,001,263
	Total Current Assets	47,543,958	45,427,148
Other Assets	Funds	80,000,000	85,000,000
	Property, Plant, and Equipment	16,608,439	14,804,915
	Intangible Furnishings	--	264,423
	Office Furnishings	2,798,844	2,798,844
	Total Other Assets	99,407,283	102,868,182
Total Assets		\$ 146,951,241	\$ 148,295,330
LIABILITIES, FUNDS AND BALANCE			
Current Liabilities	Receipts Payable	9,079,561	14,525,685
	Advance Receipts	29,315,442	21,073,598
	Receipts Under Custody	62,131	29,021
	Total Current Liabilities	38,457,134	35,628,304
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Funds and Balance	Establishment Fund	30,000,000	30,000,000
	Other Funds	88,931,537	96,329,743
	Accumulated Surplus/Deficit	(10,437,430)	(13,662,717)
	Total Funds and Balance	108,494,107	112,667,026
Total Liabilities, Funds and Balance		\$ 146,951,241	\$ 148,295,330

B. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Balance Statement

Unit: NT\$

		2016	2017
Revenue			
	Donation Revenue	119,372,346	129,190,813
	Other Operating Revenue	--	200
	Subtotal	119,372,346	129,191,013
	Interest Revenue	889,393	711,820
	Total Revenue	120,261,739	129,902,833
Expenses			
	Operating Expenses		
	Grant Expenses	59,293,163	65,890,283
	Payroll Expenses	14,065,349	17,192,291
	Travel Expenses	17,265,282	9,141,891
	Conference Expenses	5,357,132	7,011,559
	Various Depreciation and Amortization	3,821,516	3,937,307
	Commission Expenses	310,000	3,230,279
	Insurance Expenses	2,545,458	3,129,518
	Part-time Compensation	4,151,383	3,120,000
	Repairs and Maintenance Expenses	2,577,173	2,756,093
	Professional Service Expenses	1,923,843	2,315,907
	Postage and Telecommunications	1,687,461	2,297,309
	Rental Expenses	1,145,568	1,993,878
	Remuneration for Temporary Staff	1,700,000	1,700,000
	Other Expenses	7,344,289	9,409,485
	Subtotal	123,187,617	133,125,800
Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses			
	Currency Exchange Gains and Losses	6,245	2,320
	Total Expenses	123,193,862	133,128,120
Balance		(\$ 2,932,123)	(\$ 3,225,287)



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