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CHAIRMAN
Su Jia-chyuan

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 unreservedly share our valuable democratic experiences and human rights ideals 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 in public service, I have worked at the Office of the President, the Mainland Affairs Council, and the Representative Office in the United States. 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 my career, 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.

Joining Hands to Safeguard Democracy, Promoting and Protecting Human Rights for All



As a long-time scholar of international human rights law, I deeply appreciate the mutual dependence between democratic consolidation and human rights protection. The wishes to pursue democracy and safeguard human rights are deeply embedded within Taiwan's society and legal system, as well as in the daily life of the people. Taiwan's many democratic achievements today are the results of not only the hard work and sacrifice from those who came before us, but also the selfless assistance from many international friends. Over the past three decades, fundamental rights have been relatively guaranteed, and international human rights standards have been introduced to Taiwan through collaborative efforts between civil society and government.

Nevertheless, the institutionalization and deepening of democracy and human rights values require long-term accumulation, profound reflection, and continuous enhancement. Looking at the course of history and international experience, the implementation of democratic institutions and human rights concepts is like skating on thin ice. No matter how many complex mechanisms are utilized to carefully maintain a democratic system, it will rapidly regress if ever we drop our guard. Therefore, all stakeholders must be persistent in our work to deepen democracy, as well as to cultivate awareness and sensitivity, so that we will be ready to respond during critical periods.

The TFD promises to continue to consolidate and expand the values alliance of democracy and human rights. We will work side by side with human rights defenders in difficult situations, strengthen cooperation with our partners, and foster a new generation of democracy activists. We hope to join hands with friends in all sectors at home and abroad to safeguard democracy, promoting and protecting human rights for all.

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 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 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 missions are 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.

ABOUT US

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.

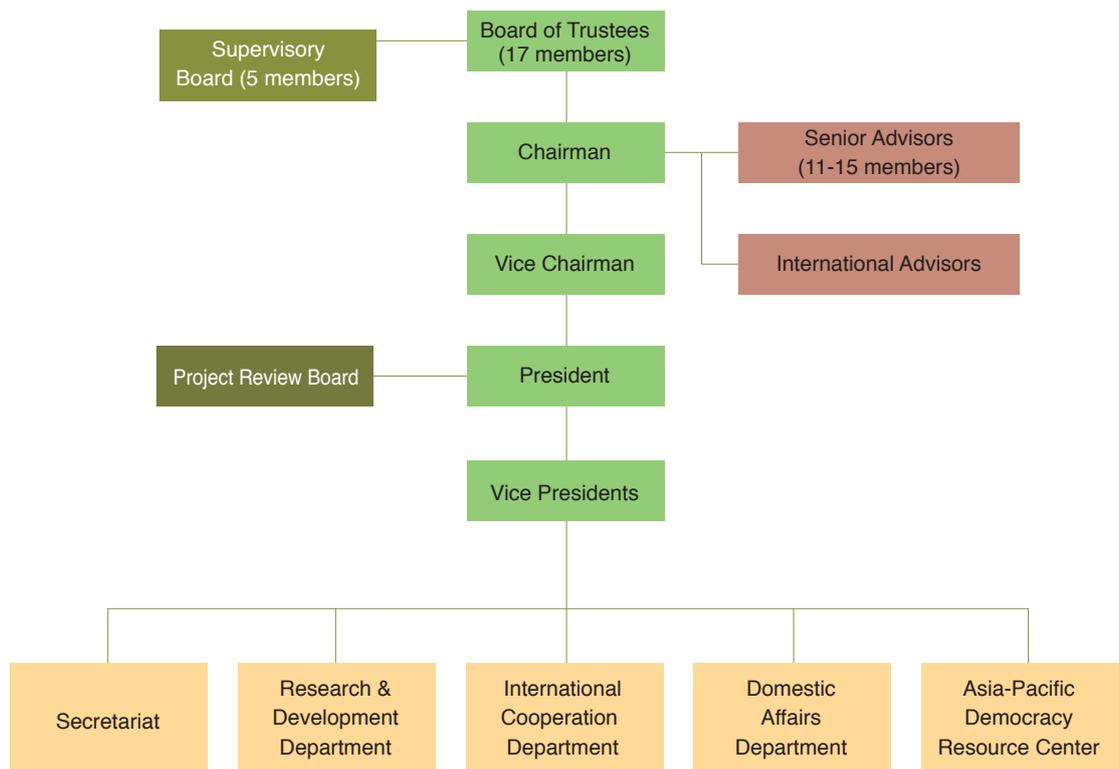
The remaining budget is used for the TFD core activities, including:

- 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 fifth term of service ended on June 17, 2018. The sixth and current term of service lasts until June 17, 2021.

· Organizational Chart of the TFD



Fifth-Term Board of Trustees (until June 17, 2018)

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

Fifth-Term Board of Supervisors (until June 17, 2018)

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

Management Team (until July 15, 2018)

Title	Name
President	Hsu, Szu-chien
Vice Presidents	Chen, Ketty W.
	Lu, Yeh-chung
	Yan, Jiann-fa

January 3, 2018: TFD Vice President Maysing Yang stepped down from her post to become Ambassador-at-large and TFD Senior Research Fellow; the vacancy was filled by Professor Jiann-fa Yan.

April 11, 2018: The seventh board meeting of the fifth-term Trustees and Supervisors.



Sixth-Term Board of Trustees (from June 18, 2018)

Title	Name	
Trustees	Chairman	Su, Jia-chyuan
	Vice Chairman	Wu, Joseph Jaushieh
	Representative from the Government	Chen, Chu
	Representatives from Political Parties	Chang, Sho-wen
		Chen, Mu-min
		Chiang, Chi-chen
		Hsiao, Bi-khim
		Huang, Song-lih
		Ko, Chih-en
		Lin, Yu-fang
	Lo, Chih-cheng	
	Representative from Academia	Chen, Yi-shen
	Representative from the Business Sector	Huang, Theodore M. H.
Representative from the Financial Sector	Huang, James C. F.	
Representative from Non-governmental Organizations	Chen, Hsiu-huei	

Sixth-Term Board of Supervisors (from June 18, 2018)

Title	Name
Supervisors	Chen, Chi-sheng
	Hwang, Shu-ling
	Tsai, Ming-hua
	Wei, Chien-feng
	Yeh, Chin-fong

Management Team (from July 16, 2018)

Title	Name
President	Liao, Ford Fu-te
Vice Presidents	Chen, Ketty W.
	Lu, Yeh-chung
	Yan, Jiann-fa

June 8, 2018: The eighth board meeting of the fifth-term Trustees and Supervisors.



July 10, 2018: At the first joint meeting of the sixth-term Boards of Trustees and Supervisors, the TFD held the presidential handover ceremony. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu stepped down from his post to become the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and TFD Trustee Ford Fu-te Liao was appointed the new TFD President.



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:

- Advocacy and public education
- Training and capacity building
- Research and publications
- Conferences and workshops

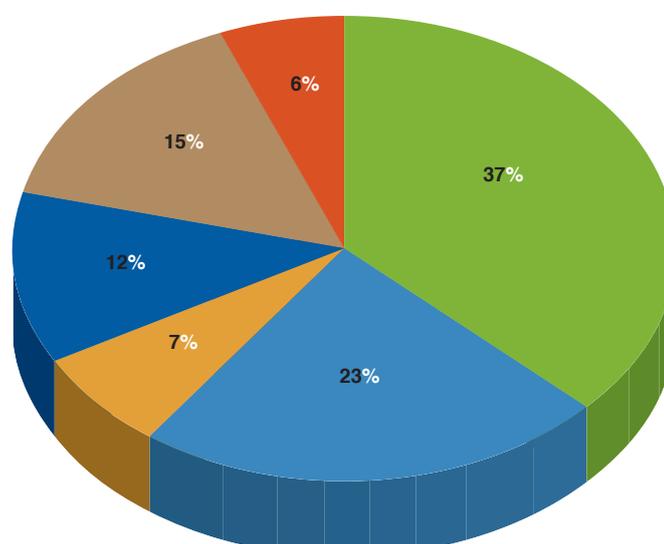
In 2018, international grants funded by the TFD totaled NT\$20,040,252. A statistical overview of funded international grants is presented here. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the detailed list of international grants.

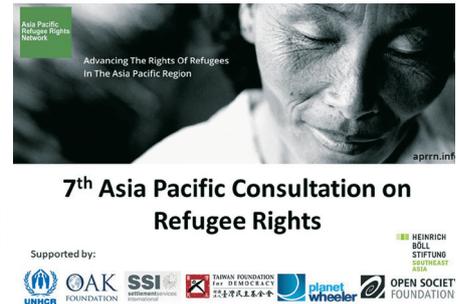
Table 1. International grants in 2018, by project categories

Category	Number of Cases	Grant Amount Subtotal	Percentage
Conferences	34	7,387,990	37%
Training Programs	29	4,517,615	23%
Research and Publications	11	1,447,885	7%
Fellowships	12	2,359,694	12%
Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award	1	3,087,500	15%
Other Activities	6	1,239,568	6%
Total	93	20,040,252	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

- Conferences
- Training Programs
- Research and Publications
- Fellowships
- Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award
- Other Activities





Selected TFD International Grants 2018

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1. North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference “Beyond an Island: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective”
2. Third Annual Feminist Information Fair organized by the Mongolian Women’s Fund (MONES)
3. “Democratic Education for Rural Women and Young Girls” project organized by Bangladesh’s Prova Society
4. Human Rights Foundation’s Oslo Freedom Forum in Taipei
5. “NASAGA – Consolidating SAN Commitment for Justice, Peace and Human Rights” organized by the CBCP Caritas Philippines Foundation, Inc.
6. “Women Communities Speak Out to Eliminate Violence against Women” project organized by Indonesia’s Kalyanamitra
7. Seventh Asia Pacific Consultation on Refugee Rights (APCRR 7) organized by the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)

Table 2. International grants in 2018, by strategic focus

Strategic Focus	Number of Cases	Grant Amount Subtotal	Percentage
Global Democracy Movement	7	2,600,133	13%
Asia Regional Democracy Movement	6	1,417,275	7%
Human Rights in China	17	3,183,979	16%
Taiwan Studies	20	4,196,899	21%
Southeast Asia	21	5,452,889	27%
South Asia	12	1,121,440	6%
Northeast Asia	3	670,820	3%
International Think Tanks	3	911,912	5%
Other	4	484,905	2%
Total	93	20,040,252	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

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- Global Democracy Movement
 - Asia Regional Democracy Movement
 - Human Rights in China
 - Taiwan Studies
 - Southeast Asia
 - South Asia
 - Northeast Asia
 - International Think Tanks
 - Other
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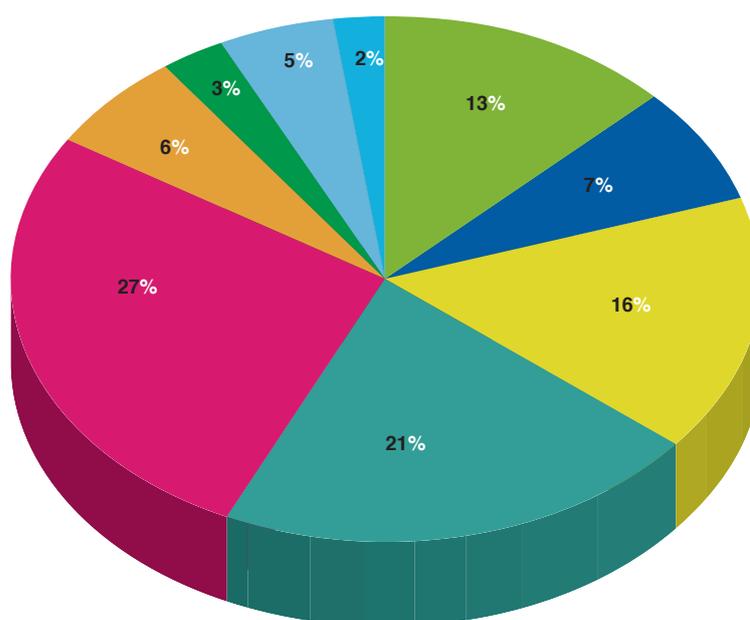


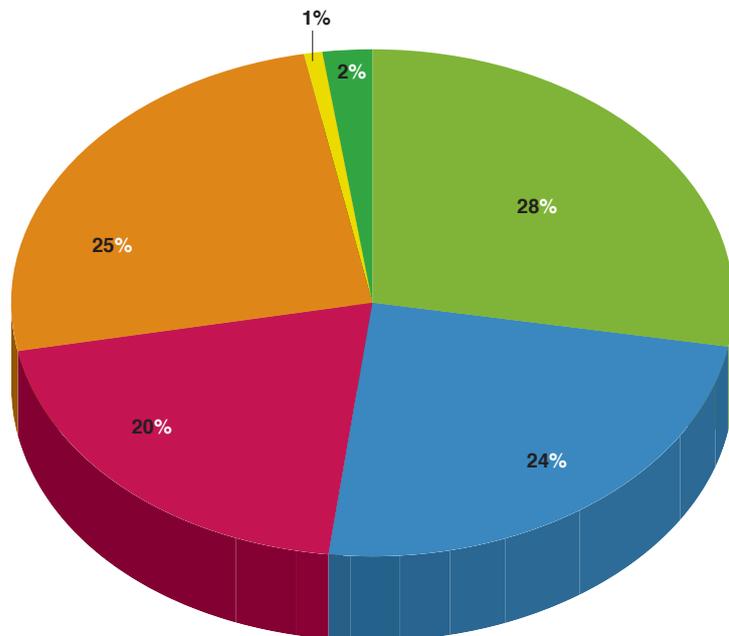
Table 3. International grants in 2018, by amount of grant

Grant Amount	Number of Cases	Percentage
50,001~100,000	26	28%
100,001~150,000	22	24%
150,001~200,000	19	20%
200,001~500,000	23	25%
500,001~1,000,000	1	1%
1,000,001 and above	2	2%
Total	93	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

- 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: Among approved international grants, the average amount per grant is NTD215,487.



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 2018, domestic grants funded by the TFD totaled NT\$20,142,240. A statistical overview of funded domestic grants is presented here. Please refer to Appendix 2 for the detailed list of domestic grants.

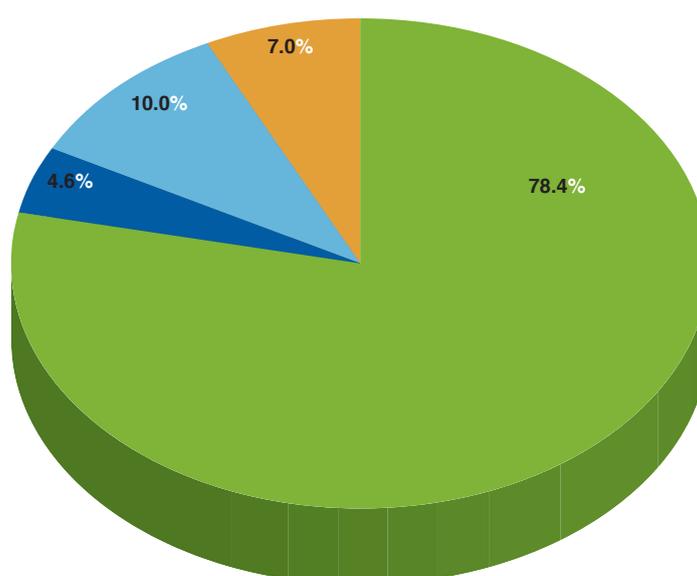
Table 1. Domestic grants in 2018, by region

Region	Number of Cases	Grant Amount Subtotal	Average Amount per Grant
Northern Taiwan	102	16,612,474	162,867
Central Taiwan	6	685,131	114,189
Southern Taiwan	13	1,697,778	130,598
Eastern Taiwan	9	1,146,857	127,429
Total	130	20,142,240	154,940

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

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

Note: In 2018, 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 2018

1. Open Culture Foundation's participation in the "Code for America Summit 2018"
2. Homemakers United Foundation's event "Are Citizens Capable: The Multiple Facets of Citizen Participation in Energy Transformation"
3. 2018 Freedom and Human Rights Education Program organized by the Nylon Cheng Liberty Foundation
4. Fifth Taiwan Literature Awards for Migrants organized by the Southeast Asian Educational Science and Culture Association
5. Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation's Fourteenth Road to Human Rights Youth Camp
6. "Revise Provisions of Offenses against Sexual Autonomy in the Criminal Code" project organized by the Awakening Foundation
7. "Introduction of the United Nations Standards on Peaceful Assembly and International Dialogue" organized by the Taiwan Association for Human Rights
8. Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBT) Hotline Association's "Let the World Focus on Taiwan – International Gender Rights Exchange and Study Program"

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Table 2. Domestic grants in 2018, by project categories

Category	Grant Amount Subtotal	Percentage
Research and Publications	1,852,184	9.2%
Training Programs	2,568,367	12.8%
Visits and Exchanges	3,471,424	17.2%
Conferences	6,367,353	31.6%
Other Activities	5,882,912	29.2%
Total	20,142,240	100.0%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Table 3. Domestic grants in 2018, by type of organization

Type of Organization	Grant Amount Subtotal	Percentage
Academic Institutions	2,658,862	13.2%
NGOs	17,483,378	86.8%
Total	20,142,240	100%

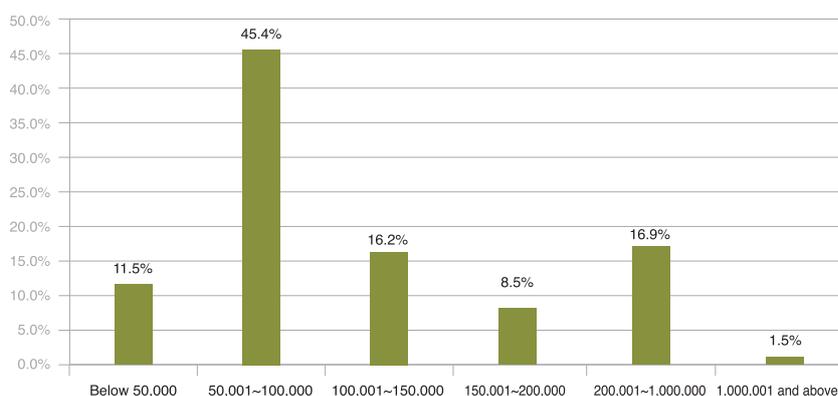
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Table 4. Domestic grants in 2018, by amount of grants

Grant Amount	Number of Cases	Percentage
Below 50,000	15	11.5%
50,001~100,000	59	45.4%
100,001~150,000	21	16.2%
150,001~200,000	11	8.5%
200,001~1,000,000	22	16.9%
1,000,001 and above	2	1.5%
Total	130	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Note: According to 2018 domestic grants statistics, the majority of grants approved by the TFD are small grants that assist different societal sectors 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 that ultimately enhance the quality of Taiwan’s democracy and strengthen its integration with other democracies, the TFD, in accordance with its By-laws, 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 2018, TFD grants to political parties totaled NT\$27,414,694, as summarized below:

Table 1. Allocation of Grants to Political Parties in 2018

Party	Quota Allocation	Quota Proportion	Number of Cases	Total Amount Approved
DPP	18,378,390	61.3%	36	16,033,022
KMT	9,459,450	31.5%	19	9,386,977
NPP	1,351,350	4.5%	7	1,183,885
PPF	810,810	2.7%	1	810,810
Total	30,000,000	100%	63	27,414,694

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Description of Political Party Grants in 2018:

- Grants provided to the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) included: (a) the Investigation Mission and Congressional Exchange to Japan by DPP Department of Women’s Development and Legislative Yuan’s Children’s Rights Link, (b) attendance at the 62nd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), (c) Survey of the Electoral Preferences and Political Orientations of Mainland Chinese Spouses in Taiwan, (d) the 2018 New Southbound Policy Talent Training Program, and (e) the Road to Democracy Project.
- Grants provided to the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) included: (a) KMT English and Japanese News Website, (b) KMT’s Field Investigation on the Protection of Rights of Taiwanese Entrepreneurs in Beijing, China, (c) KMT’s participation in the Deutschlandtag (Germany Day) organized by Junge Union; and (d) KMT visits to United States and Hong Kong for Overseas Compatriot Affairs.
- Grants provided to the New Power Party (NPP) included: (a) the “Tipping Point in US-China Competition? Taiwan’s Defense under Hegemonic Rivalry” Forum, (b) the “2018 Citizen Participation in Trials Seminar,” (c) the Diplomacy Project at the 2018 Paris Gay Games, (d) the “2018 International Democratic Exchange Program for the New Generation,” and (e) the “Sovereign Status of Taiwan: Whose Opinion Counts?” Forum.
- A grant provided to the People First Party (PPF) supported the “Democracy above All and Putting People First” series of events.

Major Programs

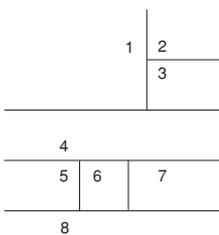
Major programs of the TFD in 2018 included the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy 15th Anniversary Event, the 13th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, the East Asia Democracy Forum, the Asia Young Leaders for Democracy Program, participation in the World Movement for Democracy, Global Cooperation and Training Framework Workshop on “Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy,” “Defending Democracy: Combating Authoritarian Corrosion” symposium, Conference on the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the China Human Rights Program, Publications, as well as the Visiting Fellowships and Research Program.

In addition to these major programs described in the following pages, the TFD has continued its active participation in many international organizations and activities to expand and strengthen its international links to enhance its presence in Asian and global networks of democracies. Highlights during 2018 included:

- Participating in the Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN) workshop in Sri Lanka
- Organizing the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* workshop in Oxford, United Kingdom
- Attending the 62nd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the NGO CSW Forum Side Event in the United States
- Participating in the Forum on Asian-Pacific Security (FAPS) organized by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy in the United States
- Participating in the 15th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies in Switzerland
- Participating in the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace workshops in Tunisia and the United Kingdom
- Attending the 2018 North American Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, United States
- Attending the Executive Committee Meeting of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) and the International Network of Liberal Women (INLW) General Meeting in Spain and Germany, respectively
- Attending the Civil Society Assembly organized by the Community of Democracies in Chile



- Attending the 2018 Open Government Partnership Global Summit in Georgia
- Co-hosting the international conference “The Opportunities and Challenges of Cross-Strait Relations” with the Mainland Affairs Council and the Heritage Foundation in the United States
- Participating in the international conference “East Asia and Cross-Strait Relations” in Korea
- Attending the Asian Electoral Stakeholders Forum IV and the Asia Democracy Conference in Sri Lanka
- Attending the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in the United States
- Attending the Annual Meeting of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) in the United Kingdom
- Participating in the Taiwan Trilateral Forum in Poland
- Attending the Forum 2000 Conference in the Czech Republic
- Attending the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Chinese Studies in the United States
- Organizing a lecture by the former President of South Africa Mr. F. W. de Klerk on “The Consolidation of Democracy: Issues and Challenges”
- Participating in the “Human Rights Defenders World Summit 2018” in France
- Attending the ASEAN Civil Society Conference (ACSC) in Singapore
- Participating in the 25th Anniversary of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) in Thailand
- Attending the 62nd Congress of Liberal International (LI) and the International Network of Liberal Women (INLW) breakout session in Senegal
- Participating in the conference “East Asia Geopolitics and Security” in Belgium



1. On October 12, the TFD organized a lecture by the former President of South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Mr. F. W. de Klerk (front row, fourth from the right) on “The Consolidation of Democracy: Issues and Challenges.” Legislator Yu Mei-nu (front row, fourth from the left) and TFD Senior Research Fellow Michael Y. M. Kau (front row, third from the left) served as discussants.
2. TFD Senior Research Fellow Maysing Yang (right) at the INLW breakout session of the 62nd LI Congress on November 29.
3. On October 29, TFD President Fort Fu-te Liao participated in the “Human Rights Defenders World Summit 2018.”
4. On June 24, TFD Senior Research Fellow Michael Y. M. Kau (back row, sixth from the right) and Director of International Cooperation Bo Tedards (back row, eighth from the left) attended the Civil Society Assembly organized by the Community of Democracies.
5. On September 7, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao and Professor Jau-hwa Chen (left), Director of Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights at Soochow University, attended the annual conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI).
6. On October 7, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao (right), Deputy Foreign Minister Szu-chien Hsu (middle), and Chief Editor of *Taiwan Sentinel* J. Michael Cole attended the Forum 2000 Conference.
7. On December 18, TFD Vice President Jiann-fa Yan (right) spoke at the conference “East Asia Geopolitics and Security.”
8. On August 27, a Taiwanese delegation attended the Asian Electoral Stakeholders Forum IV. From the left is Chien-fu Chen, Honorary Chairperson of Taiwan Asian Network for Free Elections; Mu-min Chen, TFD Trustee; Shioh-duan Hawang, Chairperson of Citizen Congress Watch; Chiung-chu Lin, Professor in the Department of Political Science at Soochow University; and Bo Tedards, TFD Director of International Cooperation.

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy 15th Anniversary Event

The year 2018 marked the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy as the first national democracy assistance foundation in Asia, and on June 25 the TFD held an event to celebrate. At this event, the TFD invited regional and global democratic advocates and international partners to examine the challenges that contemporary democracies face and possible countermeasures.

President Tsai Ing-wen opened the event stating that Taiwan's transition to democracy was not easy or always peaceful. "We do not forget those people who were prosecuted or otherwise suffered during our long pursuit of democracy. Their stories remind us of the need for transitional justice, so our people can reconcile with the past and move on together. Moreover, Taiwan's democracy is still young and has room for improvement. Democracy means respect for our differences, including people with different ideologies and beliefs. It also means finding ways to bridge our differences through understanding, dialogue, and consensus-building," she stressed.

President Tsai added that Taiwan and the rest of the world are challenged by the new "sharp power" of authoritarian regimes. "Taiwan is on the front-lines of a battle to defend democracy. Over the past two years, we have faced increasing pressure from China as it threatens our democratic way of life and limits our international space. These anti-democratic forces will proliferate if like-minded countries do not stand and act together. Only if like-minded countries work together and stand together can we fight against unwanted economic, political, or military coercion, and defend the values we hold dear," she concluded.

Calling Taiwan "a stumbling block in the way of an expanding authoritarian power," Minister of Foreign Affairs and TFD Vice Chairman Jaushieh Joseph Wu

President Tsai Ing-wen, TFD Vice Chairman Jaushieh Joseph Wu, and TFD President Szu-chien Hsu posed for a photo with guests who were invited to attend the 15th anniversary celebration of the founding of the TFD.





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1. President Tsai delivered a speech at the event, stressing that all like-minded countries must work together to defend our common values.
2. Participants at the event discussed the global issues of democracy and freedom initiatives.
3. During the event, a series of exhibits titled "Democracy in Taiwan: A Review of the Past Century" was shown along the hallways of the conference venue.
4. National Endowment for Democracy President Carl Gershman gave a speech at the anniversary event.
5. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu, National Endowment for Democracy President Carl Gershman, and TFD Trustee Ford Fu-te Liao posed for a photo.
6. Tunisian Human Rights League Vice President Najet Zammouri congratulated the TFD on its 15th anniversary.

said that Taiwan's security is thus not only Taiwan's own strategic interest, "but also in the strategic interest of all like-minded countries that share democratic values." Minister Wu stressed, "And in this, the TFD plays a leading role. This role will become even more critical as Taiwan works more closely with like-minded countries to counter the challenges of authoritarian power," he added.

National Endowment for Democracy President Carl Gershman stated that Taiwan was not merely a "model country," but "an inspiration for those who aspire to democracy, a partner for democracy advocates and practitioners around the world, and an agent for democratic change at a time when democracy is under assault and even its traditional leaders are beset by doubt." As the rise of authoritarian China has become the biggest challenge to democratic values, Taiwan has been able to provide a unique voice and perspective. "That such a small and diplomatically beleaguered country is capable of playing such an important role...this enables all of us to take hope in democracy. Despite all the obstacles and adversaries, Taiwan makes us believe that democracy will in the end prevail," he added.

The TFD's 15th anniversary event invited democracy advocates and partners from around the world to join in the celebration. These included organizations such as the Forum 2000 Foundation, Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC), Voluntary Action Network India (VANI), the India Foundation, Freedom House, the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Asia Democracy Network, Tunisian Human Rights League, the National Democratic Institute, National Endowment for Democracy, Reporters Without Borders, Open Society Foundations East Asia Office, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, and the Korea Democracy Foundation, as well as individual experts such as John Keane, Professor of Politics at the University of Sydney, and Tun-jen Cheng, Professor of Government at the College of William and Mary. Panel discussion topics included "Democracy and Freedom Advocacy in the Global Context," "Threats to Democracy and Freedom in the Asia Context," "Democracy vs. Contending Values and Ideologies," and "Prospects of Global Democracy from European Perspectives."

The 13th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award

Since 2006, the TFD confers the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award (ADHRA) on an individual or organization in the Asian region which has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of democracy and human rights in Asia through peaceful means. The goal of the award is to support their work and reward their courage in defending human rights and standing up for justice.

In 2018, the 13th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award (ADHRA) was awarded to the Gusdurian Network Indonesia (GNI). The TFD hosted the award ceremony on December 10, 2018, International Human Rights Day. GNI National Coordinator Alissa Wahid traveled to Taiwan to receive the award.

The GNI, established in 2010, is an Indonesian non-governmental organization dedicated to peace, pluralism, religious freedom, and fundamental human rights and values. The GNI is named after the late Indonesian President KH Abdurrahman Wahid, who was also known colloquially as Gus Dur. Adhering to Gus Dur's values, the GNI was founded to advocate inter-religious dialogue, multiculturalism, civil society, tolerance, democracy, and human rights. The award-winning organization promotes inter-religious dialogue and legal advocacy, and it provides legal defense for religious minority groups oppressed by the state. In a society rife with religious and ethnic tensions, the GNI plays an important coordinating role in alleviating potential communal conflicts and combating extremism and intolerance in Indonesia. The GNI links more than 300 cities in Indonesia, and its supporters are mainly young people from different religious backgrounds.

President Tsai Ing-wen said in her speech at the award ceremony that when it comes to bridging the divide between diverse ethnic groups, and consolidating civil society, Taiwan has a lot to share. "Over the past thirty years, Taiwan has undergone a democratic transformation, and we understand that the road to democracy isn't always smooth. Even today, there are new obstacles and new challenges to overcome," she stated.

"Today, as democratic nations are being impacted by extreme viewpoints and divisions in civil society are increasingly apparent, the values upheld by the Gusdurian Network Indonesia like moderation, tolerance, and dialogue across religions and ethnic groups truly deserve greater support and recognition," the president stressed. "I hope that all of our like-minded friends in the international

community will work together to protect the values we cherish,” she continued.

TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan said in his speech that when different ethnic groups first encountered each other in Taiwan, including the indigenous people and new immigrants who brought with them different cultures and faiths, there were challenges too. “But it was exactly because of the interactions and integrations between different peoples that Taiwan was propelled to improve and became a country that embraces a plurality of ethnicities and viewpoints,” he stated. Chairman Su added that he hopes that the award and the Taiwan experience could “help the world envision a future where all vulnerable groups can be treated equally irrespective of their gender, race or religion.”

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Wahid said: “Justice and a world equal for all will always be an elusive state. Because we know, what we have today, some people and some heroes paid the price for. They never enjoyed the fruits of their struggle. We do. So we owe it to our future generations. To fight for them. At least to keep the torch of the fight alight for them. We may never enjoy what we are currently fighting for. But hopefully they will.” Ms. Wahid thanked the TFD “not only for acknowledging our fights in the past but also for letting us know that our work does matter.”

After the award ceremony, a forum was held between Ms. Wahid, Mr. Chang Cheng, founder of “Brilliant Time: Southeast Asia-themed Bookstore,” and Reverend Lazarus Chen, a supporter of marriage equality. The theme of the discussion was tolerance and dialogue, precisely the core values of the GNI. Mr. Chang shared his efforts in enhancing the Taiwanese people’s understanding of Southeast Asian culture and peoples, promoting exchanges and interactions between different ethnic groups, and experiences in eliminating discrimination. Rev. Chen reflected on how certain groups in Taiwan had recently used misunderstandings between different ethnic groups to create fear. He echoed Ms. Wahid and her organization’s call for tolerance and inclusion when people are confronted with different viewpoints or beliefs.

The TFD hosted a forum for the winner of the 13th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, the Gusdurian Network Indonesia. National Coordinator Alissa Wahid conversed with Mr. Chang Cheng, the founder of “Brilliant Time: Southeast Asia-themed Bookstore,” and Rev. Lazarus Chen. TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen served as forum moderator.





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1. The 13th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony was held at the Taipei Guest House. President Tsai Ing-wen presented the award to the Gusdurian Network Indonesia (GNI).
2. GNI National Coordinator Alissa Wahid (right), who received the award on behalf of the GNI, posed for a picture with President Tsai Ing-wen and TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan.
3. President Tsai Ing-wen attended the award ceremony.
4. On November 28, the TFD held a press conference at the briefing room in the Legislative Yuan to announce that the recipient of the 2018 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award (ADHRA) will be the Gusdurian Network Indonesia (GNI).
5. The 13th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony was held on December 10, International Human Rights Day. GNI National Coordinator Alissa Wahid traveled to Taiwan to accept the Award and to deliver an acceptance speech.
6. President Tsai Ing-wen met with the winner of the 13th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, Ms. Alissa Wahid.

The East Asia Democracy Forum

Democracies around the world are experiencing various predicaments, including loss of confidence in the democratic system in more mature democracies and gradual democratic regression in new and fragile democracies. The core values of democracy such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and political and societal pluralism are encountering unprecedented challenges in the era of new communication technologies and rising authoritarianism. Therefore, the TFD has convened the East Asia Democracy Forum (EADF), bringing together democrats from around the world to build effective strategic partnerships and further democratic solidarity in Asia.

The Fifth EADF was held on June 26th, on the theme “Prevent Democratic Backsliding.” The TFD invited scholars and experts in related fields from at home and abroad to attend the forum, exploring topics such as protecting freedom of speech, cracking down on disinformation, developing spaces for the coexistence of democratic norms and traditional values, and preventing the utilization of democratic principles to suppress democratic norms.

On June 26, 2018, participants of the Fifth East Asia Democracy Forum posed for a group photo. The theme of this Forum was “Prevent Democratic Backsliding.”

TFD President Szu-chien Hsu stated in his opening remarks that the EADF is one of the flagship forums for the TFD. “The goal for this forum is to provide a platform for civil society organizations and individuals to discuss, strategize, and





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1. Panelist Anthony Q. Esguerra (left), a multimedia reporter for Inquirer.net, a Philippine online media company, joined in discussion with GNI National Coordinator Alissa Wahid (middle), and TFD President Szu-Chien Hsu.
2. Panelist Ming-hsuan Wu, Deputy CEO of the Open Culture Foundation, shared with forum members on how to deal with the negative effects of fake news.
3. Mandeep Singh, manager of Bersih 2.0, the 2017 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award winner, was invited to give a speech.
4. Panelist Anthony Q. Esguerra shared his experiences and ideas in defending freedom of the press in the Philippines.
5. Panelist Jennifer Lu, senior researcher with Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, shared how to prevent democratic processes and institutions from becoming tools for suppressing democratic norms and values.
6. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu gave a speech at the opening ceremony.

join efforts to advance democracy and human rights in Northeast and Southeast Asia.” In the past few years, the EADF was held in countries such as Japan and Mongolia.

President Hsu raised concerns about the development of the democracy in Asia: “Democracies in the Asia Pacific region have the commonality of experiencing both external and internal pressures. Externally, we face authoritarian regimes’ aggressive attempts to promote a counter-narrative, that democratic systems are inefficient, chaotic, and sluggish, while the authoritarian model is productive, effective, and efficient. Internally, we face worsening socio-economic inequality caused by factors such as uneven globalization and growing dissatisfaction among the public, leading to the rise of populism and extremism.” President Hsu called attention to the clearly visible signs of democratic backsliding in many Asian countries today. “The goal of this year’s EADF is to gather democrats in the region to come together to think about and develop plans to safeguard our hard-earned democracy. As democrats, we have the responsibility and obligation to do so. We should begin to inform each other of authoritarian activities in our respective countries and assist and support one another to fend off such encroachment and prevent such corrosion. I believe that we can be successful in combating backsliding when we work together and I encourage everyone to remain optimistic about the development of democracy in Asia,” he added.

The speakers of this year’s EADF hailed from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Taiwan. They each illustrated the democratic hurdles confronting their respective countries, including disinformation, the compatibility of religious/traditional values with democracy, and how democrats can compete and communicate with those with opposing ideas through democratic means. The speakers also shared how each country may counter advances by anti-democratic forces with science and technology, continuous cooperation, and confidence in democratic values.

Asia Young Leaders for Democracy Program

The Fifth Asia Young Leaders for Democracy (AYLD) program took place from August 14 to August 22. Over the course of the program, 17 young democracy leaders hailing from countries across Asia, including Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, got to know each other and engaged in discussions about the current global democratic recession and the spread of disinformation. Addressing the *Asia Young Leaders for Democracy Declaration* adopted by last year's participants, the 2018 class explored possible action plans to combat democratic recession.

This year's AYLD program invited experts in the fields of democracy and human rights to speak and exchange ideas with the participants. Speakers included Larry Diamond, senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution in Stanford University; J. Michael Cole, senior fellow with the China Policy Institute at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom; Shi-fang Lin, Board member of the Awakening Foundation; Yen-jung Tseng, policy initiative director at the Taiwan Gender Equity Education Association; Thung-hong Lin, Associate Research Fellow at Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica; and Ms. Nien-tzu Lin, founder of Nepal's Dharti Mata Sustainable Workshop. They led discussion on topics such as the global crisis of liberal democracy, China's sharp power, Taiwan's experience with the MeToo movement, promotion of gender equality education in Taiwan, and building a resilient democracy in Asia.

Additionally, representatives from NGOs like Cofacts, g0v.tw, One-Forty, Taiwan Reach Out, and Taiwan North Nest also shared their experiences in combating disinformation, building a civic tech community, making a cause attractive, and working with local economies to establish a sustainable economic model that complements democracy. The participants visited Dadaocheng, the National Human Rights Museum – the Jing-Mei White Terror Memorial Park, Nylon Cheng Liberty Foundation, and the recently established Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, exchanging ideas with young NGO workers in Taiwan to discuss future cooperation opportunities.

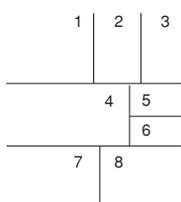
TFD President Ford Fu-Te Liao stated in his opening remarks, "In 2018, we continue to witness democratic backsliding in Asia. An obvious factor is China's overshadowing influence and ambition in the region, which has loomed larger,



with Beijing further tightening up control over its people and championing the so-called alternative development model, loaded with unconditional funds, to those regimes lacking transparency and prone to corruption.”

The 2018 AYLD participants identified several predicaments facing contemporary democracies, including the split and lack of dialogue between the civil society and government, the lack of internal democratic structures within NGOs, and the shrinking space for civil societies around the world. After group discussions, participants proposed solutions to these predicaments. One group drafted the idea of holding regular meetings within each NGO to promote a united approach toward issues and to institutionalize democratic procedures. The meetings would include open discussions to develop common values, educate participants, garner mutual support and regularize joint activities or events. Another group planned to set up a collaborative online platform where educational training is provided to counter shrinking development spaces for civil society. The training content found in the platform would consist of videos, blogs, legal education, safe protesting manuals, fundraising education, and other related tools to further empower civil society workers.

Other projects discussed by AYLD participants involved developing deliberative democracy through increasing in-person meetings to eliminate misunderstandings, conducting statistical analyses of extremism or radicalization, and expanding regional partnerships. In his closing remarks, President Liao thanked the participants for their active participation, which “has made the TFD and the Taiwanese society more aware of the predicaments of other Asian countries, and connected Taiwan’s civil society with the broader Asian civil society network.”



1. TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao (front row, second from the right), Vice President Ketty W. Chen (front row, third from the right), and participants of the Fifth AYLD.
2. Mr. J. Michael Cole, senior fellow with the China Policy Institute at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, spoke about the impact of China’s sharp power on the development of democracy in the Asian region.
3. Mr. Ju-yen Wu, secretary general of Taiwan North Nest, shared ways to establish sustainable economic models that are complementary to democratic institutions.
4. The TFD invited NGO representatives from all sectors in Taiwan to meet with the participants.
5. Professor Larry Diamond (right), senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, gave a talk on the contemporary global crisis of liberal democracies.
6. Group presentation by AYLD participants.
7. Ms. Nien-tzu Lin, the founder of Dharti Mata Sustainable Workshop in Nepal, spoke at the Fifth AYLD.
8. AYLD participants visited the Dadaocheng historic district.

Participation in the World Movement for Democracy

The World Movement for Democracy (WMD) is a global network of democracy and human rights activists who are committed to the advancement of democracy. The TFD, since its founding, has actively participated and supported the WMD. In preparation for the WMD Ninth Global Assembly, the TFD held the WMD Asia Regional Conference in Taipei from January 29 to January 30. Conference participants hailed from nine countries across Asia, discussing the theme “Strengthening Democratic Unity in Asia.”

From May 6 to May 9, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu led a delegation to participate in the Ninth Assembly of the WMD, held in Dakar, Senegal, under the theme “Building Strategic Partnerships for Democratic Renewal.” To prevent the rise of totalitarianism, global civil society must build stronger partnerships to consolidate democratic values. President Hsu served as panelist on the workshop “Strengthening a Coalition for Democracy Renewal.”

The assembly brought together more than 350 social activists, experts, and scholars from more than 100 countries around the world to share ideas and discuss strategies through workshops. Featured topics included defending freedom of information on the internet, promoting the coexistence of democratic norms and traditional values, building cross-domain and cross-generation partnerships to consolidate the core values of democracy, and strengthening regional and international networks among democracies. The workshops also analyzed various challenges faced by democracies, such as global corruption, dissemination of disinformation, and the threat of extremism.



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1. Participants of the WMD Asia Regional Conference, held at the TFD on January 29 to 30.
2. Discussion during the WMD Asia Regional Conference.
3. From May 6 to May 9, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu participated in the Ninth Global Assembly of the WMD with Open Culture Foundation CEO Chia-liang Kao and Taiwan Democracy Watch Board Director Wei-chun Hsu.
4. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu speaking at the workshop on "Strengthening a Coalition for Democracy Renewal."

The Global Cooperation and Training Framework Workshop on “Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy”

On October 18, 2018, the TFD co-hosted the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) Workshop on “Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy,” with the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Legislative Yuan Speaker and TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan, Foreign Minister and TFD Vice Chairman Jaushieh Joseph Wu, AIT Director William Brent Christensen, and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby all attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. Executive Yuan Digital Minister Audrey Tang delivered the keynote speech titled “Global Cooperation: Media Literacy,” and answered questions from the audience.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Su said that, in an era in which information is spread fast and widely, some erroneous information and false news are being deliberately disseminated by persons or groups, and these acts should be rejected and condemned by everyone. “But over-controlling news reporting through strict laws and regulations, or censoring information, contravenes the sacred spirit of freedom. As defenders of democracy, each and every one of us must stay ahead of the technology and cultivate the ability to discern truth from lies in an online world rampant with fake news and disinformation. Developing this skill and overcoming other related obstacles are the challenges democracies now face,” Chairman Su said.

Vice Chairman Wu similarly emphasized that criticisms of the government can

- TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan delivered welcoming remarks at the 2018 GCTF Workshop.





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1. Digital Minister Audrey Tang delivered the keynote speech, entitled "Global Cooperation: Media Literacy."
2. US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby gave opening remarks at the GCTF Workshop.
3. Opening remarks by TFD Vice Chairman Jausieh Joseph Wu.
4. TFD Vice Chairman Jausieh Joseph Wu, American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director William Brent Christensen, and US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby (from left to right) at the GCTF Workshop.
5. Group photo taken after the opening ceremony of the GCTF Workshop.
6. Opening remarks by AIT Director William Brent Christensen.

take many shapes and forms. “As a government that defends democracy, it is our job to ensure that freedom of the press is not only respected, but also enshrined as part of our society. But when this criticism is based on fake information, lies, unfounded or anonymous sources, when criticism comes from foreign actors that hold a vested interest in degrading our political system, that is when it becomes our absolute duty to mount a counter attack,” he said.

Citing the United States’ National Security Strategy, Director Christensen said the NSS describes “a geopolitical competition between free and repressive visions of governance that is playing out in this region and beyond,” and nowhere is this description “truer than on the information battlefield.” He remarked that the United States is grappling with the spread of disinformation, particularly as foreign actors seek to use social media to interfere in elections, divide the American public, and undermine confidence in democratic institutions. He added that Taiwan is “also on the frontlines,” as those who perpetrate disinformation campaigns see democratic societies like the United States and Taiwan as soft targets. “They are wrong. These freedoms and institutions provide our societies with the resilience, creativity, and confidence needed to respond to these insidious attacks,” Director Christensen stressed.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Busby said in his welcoming remarks that at a time when other parts of the Indo-Pacific region face democratic backsliding and human rights abuses, “Taiwan serves as an invaluable model to others.” “Given the challenges we all face,” he continued, “it is especially important that democracies like Taiwan and United States stand together in promoting a brighter future that is free of repression, censorship, and exploitation.” Deputy Assistant Secretary Busby cautioned that in the Indo-Pacific region, there are already cases where disinformation has been “used to instigate the infringement of rights and to erode democratic governance.”

In her keynote speech, Minister Tang gave her definition of “misinformation,” as opposed to “disinformation.” “Misinformation is unintentional, certainly not organized, speculation or a piece of information that may contain controversy or disputes that are just partial truth. In the Chinese-language context, we can rephrase misinformation literally as ‘disputed information,’ which has a neutral connotation. People can hold different slices of truth from their perspective, and to everybody else it looks like misinformation, but the important thing is that you see misinformation as an invitation for people to complete the picture together and to engage in real and true public conversation.”

“Defending Democracy: Combating Authoritarian Corrosion” Symposium

On May 28, 2018, the TFD held the “Defending Democracy: Combating Authoritarian Corrosion” Symposium in Taipei, inviting domestic and foreign scholars to discuss the threat of authoritarian regimes to today’s democracies.

TFD President Szu-chien Hsu remarked that there have been many signs of democratic backsliding. “Moreover, authoritarian and revisionist governments are using this democratic crisis to propose alternative models of governance that are repressive, undemocratic, and ultimately destabilizing. Various techniques – known as ‘sharp power’ – are also being carried out by such governments to weaken democratic institutions and confidence in democracy,” stated President Hsu. In his keynote speech, Princeton University Professor of Politics and International Affairs Aaron Friedberg indicated that the current challenge facing democratic countries is, “How can open societies defend themselves without sacrificing the very qualities that make them worth defending?”

The symposium also invited University of Canterbury Political Science Professor Anne-Marie Brady, former Fairfax Media China Correspondent John Garnaut, the National Endowment for Democracy International Forum for Democratic Studies Director Shanthi Kalathil, and Academia Sinica Institute of Sociology Associate Research Fellow Jieh-min Wu to join a panel moderated by J. Michael Cole, Chief Editor of *Taiwan Sentinel*, where they discussed their observations of the challenges that democracies face and possible countermeasures.

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1. On May 28, 2018, the TFD held the symposium on “Defending Democracy: Combating Authoritarian Corrosion.” Symposium participants included: (from left to right) Anne-Marie Brady, Shanthi Kalathil, Aaron Friedberg, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs François Chih-chung Wu, TFD President Szu-chien Hsu, J. Michael Cole, Jieh-min Wu, and John Garnaut.
2. In his remarks, Deputy Foreign Minister François Chih-chung Wu said that, in the fight between democracy and authoritarianism, Taiwan is a frontline state, with unique and vital assets to offer the international community.
3. TFD President Szu-chien Hsu delivered remarks at the symposium.
4. Aaron Friedberg, Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, delivered the keynote speech at the symposium.



Conference on the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The year 2018 was an important time to review the progress and current state of protection for various international human rights and democratic norms. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turned 70, the Paris Principles had been in force for 25 years, and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders celebrated its 20th anniversary. On December 11, the TFD held the “Conference on the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” exploring the practice and development of these three international human rights and democratic instruments, and how Taiwan can share its experiences in promoting human rights with the international community.

In the 25 years since the adoption of the Paris Principles, many governments around the world have established human rights safeguards or set up independent national human rights institutions in line with the Principles, thus playing an important role in the protection of human rights. After advocacy from many sectors, Taiwan also initiated policy discussions about setting up a national human rights institution. Similarly, in the 20 years since the adoption of UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, rights defenders have continuously tested and broken through the restrictions of authoritarian regimes. This conference invited experts, scholars, and human rights practitioners to discuss how governments can ensure rights protection, and how the rights guaranteed by the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders can be implemented.

Dr. Shin Hae Bong, President of Human Rights Now and Professor of Law at Aoyama Gakuin University, said that, while the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted “miraculously” in 1948, the world still has a long way to go. For example, she noted that in 2017 Japan and Korea ranked 114 and 118 in the world in terms of gender equality, respectively, indicating that considerable restrictions on women’s political and social roles remained in these two countries. With respect to Taiwan, Professor Shin remarked that Taiwan, while not a member of the United Nations, has nevertheless ratified many international human rights conventions with the support of a strong civil society and regularly invited international experts to review their implementations.

Dr. Sima Samar, the winner of the Third Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award and Chairperson of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, stated that, to make a country friendlier toward the concept of human rights, eliminating gender-based violence is a good start. Many important indicators for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) also begin with gender equality. For example, improving women’s employment opportunities and their access to education and health services are powerful ways to achieve the goals of eradicating poverty and hunger.



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1. On December 11, 2018, the TFD held the “Conference on the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.”
2. Group photo of the panelists.
3. TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao served as the moderator of the conference.
4. The conference reviewed the progress and current state of protection for various international human rights and democratic norms.
5. Dr. Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, remarked on the importance of eliminating gender-based violence.
6. Professor Jau-hwa Chen, Director of the Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights at Soochow University, stated that promoting an Asian regional human rights court is one of the indicators of human rights progress in Asia.
7. Professor Mab Huang of Soochow University served as one of the discussants.
8. Professor Shin Hae Bong of Aoyama Gakuin University Faculty of Law spoke at the conference.

China Human Rights Program

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 *China Human Rights Report 2018* contained eight sections: social rights, political rights, judicial rights, economic and environmental human rights, religious and ethnic minority rights, the rights of Taiwanese nationals in China, gender rights, and human rights dialogue between China and the West. Project scholars collected and indexed significant events, policies, or laws and decrees coming out of China, and compiled them into weekly journals and monthly reports. These journals and reports formed the primary 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. The report was launched at a seminar on December 12.

On November 21, the TFD held a panel discussion on “Defending Democracy: Hong Kong under Chinese Influence and Taiwan’s Countermeasures” in an effort to expand the Foundation’s concern with the progress of human rights in China. Important scholars and democracy advocates from Taiwan and Hong Kong were invited to discuss Hong Kong’s plight, Taiwan’s possible countermeasures, and cooperation between like-minded allies. The panel discussion allowed the public to understand China’s interference with Hong Kong’s democracy and institutions, and to explore ways to respond to the Chinese government’s intervention in other countries.

To support activities related to democracy and human rights in China by domestic and foreign academic institutions, think tanks, and non-governmental organizations, the TFD also provides related grants. In 2018, these included a grant to International Tibet Network for organizing the “Collaboration and Strengthening the Tibet Movement in Asia: Regional Conference 2018”; a grant to Democratic China for “Publishing the *Memorial Collection for Liu Xiabo* English Version”; a grant to Forum 2000 Foundation for organizing Information Centre for Democracy and Human Rights in China; a grant to the



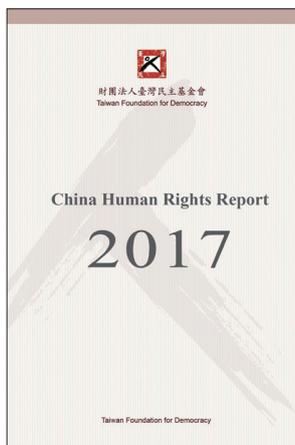
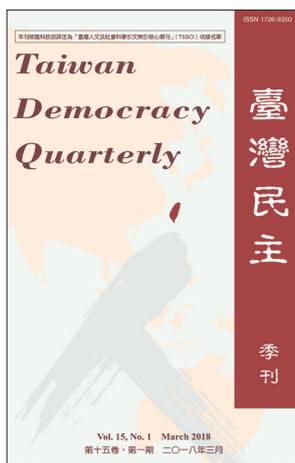
Center of Population and Gender Studies for organizing the “Contemporary Chinese Women’s Movement Photography Exhibition and Discussion”; a grant to the Taiwan Environmental Information Association for organizing the “China’s Green Activists Exchange Program – Piecing Together the Outlook of Environmental Rights across the Strait”; and a grant to the Tibetan People’s Welfare Association, Taipei, for organizing the “Meeting on the 19th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party and the Systemic Impact of China’s Constitutional Revision on Nationalism and the Problems of Hong Kong and Taiwan.”

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1. TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao (middle) with scholars and democratic activists from Taiwan and Hong Kong at the panel discussion “Defending Democracy: Hong Kong under Chinese Influence and Taiwan’s Countermeasures.”
2. A TFD grant to the International Tibet Network supported the “Collaboration and Strengthening the Tibet Movement in Asia: Regional Conference 2018.”
3. A TFD grant to Forum 2000 Foundation supported the “Information Centre for Democracy and Human Rights in China.”
4. A TFD grant supported the “Contemporary Chinese Women’s Movement Photography Exhibition and Discussion” organized by the Center of Population and Gender Studies at National Taiwan University.

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Publications



Taiwan Democracy Quarterly

The *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* is one of the leading domestic journals in the field of political science, exploring 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, and is one of the “core journals” rated by the Ministry of Science and Technology. In 2018, the four issues of Volume 15 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. The TFD has appointed Dr. T. J. Cheng, Professor in the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary, to serve as Editor-in-Chief. Under the auspices of the Journal, the TFD organizes international conferences on scholarly topics relevant to the Foundation’s mission. In 2018, the two issues of Volume 14 were published.

Publication of *China Human Rights Report 2017* in both Chinese and English versions

Since 2004, the TFD has conducted research on human rights in China. The results of each year’s research are published as the *China Human Rights Report* in the following year. Previous reports monitored the human rights situation in China from six domains – social rights, political rights, judicial rights, economic and environmental rights, educational and cultural rights, and the rights of Taiwanese businesspeople. The *China Human Rights Report 2017* added two new chapters on religious and ethnic minority rights and gender rights, and expanded the section on the rights of Taiwanese businesspeople to cover all Taiwanese nationals living in China. Overall, in 2017 not only has human rights protection continued to deteriorate on many fronts, but also the Chinese government has sought to replace universal values with “Chinese characteristics.” Nevertheless, several major cases drew criticism and raised common concerns within both the domestic and international communities.

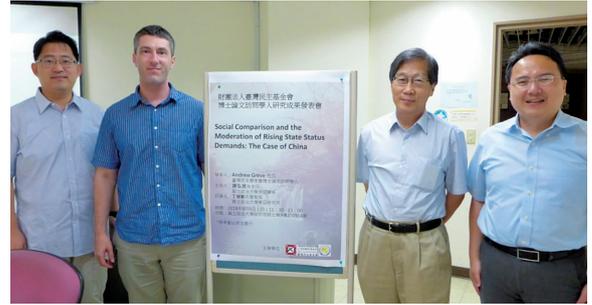
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Visiting Fellowships and Research Program

To promote research on global democracy and human rights and increase 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 field research related to Taiwan's democracy and human rights, or to conduct comparative study of Taiwan's democratic experiences with those of other countries.

The TFD divides visiting fellowships into four categories: Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellowships, International Visiting Fellowships, Postdoctoral Fellowships, and Dissertation Fellowships.

In 2018 the TFD awarded five Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellowships, one International Visiting Fellowship, one Postdoctoral Fellowship, and four Dissertation Fellowships.



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1. On December 14, Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow Mr. Patrick Connolly (second from the right) delivered a presentation titled “Mapping the Taiwanese gov Movement: A Canadian Civic Tech Perspective.”
2. On December 19, Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow Dr. Kim Changho (center) delivered a presentation at the Taipei Bar Association titled “Business Human Rights in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan: Developments and Remaining Challenges.”
3. On July 25, Dissertation Fellow Mr. Christopher Carothers delivered a presentation at Shih Hsin University, titled “Corruption Control Before and After Democratization: A Comparative Study of Taiwan and South Korea.”
4. On October 16, Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow Mr. Klaikong Vaidhyakarn delivered a presentation titled “Civic Tech and Digital Civic Participation: Taiwan’s Experiences and How to Replicate to Thailand.”
5. On August 9, Dissertation Fellow Mr. Andrew Greve (second from the left) delivered a presentation at the Department of Diplomacy of National Chengchi University titled “Social Comparison and the Moderation of Rising State Status Demands: The Case of China.”



- The TFD signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the International Fellowship Program with the College of Social Sciences, National Chengchi University.

Memorandum of Understanding on the International Fellowship Program

To further strengthen linkages between visiting fellows and Taiwan’s academics, the TFD signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the International Fellowship Program with the College of Social Sciences, the Institute of International Relations, and the College of International Affairs, all affiliated with National Chengchi University. All sides shared the intention of enlarging the value of fellows’ academic research results by taking advantage of the research achievements and regional expertise of domestic education and research institutions.

- The TFD invited scholars and experts to utilize its survey data in their research, and studies based on the data were presented at the “Democratic Participation and Social Justice” panel during the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Political Science Association.



The “Taiwan Democratic Value and Governance” and the “Evaluation of Social Justice in Taiwan” Surveys

To understand the democratic beliefs of ordinary Taiwanese citizens and their current evaluations of democratic politics and social justice, the TFD has continuously commissioned professional polling organizations to conduct surveys to explore the Taiwanese people’s attitudes and levels of satisfaction with the performance of democratic governance and social justice. Moreover, acting on the principle of full disclosure, the TFD has released survey data from previous years and welcomes their use by scholars and specialists from all sectors. In 2018, the TFD invited scholars and experts to utilize this data in their research. Studies based on the data were presented at the “Democratic Participation and Social Justice” panel during the Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Political Science Association.

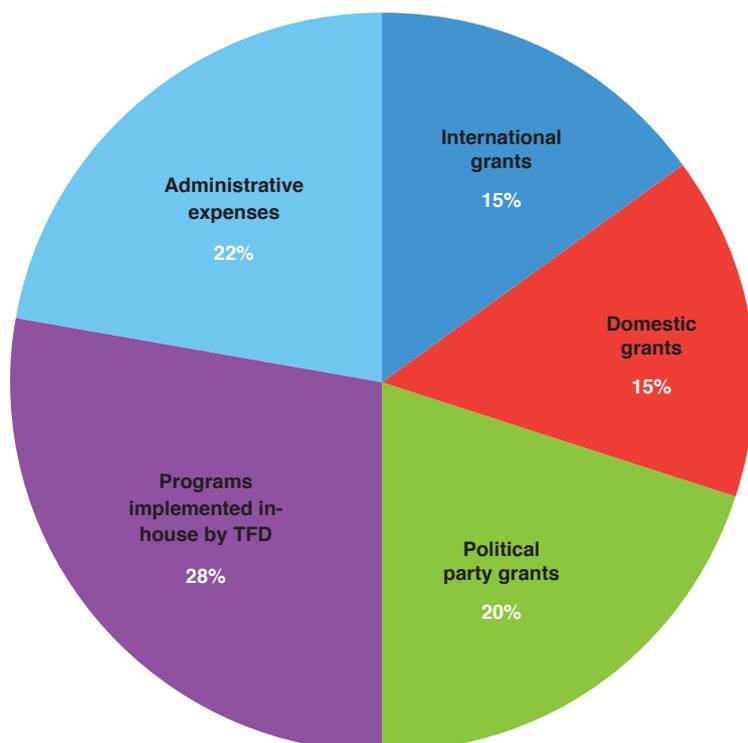
Financial Report

One fifth of the TFD's budget is reserved for democracy and human rights-related activities of political parties, both at home and abroad. The remaining budget is used for the Foundation's other programs. In 2018, the TFD's total expenditure was NT\$135,715,564. Please refer to Appendix 3 for detailed financial statements.

Expenses for each program in 2018 were the following:

(Unit: New Taiwan Dollars)

- International grants: \$20,040,252
- Domestic grants: \$20,142,240
- Political party grants: \$27,414,694
- Programs implemented in-house by TFD: \$37,694,577
- Administrative expenses: \$30,423,801



Appendix 1

International Grants in 2018

Name of Program	Grantee	Country	Strategic Focus
International Legitimacy and Global Justice: From Deconstruction to Reconstruction	Jean-Marc Coicaud	United States	Taiwan Studies
Capacity-Building Program for Human Rights Defenders in Nepal	Human Rights Organization of Nepal (HURON)	Nepal	South Asia
Look Out Bootcamp	Out of the Box Media Literacy Initiative (OOTB)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Comparative Study of Youth Political Participation and Socialization in Taiwan and Iran	Afsaneh Seifnaji	Iran	Taiwan Studies
End Gender-Based Violence	Sahabat Perempuan	Indonesia	Southeast Asia
Social and Democratic Awareness Program for Farming Women	AWARD Nepal	Nepal	South Asia
Advocacy for Sustainable Democracy through Participation of Young People	Bangladesh Centre for Human Rights and Development	Bangladesh	South Asia
Ninth Global Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy	National Endowment for Democracy	United States	Global Democracy Movement
United States Election Program (USEP)	International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)	United States	Global Democracy Movement
Defending the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Rohingya Refugees	Asian Legal Resource Centre Ltd. (ALRC)	Hong Kong	Asian Democracy Movement
Is the Liberal World Order Ending?	Tufts University Institute for Global Leadership	United States	International Think Tanks
Talk on Current Affairs	Sound of Hope Radio Network, Inc.	United States	Human Rights in China
How East Asian Countries and Corporations Approach Business and Human Rights	Chang Ho Kim	Korea	Taiwan Studies
Tiananmen Movement Studies	Yen Hua Wu	United States	Taiwan Studies
CSIS Taiwan-US Policy Program	Center for Strategic and International Studies	United States	International Think Tanks
Beyond an Island: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective	North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA)	United States	Taiwan Studies

Taiwan's Global Impact	Global Taiwan Institute	United States	Taiwan Studies
<i>Contact Magazine</i> : Supporting a Free Press for Tibetans in Exile	Lha Charitable Trust: Institute for Social Work and Education	India	Human Rights in China
Democratic Identity, Taiwan's Status Demands, and US Accommodation in Conflict Avoidance	Andrew Greve	United States	Taiwan Studies
Party-Movement Relations in Taiwan: The Case Study of DPP and the Sunflower Movement	Chung Yin Kwan	Hong Kong	Taiwan Studies
Transitional Justice as a Public Policy Framework in Taiwan	Vladimir Stolojan-Filipesco	France	Taiwan Studies
China Newsletter Online Biweekly	Chinese Scholars Friendship Association	United States	Human Rights in China
Publication of <i>Beijing Spring Monthly</i>	<i>Beijing Spring Magazine</i>	United States	Human Rights in China
Pagtiguman: National Cultural Conference for the Advancement of Human Rights	Sining na Naglilingkod sa Bayan, Inc. (Art for the People)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Building Rural Youth Solidarity: Rural Youth Rise! First International Rural Youth Assembly	Asian Peasant Coalition (APC)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
China's Global State Media Expansion and its Impacts on Democracy	Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs	United States	International Think Tanks
Creating E-Learning Resources on Human Rights, Democracy, and Social Change	Asian Institute for Human Rights (AIHR)	Thailand	Asian Democracy Movement
The Role of Media in Promoting Peace and Democracy	Alipato Media Center, Inc.	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Capacity-Building for Chinese Human Rights Defenders	China Rights in Action	United States	Human Rights in China
International Conference on the State of Democracy and Good Governance in Developing Commonwealth Countries	National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda (NAFODU)	Uganda	Other
Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development of Cities and Communities	Youth to Youth Initiative	Lithuania	Global Democracy Movement
Public Awareness Campaign for the Legal Rights of Women	ROR JAN	Pakistan	South Asia
Information Centre for Democracy and Human Rights in China	Forum 2000 Foundation (Nadace Forum 2000)	Czech Republic	Global Democracy Movement
Publication of <i>Modern China Studies</i>	Center of Modern China Foundation	United States	Human Rights in China

2018 Eighth Strait Talk Hong Kong Symposium and Lecture Series	Strait Talk Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Taiwan Studies
Minority Rights Matter: Promoting Diversity and Connections across LGBTQ+ Communities and Developing Partnerships between Disability Groups and Communities	Taiwan Studies Programme, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham	United Kingdom	Taiwan Studies
15th EATS Annual Conference	European Association of Taiwan Studies	Switzerland	Taiwan Studies
3rd Annual Feminist Information Fair	Mongolian Women's Fund (MONES)	Mongolia	Northeast Asia
International Refugee Rights Conference	Canadian Council for Refugees	Canada	Global Democracy Movement
Corruption Control before and after Democratization: A Comparative Study of South Korea and Taiwan	Christopher Carothers	United States	Taiwan Studies
Symposium on "The Future of Taiwan Studies" and ERCCT Visiting Fellow Programme 2018	European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan	Germany	Taiwan Studies
Strengthening Democratic Values and Defending Human Rights by Enhancing Capacity of School Teachers and Youth Leaders	Organization for Development and Peace (ODP)	Pakistan	South Asia
Writing and Publication of <i>Taiwan Democracy Map</i> (Volume IV)	Institute of Asia-Pacific Religion and Democracy	United States	Human Rights in China
Radio Broadcasts to Provide Information to the Cuban People	Directorio Democratico Cubano, Inc.	United States	Other
Tradition and Modernity in Taiwan (TMT) 2018 Summer Program	American Councils for International Education	United States	Taiwan Studies
Building Awareness of Growing PRC Power in Latin America Through Local Media Outreach	Global Americans, Inc.	United States	Human Rights in
2nd International Tibet, Hong Kong, and Taiwan Round Table Conference on Freedom, Democracy, and the Right to Self-Determination	Students for a Free Tibet International	United States	Human Rights in China
Inclusion of Most Vulnerable Groups in Interfaith Harmony & the Democratic Process through Peace Committees	Development Enhancement & Effectiveness Partners (DEEP)	Pakistan	South Asia
Strengthening Networking between CSOs and HRDs to Promote and Protect the Rights of Minorities	Human Rights & Democratic Development Centre (HRDC)	Bangladesh	South Asia
Democratic Rights Education for Rural Women and Young Girls	Prova Society	Bangladesh	South Asia
Collaboration and Strengthening the Tibet Movement in Asia: Regional Conference 2018	International Tibet Network	United States	Human Rights in China

Promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief in Vietnam	Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme (AEDH)	France	Southeast Asia
Youth Leadership Program	FIDAL Foundation	Ecuador	Other
Transparency International School on Integrity 2018	Transparency International Lithuanian Chapter	Lithuania	Other
2018 Association for a Peaceful Transition in China Research Conference and Fifth International Symposium	Association for a Peaceful Transition in China	Denmark	Human Rights in China
Democracy and Election Education Program (DEEP)	Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) Foundation	Thailand	Asian Democracy Movement
Assessing China's Impact on Human Rights, Democracy, and Development in Southeast Asia	Asia Centre	Thailand	Asian Democracy Movement
Seventh Asia Pacific Consultation on Refugee Rights (APCRR 7)	Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)	Thailand	Asian Democracy Movement
Empowering Youth Through Court Simulation in the Mekong Delta	School of Economics and Law, Tra Vinh University	Vietnam	Southeast Asia
ASEAN Civil Society Conference (ACSC) 2018	People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF)	Thailand	Southeast Asia
Improving the Social Rights of Dalits for a Better Life	Rural Organization for Social Education and Development (ROSED)	India	South Asia
Promoting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	Human Development Promotion Group (HDPG)	Pakistan	South Asia
Writing, Editing, and Technical Support for <i>canyu.org</i>	China Netizens Rights, Inc.	United States	Human Rights in China
Publishing the <i>Memorial Collection for Liu Xiaobo</i> English Version	Democratic China	United States	Human Rights in China
2018 International Conference on Insights into the Opportunities to Promote Political Change in China	China Democracy Forum	Australia	Human Rights in China
Seminar on Xi Jinping's New Totalitarianism and the Future of Relations across the Taiwan Strait	Princeton China Initiative	United States	Human Rights in China
Publication of Global Network on Local Governance (GNLG) Newsletter	Institute of Social Sciences	India	South Asia
Empower the Silversmith Women to Ensure Right Wages and Safe Working Environments	Rural Women Development Trust	India	South Asia
Conference on French Concerns on the Current and Future Status of Mainland China and Taiwan	Solidarité Chine	France	Human Rights in China

Capacity-Building for the Promotion of Inter-Religious Harmony and Religious Freedom in Southeast Asia	Christian Solidarity International	United Kingdom	Southeast Asia
Democracy Summer Camp 2018	Zorig Foundation	Mongolia	Northeast Asia
60th Annual Conference	American Association for Chinese Studies	United States	Taiwan Studies
Community Building Program	Codeando Mexico, A.C.	Mexico	Global Democracy Movement
Oslo Freedom Forum in Taipei	Human Rights Foundation	United States	Global Democracy Movement
The 13th InterEthnic/InterFaith Leadership Conference	Initiatives for China/Citizen Power	United States	Human Rights in China
Raising Public Awareness of Issues of Children's Rights in the DPRK	People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE)	Korea	Northeast Asia
NASAGA – Consolidating SAN Commitment for Justice, Peace, and Human Rights	CBCP Caritas Philippines Foundation, Inc.	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Documentation & Monitoring Project (Human Rights Report & Thematic Research)	Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)	Malaysia	Southeast Asia
Women Communities Speak Out to Eliminate Violence Against Women	Kalyanamitra – Women's Communication and Information Center	Indonesia	Southeast Asia
ASEAN People's Solidarity Against All Forms of Discrimination: An Inclusive People-Centered Integration of Southeast Asia	Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)	Thailand	Asian Democracy Movement
Taiwan Democracy in Action: The Right to Vote and Free Press Study Tour	Legal Initiatives for Vietnam	United States	Southeast Asia
People's Empowerment Through Human Rights Education and Advocacy	Rise Up for Life and for Rights through Ecumenical Center for Development (Kasimbayan)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
CIPS Academy – Harnessing Education Technology to Promote Democratic Values in Indonesia	Center for Indonesian Policy Studies	Indonesia	Southeast Asia
Leave No One Behind: UN CRPD Ratification by the Philippines, 10 Years After	Community Response for Enlightenment, Service and Transformation (CREST), Inc.	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Building People-to-People Solidarity and Strengthening the Regional Campaign on Peace and Human Security	Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)	Philippines	Southeast Asia

Converging Diverse Political Alternatives of Southeast Asian Communities towards a People-Led Regionalism	Freedom from Debt Coalition	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Torture Documentation to Promote Rule of Law in the Deep South	Cross Culture Foundation	Thailand	Southeast Asia
Public Stakeholders As Shapers and Movers: A Policy Action Conference on Constitutional Change	Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
A Study of the Civic Tech Community in Taiwan to Guide its Development in Thailand	Klaikong Vaidhyakarn	Thailand	Taiwan Studies
Mapping the Taiwanese gov Movement from a Canadian Civic Tech Perspective	Patrick Connolly	Canada	Taiwan Studies
Student Revolutions, States, and Embedded Hegemonic Institutions: Varieties of Democratization in Taiwan and Thailand	Dharndhanate Punndhanamakarune	Thailand	Taiwan Studies

Appendix 2

Domestic Grants in 2018

Name of Program	Grantee	Type of Organization
Fifteenth Taiwan-Japan Exchange Concert: Love from Japan to Taiwan	International Pacing Art Culture Education Foundation	NGO
Research Project on “Democracy Indicators and Democratic Investigations” and “Transitional Justice’s Investigation of Truth and Accountability of Perpetrators”	Taiwan Democracy Watch	NGO
In-depth Discussion on Women’s Issues Lecture Series	Foundation of Women’s Rights Promotion and Development	NGO
Mainland China Radio Broadcast of the 2018 “Voice of Taiwan” Program	Radio Taiwan International (RTI)	NGO
International Radio Broadcast of the 2018 “Voice of Taiwan” Program	Radio Taiwan International (RTI)	NGO
Deepening Democracy – The Practice of Deliberative Democracy in the Relocation of Dalinpu and Fengbitou Villages	Kaohsiung Takao Good Day Association	NGO
Fifth Taiwan Literature Awards for Migrants	Southeast Asian Educational Science and Culture Association	NGO
2018 Freedom and Human Rights Education Program	Nylon Cheng Liberty Foundation	NGO
2018 Project to Create Fact-Checker Mechanisms in Taiwan	Quality Journalism Development Association	NGO
2018 Taiwan AIDS Rights Advocacy and Case Practice Exchange Program	Persons with HIV/AIDS Rights Advocacy Association of Taiwan	NGO
“Revise Provisions of Offenses against Sexual Autonomy in the Criminal Code” Project	Awakening Foundation	NGO
Implementing the Rights of Immigrants – Research on Revising Immigration-related Laws and Other Initiatives	TransAsia Sisters Association, Taiwan	NGO
Academic Conference on Democratic Governance and Innovation: The Challenges of Human Rights, Democracy, and Public Resources Management	Department of Public Administration, Tamkang University	Academic Institution
Cross-domain Exchange of Taiwanese and Thai Civil Societies: Marriage Equality and International Voice Program	Walking Grass Agriculture	NGO
2018 Human Rights and Culture Lecture and Events	Taiwan Human Rights and Cultural Association	NGO
History of Taiwan’s Democratic Movement – The Island of Courage	CGCH Foundation for Education	NGO
Eighth Taiwan National Affairs Conference	Taiwan Nation Alliance	NGO
12th Annual Cross-Strait Peace Forum	Center for Contemporary China Studies, National Chung Hsing University	Academic Institution

Dark Eyes Performance Lab Immersive Theater – “The Night is Long and Fraught with Dreams”	Dark Eyes Performance Lab	NGO
2018 National Training Course for Women Village Chiefs	National Alliance of Taiwan Women’s Associations	NGO
The Entry of Western Political Thought to Taiwan in the 1980s – The Max Weber Fever	Taiwan Local Culture Innovation and Co-education Association	NGO
A View of Two Mountains Across the Sea: The 2018 International Indigenous Cultural Exchange for the Cordillera Day in the Philippines	Hunter School Association of the Republic of China	NGO
Labor@SoutheastAsia.tw	Taiwan Labor Front	NGO
Forensic Interview Research on Sexual Abuse of Children and People with Intellectual Disabilities and Professional Development Platform	Modern Women’s Foundation	NGO
2018 Visual Ethnography Exhibition Tour and Study Camp: Human Rights Film Promotion Project	Taiwan Association of Visual Ethnography	NGO
Money Politics in Taichung? The Urban Planning Review and Local Democracy Development Research Project	Central Taiwan Society	NGO
Urban-Rural Affirmative Action – Theater Tour of Remote Areas	Silver Grass Culture and Creative Association	NGO
International NGO Action Seed Program	College of Global Development, Tamkang University	Academic Institution
2018 National Chengchi University Department of Diplomacy’s Democracy and Human Rights Exchange Trip to the United States	Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
Taiwan-Japan Forum on AI Technologies and Society of the Future	Master Program in Japan Studies, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
Taiwan-India Relations and New Developments in the Indo-Pacific Region: Democracy and Security	Center for India Studies, National Tsing Hua University	Academic Institution
China’s Green Activists Exchange Program – Piecing Together the Outlook of Environmental Rights across the Strait	Taiwan Environmental Information Association	NGO
From Community to City Governance: The Petition of Cosmopolitans	Cosmopolitan Culture Action Taichung	NGO
Conference on Freedom, Democracy, and Human Rights for Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, China, and Multiple Ethnic Groups	The Taiwan Youth Anti-Communist National Salvation Corps	NGO
2018 Tainan Sprout Annual Project -- Continuous Waves of Medical Controversies	Tainan Sprout Association	NGO
Let the World Focus on Taiwan – International Gender Rights Exchange and Study Program	Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBT) Hotline Association	NGO
Marriage Equality and Equal Families? – The Marriage Equality Amendment International Forum and Exchange Program	Taiwan LGBT Family Rights Advocacy	NGO
East Asia Peace Forum	Taiwan Democratic Pacific Union	NGO
“Flourishing Malaysia” Academic Conference	Taiwan International Studies Association	NGO

Publication of Papers from the Conference “Mineral Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Various Countries”	Taiwan Indigenous Studies Association	NGO
International Conference on Elections and Participation in Southeast Asia	Election Study Center, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
Fourteenth Road to Human Rights Youth Camp	Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation	NGO
Parliamentary Diplomacy: Comparative Experiences of the Legislative Yuan and the European Parliament	Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica	Academic Institution
Democratic Thought Textbook Compilation and Promotion Project	Yin Hai-Kuang Memorial Foundation	NGO
Tenth Legislative Studies Conference: Constitutional Democracy and Legislative Decision-making	School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Soochow University	Academic Institution
Contemporary Chinese Women’s Movement Photography Exhibition and Discussion	Women’s Research Program, Center for Population and Gender Studies, National Taiwan University	Academic Institution
International Conference on the Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation and Training Course for Criminal Investigators on Online Child Sexual Exploitation	ECPAT Taiwan	NGO
Fifth Myanmar International Music Festival	Kairos Art Taipei	NGO
Special Exhibition on the Street’s Unsung Heroes	Expand & Develop Foundation of Culture and Education	NGO
2018 Women’s Services Program for Promoting Social Participation of the Elderly	Tainan Gender Equality Promotion Association	NGO
Children’s Sex and Emotional Education Activities	Kaohsiung Women Awakening Foundation	NGO
Participation in 107th Session of the International Labour Conference and Exchange Visit to the United Nations Human Rights Council	Yilan Fisherman’s Labor Union	NGO
22nd International AIDS Conference and Study Tour of the Netherlands AIDS Prevention Strategies	Taiwan Red Ribbon Foundation	NGO
Participation in the “Code for America Summit 2018”	Open Culture Foundation	NGO
2018 Asia Public Culture Exchange Advocacy Program	Asia Public Culture Association	NGO
2018 Institute for National Policy Research Annual Symposium	Institute for National Policy Research	NGO
Are Citizens Capable: The Multiple Facets of Citizen Participation in Energy Transformation	Homemakers United Foundation	NGO
Happiness Script	Bornanew Youth Caring Association of the Republic of China	NGO
Let’s Discuss the Alternatives to the Death Penalty: A Public Deliberation Program	Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty	NGO
Citizen Voices under Soft Authoritarianism: Observing Contemporary Russian Democracy, Media, and Eastern Europe	Central and Eastern European Research Center, Soochow University	Academic Institution

Compilation of a Handbook of Practical Training and Implementation Examples of Human Rights Concepts in Women and Children Service Work	Good Shepherd Social Welfare Foundation	NGO
Red Strawberries Say No to Drugs	Grace Hsiao Ching-wen Dance Theater Company	NGO
London Conference on Decommunisation	Taiwan Society	NGO
2018 International Conference on Solutions to the Global Democracy Crisis	Department of East Asian Studies, National Taiwan Normal University	Academic Institution
2018 Wenzao International Conference on Southeast Asian Studies	Center for Southeast Asian Languages Teaching, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages	Academic Institution
2018 Academic Conference “Social Economy and Sustainable Development in Contemporary Taiwan”	Republic of China National Development Research Society	NGO
Ninth Conference on Semi-Presidentialism and Democracy and Professor Lin Ji-wen Memorial Symposium	Department of Public Administration and Management, Chinese Culture University	Academic Institution
2018 Annual Meeting of Taiwan Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs and International Academic Conference “Changing Public Administration: New Values, New Issues and New Challenges”	Taiwan Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs	NGO
Second Asia-Pacific Summit on Gender-Based Violence and the Seventh Women and Children Protection Network: Commitment and Operation	Taiwan Coalition against Violence	NGO
Participation in the Third Asian Councils Forum	Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum	NGO
Fifth Deepening and Cultivating Democracy Training Program	Taiwan Society North	NGO
2018 Academic Conference on Society and Public Affairs – Modern Democratic Society and Public Governance	Department of Social and Public Affairs, University of Taipei	Academic Institution
19th Cross-strait Administrative Law Symposium – “Administrative Controls and Enforcement Rules across Traditional and Modern Technologies”	Taiwan Administrative Law Association	NGO
2018 Parliamentary Election Observation Mission to Malaysia	Taiwan Asian Network for Free Elections	NGO
2018 Taipei Environmental Human Rights Film Festival	Chi Sing Eco-conservation Foundation	NGO
Publication of <i>Understanding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals</i>	Foundation of Medical Professionals Alliance in Taiwan	NGO
“Promoting International Health Rights: Law, Public Health, and Human Rights” Book Club and Workshop	Taiwan Health Right Initiative	NGO
Building an International Research Platform for “Understanding China’s Sharp Power and its International United Front Activities”	Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
2018 Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Political Science Association and International Conference “Changing Major Power Relations and Democratic Governance”	Department of Global Politics and Economics, Tamkang University	Academic Institution

Delegation to Attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Transparency International and the 18th International Anti-corruption Conference	Transparency International Chinese Taipei	NGO
Participation in Activities Related to the 2018 Pacific Tribal Canoe Culture Exchange Conference	Tao Foundation	NGO
Promoting the Rights of Taiwanese Children in the Implementation of Visiting Rights – International Exchange Program with Japanese NGOs	Children and Family Care Association of Hualien County	NGO
Academic Book Writing Project on “Thirty Years of Journalistic Practices from Reporters across the Strait: Work Routine, Journalistic Professionalism, and Role Cognition”	Taiwan New Media Culture Development Association	NGO
73rd Anniversary of the End of the War – Inscription and Monument of War History	Taiwan Extra-Patriot Veterans Association of Kaohsiung City	NGO
13th Tsai Jui-Yueh International Dance Festival	Tsai Jui-Yueh Dance Foundation of Taipei	NGO
2018 “Love is Deep and Rainbow Takes Root” – Community Screening of Gender Films	Taiwan International Media and Education Association (TIMEA)	NGO
Introduction of the United Nations Standards on Peaceful Assembly and International Dialogue	Taiwan Association for Human Rights	NGO
2018 Young Leaders Summer Camp	Pei-Gen Cultural and Education Association of Tainan City	NGO
Meeting on the 19th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party and the Systemic Impact of China’s Constitutional Revision on Nationalism and the Problems of Hong Kong and Taiwan	Tibetan People’s Welfare Association, Taipei	NGO
18th Women’s Action Network Conference and Women’s Group Workshop	Taiwan Women’s Link	NGO
27th New Culture Study Camp	New Culture Foundation	NGO
The Road to Developing Young Political Activists in Taiwan – Interview and Documentary Publication Project	Philosophy Society	NGO
International Conference on the 93rd Anniversary of the Taiwan Erlin Sugarcane Farmers Incident	Taiwan Erlin Sugarcane Farmers Incident Association	NGO
2018 Civil Society Education Networks in Asia Summer School	Social Development and Cultural Education Foundation	NGO
2018 Domestic Education Activities of the Media Watch Fact Check Center	Taiwan Media Watch and Education Foundation	NGO
Know Your Rights – Immigrant Rights Manual Publication Project	Serve the People Association-SPA, Taoyuan	NGO
13th Terrorism and Non-traditional Security Conference	Chinese Homeland Security Research Association	NGO
Academic Conference on the “Democratic and Diverse Southern Society”	Department of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University	Academic Institution

The 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: International Linkage and Education Alliance	Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights, Soochow University	Academic Institution
2018 Annual Meeting of the Chinese Association of Political Science and Symposium “Rise of the Smart State: the Impacts and Challenges of Technology on Security, Governance, and Development”	Chinese Association of Political Science	NGO
International Workshop “Experience of Teachers and NGOs in Global Citizenship Education”	Global Citizenship Education Center, National Chiao Tung University	Academic Institution
Experience Exchange on New Zealand’s Implementation of Indigenous Peoples’ Education Rights and Visit to South Island	Center for International Indigenous Affairs, National Dong Hwa University	Academic Institution
Organizing International Academic Exchange Activities: 2018 IDAS International Conference	College of Social Sciences, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
Discussion of Indigenous Social Work from the Perspective of International Human Rights and Experience-sharing from Practitioners – Poster Exhibits and Symposium	Taiwan Association of Indigenous Social Work	NGO
12th “Taiwan UN Youth Study Camp”	Taiwan United Nations Alliance	NGO
The “Pearl Loves New Taiwan Immigrants” Rights Advocacy Project	The Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan	NGO
Cross-strait Comparative Participatory Budgeting Workshop	Taipei University of Marine Technology	Academic Institution
Fifth ICF International Conference	Taiwan Society of International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health	NGO
International Workshop on the Theory and Practice of the Treatment of Victims of Political Violence	Taiwan Development and Cultural Interchange Association	NGO
2018 Concealed True State of Fukushima Forum – “The Concealed Radiation Exposure Report: Whither and Whence for Human Rights after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster?”	East Asia Popular History Exchange Association	NGO
2018 BPW Asia-Pacific Regional Conference	International Federation of Business & Professional Women, Taiwan	NGO
2018 Human Rights/Drama/Discussion “Memories of Waltz –Chang Chang-mei, Ting Yao-tiao, and Shih Shui-huan”	Island Stage	NGO
2018 Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of Global Greens	Taiwan Friends of the Global Greens	NGO
“2018 Taiwan Youth Rights Review Report” Research Project	Taiwan Alliance for Advancement of Youth Rights and Welfare	NGO
25th Taiwan Women Make Waves Film Festival and Tour	Taiwan Women’s Film Association	NGO
Cyclops Troupe Classic –Local Series “Vernacular (Baihua)”	The Cyclops Troupe	NGO
Tongzhi Come out of the Closet: “Video Poetry of Gay Lives”	Taiwan Gay Movement Development Association	NGO

Using Democracy and Human Rights to See Another Tibet – The 2018 Visit to Dharamsala (Delegation of Scholars)	Taiwan International Medical Alliance	NGO
2018 Visit of the Legislative Assistants Union to Mainland China	Legislative Assistants Union of the Legislative Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)	NGO
Academic Conference “Innovation in Political Strategies: Opportunities and Challenges for Global Democratic Development”	Taiwan Strategy Research Association	NGO
International Conference “Era of Progress and Justice: Michael Hsin-Huang Hsiao and the New Taiwan in Asia”	Center for Southeast Asian Studies, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
17th Excellent Journalism Award Presentation and Ceremony	The Foundation for Excellent Journalism Award	NGO
Editing and Publication of “Asia and Pacific Nation Network – National Reports” and Participation in the Eighth Conference of the Asia and Pacific Nation Network of Women Engineers and Scientists	The Society of Taiwan Women in Science and Technology (TWiST)	NGO
2018 Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Sociological Association	Taiwanese Sociological Association	NGO
2018 Annual Conference of the Taiwan Society of Japan Studies and Academic Conference “The Asia-Pacific, Japan, and the 150th Anniversary of the Meiji Restoration: Changes and Continuities in Japanese Studies”	Taiwan Society of Japan Studies	NGO
12th National Graduate Conference on International Relations	College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
Academic Conference “Current International Strategy –US-China Competition and Taiwan”	Taiwan International Strategic Research Association	NGO
2018 “Freedom and Democracy Defense of Permanent Peace” International Conference in Taipei	Permanent Peace Partnership	NGO
Workshop on Transformational Justice and Traditional Territories of Indigenous Peoples	Foundation for International Exchange and Cultural Development	NGO
“What is Happiness? The Democratization of Intimacy in Taiwan” Workshop	Graduate Institute for Gender Studies, Shih Hsin University	Academic Institution

Appendix 3

Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

The following financial statements are a translation of the original statements as audited and certified in March 2019 by: Solomon & Co., CPAs (8F, No. 83, Sec. 1, Chongqing S. Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100, Taiwan (R.O.C.), <http://www.slmcpas.com.tw>).

A. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Statement of Financial Position

Unit: NT\$

		2017	2018
ASSETS			
Current Assets	Cash and Cash Equivalents	42,200,451	40,743,226
	Other Receivables	225,434	264,142
	Prepayments	3,001,263	1,257,803
	Total Current Assets	45,427,148	42,265,171
Noncurrent Assets	Funds	85,000,000	90,000,000
	Property, Plant and Equipment	14,804,915	17,925,894
	Intangible Assets	264,423	1,271,565
	Other Assets	2,798,844	2,798,844
	Total Noncurrent Assets	102,868,182	111,996,303
Total Assets		\$ 148,295,330	\$ 154,261,474
LIABILITIES, FUNDS, AND BALANCE			
Current Liabilities	Receipts Payable	14,525,685	9,606,214
	Advance Receipts	21,073,598	21,758,725
	Receipts Under Custody	29,021	265,442
	Total Current Liabilities	35,628,304	31,630,381
Funds and Balance	Establishment Fund	30,000,000	30,000,000
	Other Funds	96,329,743	108,197,314
	Accumulated Surplus/Deficit	(13,662,717)	(15,566,221)
	Total Funds and Balance	112,667,026	122,631,093
Total Liabilities, Funds, and Balance		\$ 148,295,330	\$ 154,261,474

B. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Balance Statement

Unit: NT\$

		2017	2018
REVENUE			
Operating Revenue	Donation Revenue	129,190,813	128,135,735
	Other Operating Revenue	200	200
Non-operating Revenue	Interest Revenue	711,820	835,746
	Currency Exchange Gains	-	94
Total Revenue		129,902,833	128,971,775
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses	Grant Expenses	65,890,283	59,383,699
	Payroll Expenses	17,192,291	18,878,528
	Travel Expenses	9,141,891	10,942,315
	Conference Expenses	7,011,559	9,520,811
	Insurance Expenses	3,129,518	3,168,154
	Rental Expenses	1,993,878	3,091,939
	Professional Service Expenses	2,315,907	3,076,519
	Various Depreciation and Amortization	3,937,307	2,739,450
	Postage and Telecommunications	2,297,309	2,701,416
	Part-time Compensation	3,120,000	2,635,000
	Repairs and Maintenance Expenses	2,756,093	2,516,869
	Rental Expenses	3,230,279	1,867,754
	Remuneration for Temporary Staff	1,700,000	1,689,830
	Other Expenses	9,409,485	8,662,995
Non-operating Expenses	Currency Exchange Losses	2,320	-
Total Expenses		133,128,120	130,875,279
BALANCE		(\$ 3,225,287)	(\$ 1,903,504)



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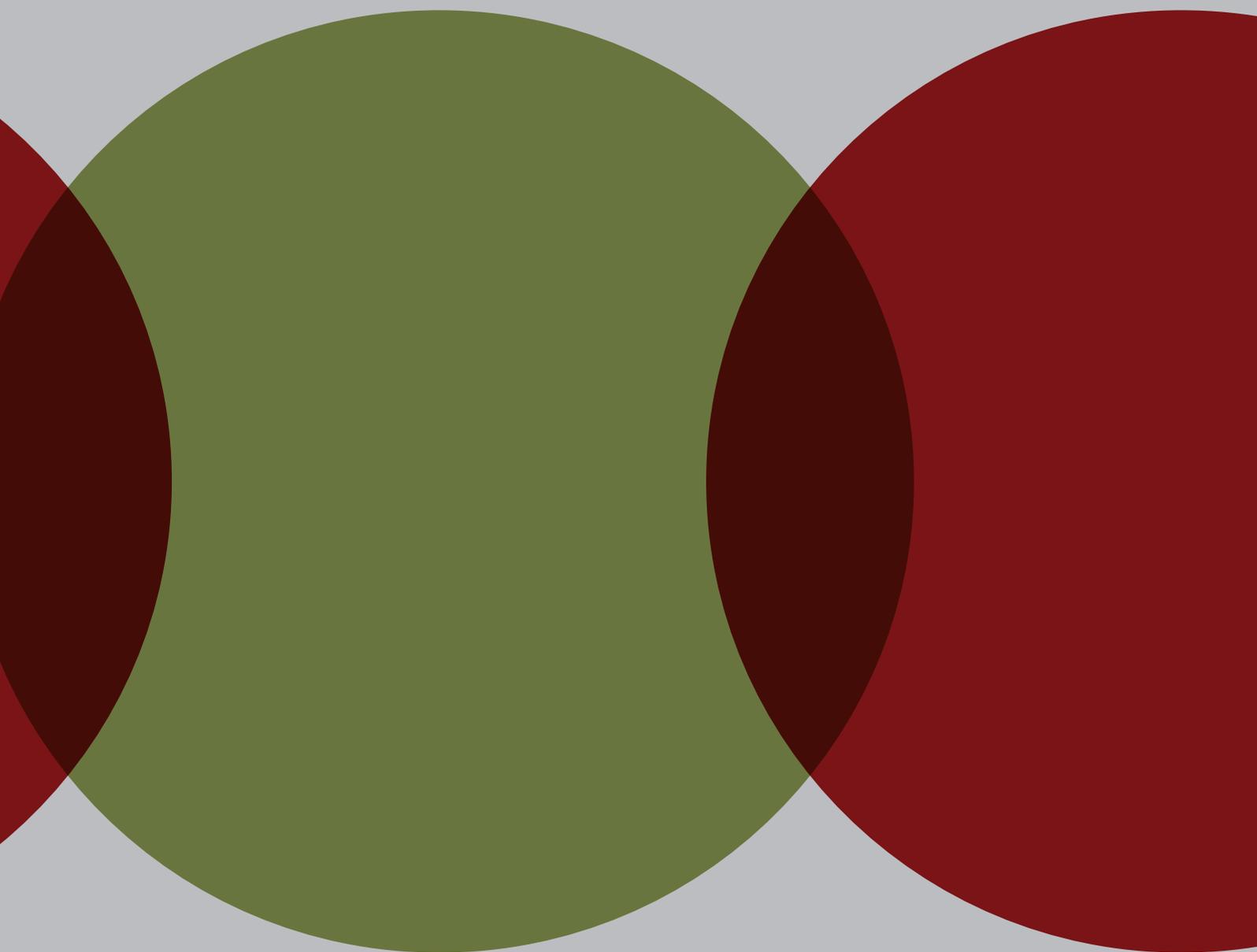
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