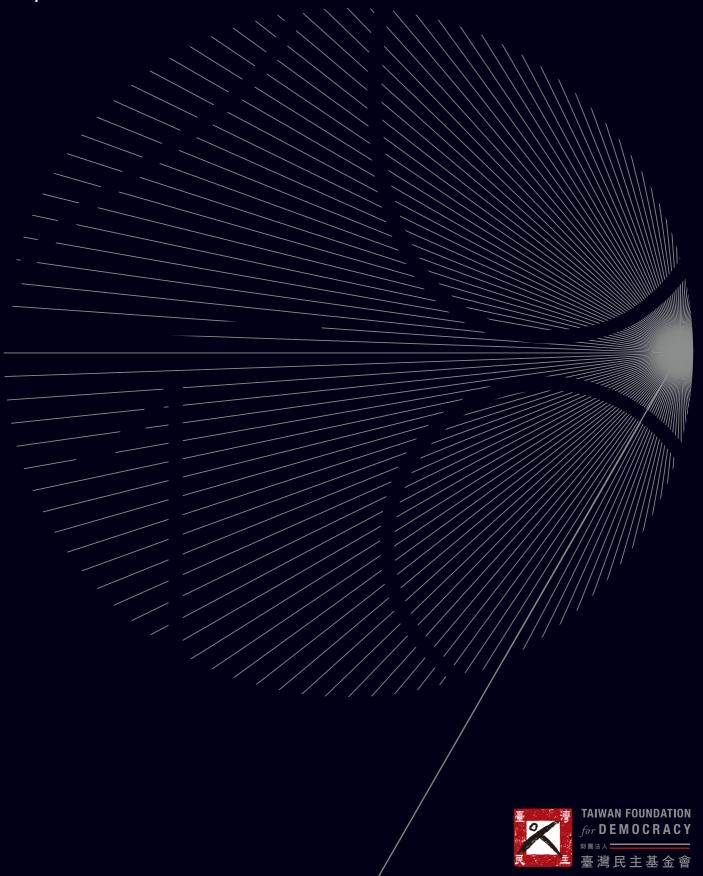
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CHAIRMAN **Su Jia-chyuan**

Opening 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 has gradually evolved into a mature democracy where freedom, democracy, human rights, and justice have become the core values of its citizens and the assets that bring them the most pride.

In the future, the people of Taiwan will not only continue to adhere to the path of democratic reform, but also to fulfill their obligations to the international community. 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. All of the TFD's members of the Board and staff shall continue working for democracy and human rights, opening Taiwan's doors to the world.

VICE CHAIRMAN Jaushieh Joseph Wu

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 serve concurrently as Vice Chairman of the TFD. I trust that the TFD and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will continue to work side by side to give the international community a better understanding of Taiwan'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.

PRESIDENT
Ford Fu-te Liao

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 to 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.

ABOUT US

Prospects and Mission

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

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

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

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

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

- To work with the international community to strengthen democracy around the globe and expand Taiwan's participation in international activities;
- To 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
- To 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 Taiwan government. However, it is independently incorporated, non-partisan, and non-profit. According to its By-laws, it 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 to finance the TFD's core activities, including:

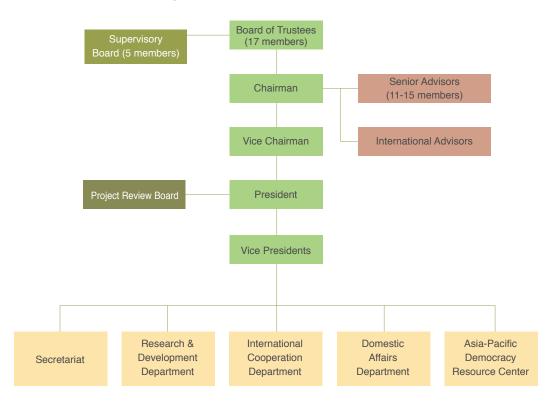
- Building relationships with democracy-advancing institutions around the world;
- Participating in the promotion of democracy worldwide and supporting the improvement of human rights conditions;
- Supporting democracy-strengthening activities of NGOs and academic institutions;
- Promoting research and 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.

ABOUT US

Organization

According to its 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 received at least 5% of the votes for the party lists in the most recent election to the Legislative Yuan; the number of representatives are allocated among the parties according to the proportion of their total seats in the Legislative Yuan, but each eligible party shall have at least one representative. The Supervisory Board is composed of three to five members, with the same term of service as the trustees, one of whom is designated as the standing supervisor. Neither the trustees nor the supervisors receive pay. The current sixth term of service ends on June 17, 2021.

· Organizational Chart of the TFD



Sixth-Term Board of Trustees in 2019

Title	Name		
	Chairman	Su, Jia-chyuan	
	Vice Chairman	Wu, Joseph Jaushieh	
	Representative from the Government	Chen, Chu	
		Chang, Sho-wen	
Trustees		Chen, Chien-fu	
		Chen, Mu-min	
	Representatives	Chiang, Chi-chen	
	from Political Parties	Hsiao, Bi-khim	
		Huang, Song-lih	
		Ko, Chih-en	
		Lin, Yu-fang	
		Lo, Chih-cheng	
		Tao, Yi-fen	
	Representative from Academia	Chen, Yi-shen (until July 9) Wei, Pai-ku (since October 7)	
	Representative from the Business Sector	Huang, Theodore M. H.	
	Representative from the Financial Sector	Huang, James Chih-fang	
	Representative from Non-governmental Organizations	Chen, Hsiu-huei	

Sixth-Term Board of Supervisors in 2019

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

Management Team

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

March 27, 2019: The second board meeting of the sixth-term Trustees and Supervisors.

October 7, 2019: The third board meeting of the sixth-term Trustees and Supervisors.





Programs and Activities

In 2019, international grants funded by the TFD totaled NT\$18,966,640. A statistical overview of funded international grants is presented here. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the detailed list of international grants.

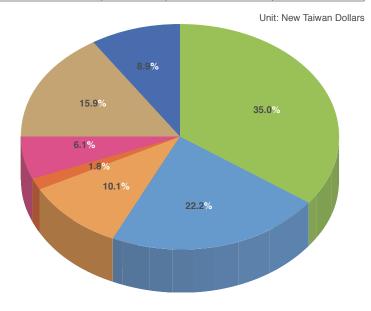
International Grants

Through its international grants program, the TFD supports the work of civil society groups and non-governmental organizations from different countries to promote the development of democracy and human rights. As the only democracy assistance foundation in the Asian region, the TFD has dedicated itself to supporting the democratization of Asia by taking active steps to build partnerships with pro-democracy organizations in the region. The 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

Table 1. International grants in 2019, by project categories

Category	Number of Cases	Amount Granted Subtotal	Share of Total
Conferences	36	6,646,559	35.0%
Training Programs	29	4,210,487	22.2%
Research and Publications	16	1,923,665	10.1%
Visits and Exchanges	2	336,374	1.8%
Fellowships	8	1,150,656	6.1%
Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award	1	3,017,000	15.9%
Other Activities	16	1,681,899	8.9%
Total	108	18,966,640	100%



Conferences

Training Programs

Research and Publications

Visits and Exchanges

Fellowships

Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award

Other Activities

Table 2. International grants in 2019, by focus area

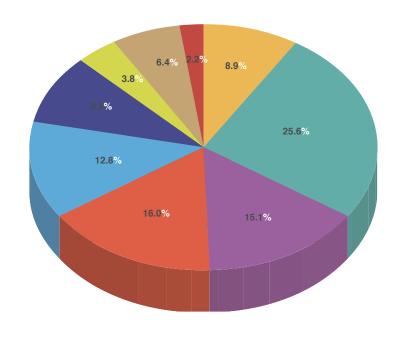
Focus Area	Number of Cases	Amount Granted Subtotal	Share of Total
Global Democracy Movement	10	1,688,377	8.9%
Asia Regional Democracy Movement	9	4,857,588	25.6%
China Human Rights	19	2,856,319	15.1%
Taiwan Studies	19	3,038,704	16.0%
Southeast Asia	20	2,425,662	12.8%
South Asia	18	1,749,800	9.2%
Northeast Asia	4	724,838	3.8%
Think Tanks	4	1,215,360	6.4%
Other	5	409,992	2.2%
Total	108	18,966,640	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars



Asia Regional Democracy Movement

Other



[•] China Human Rights

Taiwan Studies

Southeast Asia

South Asia

Northeast Asia

[•] Think Tanks













Selected TFD International Grants 2019

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- 1. The 2019 Dublin Platform for Human Rights Defenders, organized by Front Line Defenders (Ireland).
- 2. TFD supported the "ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum" through grants to Thailand's Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and People's Empowerment Foundation.
- 3. "COCONET 2: Asia-Pacific Digital Rights Camp," organized by the Engage Media Collective (Indonesia).
- 4. "Canada-Taiwan Relations Project," organized by Macdonald-Laurier Institute.
- "Women and Radicalism: Dialogue to Overcome Misunderstanding of the Radicalism Issue," organized by Yayasan PUPA (Indonesia).
- "International Conference on Fake News and Electoral Democracy in Asia," organized by Asia Centre (Thailand).









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- "Democracy Consolidation in Asia Conference," organized by the Asia Democracy Network (ADN).
- 8. The 16th EATS Annual Conference organized by the European Association of Taiwan Studies (Germany).
- The seminar "Enhancing Democratic Local Governance through Capacity-Building of Women Councilors in Nepal," organized by Democracy and Election Concern Nepal (DECoN).
- 10. The workshop "Strengthening National Human Rights Institutions of South-East Asia in Their Efforts to Prevent Torture and III-treatment," organized by the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT, Switzerland).

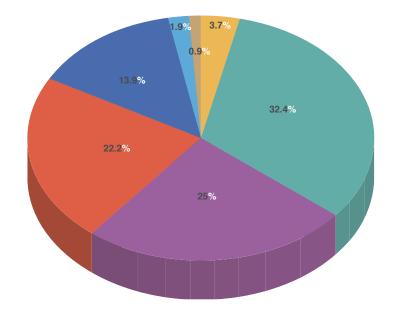
Table 3. International grants in 2019, by amount of grant

Grant Amount	Number of Cases	Share of Total
50,000 and below	4	3.7%
50,001~100,000	35	32.4%
100,001~150,000	27	25.0%
150,001~200,000	24	22.2%
200,001~500,000	15	13.9%
500,001~1,000,000	2	1.9%
Above 1,000,000	1	0.9%
Total	108	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

- 50,000 and below
- 50,001~100,000
- 100,001~150,000
- 150,001~200,000
- 200,001~500,000
- 500,001~1,000,000
- Above 1,000,000

Note: Among approved international grants, the average amount per grant is NT\$175,617.



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

In 2019, domestic grants funded by the TFD totaled NT\$21,503,395. A statistical overview of funded domestic grants is presented here. Please refer to Appendix 2 for the detailed list of domestic grants.

Domestic Grants

By providing financial assistance to domestic non-governmental organizations, the TFD empowers Taiwan's civil society in deepening the development of democracy and human rights in the country. 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.

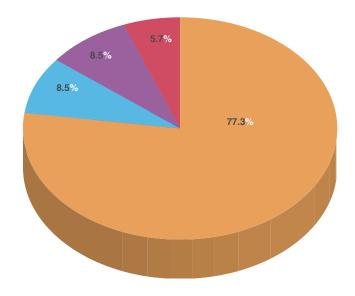
Table 1. Domestic grants in 2019, by region

Region	Number of Cases	Amount Granted Subtotal	Average Amount per Grant
Northern Taiwan	109	18,446,123	169,230
Central Taiwan	12	1,126,590	93,883
Southern Taiwan	12	1,333,633	111,136
Eastern Taiwan	8	597,049	74,631
Total	141	21,503,395	152,506

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

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

Note: In 2019, the Northern Taiwan region not only had the highest number of cases and the largest share of funding, but also its grant approval rate was slightly higher than that of other regions.



















Selected TFD Domestic Grants 2019

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- The 2019 Taiwan FactCheck Center, a project of weReport Quality News Development Association.
- "6th Murder by Numbers Film Festival," organized by Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty.
- Activities related to "A View of Two Mountains Across the Sea: The 2019 International Indigenous Cultural Exchange for the Cordillera Day in the Philippines," organized by the Hunter School Association of the Republic of China.
- Participation by Soochow University's Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights in the 2019 Conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI).
- "Feasibility Investigation of the Labor Conditions and Legal Protection of Domestic Workers," conducted by the Garden of Hope Foundation.
- "Cohesion and Practice of Democratic Awareness Workshop," organized by Cosmopolitan Culture Action Taichung.
- 7. "Good Democracy—Taichung's Participatory Budgeting Sponsors Workshop" organized by the Taiwan Reach-Out Association for Democracy.
- 8. "2019 Tokyo Rainbow Pride Parade and Taiwan-Japan Polygender Sports Exchange," organized by the Taiwan AIDS Foundation.

Table 2. Domestic grants in 2019, by project categories

Category	Amount Granted Subtotal	Share of Total
Research and Publications	1,060,703	4.9%
Training Programs	2,509,794	11.7%
Visits and Exchanges	2,448,020	11.4%
Conferences	7,755,366	36.1%
Other Activities	7,729,512	35.9%
Total	21,503,395	100.0%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Table 3. Domestic grants in 2019, by type of organization

Type of Organization	Amount Granted Subtotal	Share of Total
Academic Institutions	2,621,328	12.2%
NGOs	18,882,067	87.8%
Total	21,503,395	100%

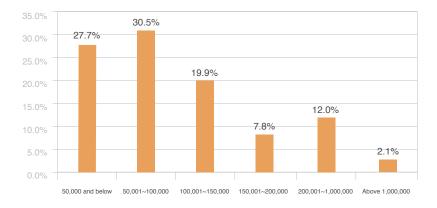
Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Table 4. Domestic grants in 2019, by amount of grants

Grant Amount	Number of Cases	Share of Total
50,000 and below	39	27.7%
50,001~100,000	43	30.5%
100,001~150,000	28	19.9%
150,001~200,000	11	7.8%
200,001~1,000,000	17	12.0%
Above 1,000,000	3	2.1%
Total	141	100%

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Note: According to 2019 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.



Programs and Activities

Political Party Grants

To encourage the activities of political parties related to democracy and human rights, the TFD, in accordance with its By-laws, reserves a fixed amount of its annual budget to support projects carried out by Taiwanese political parties that promote related research, enhance the quality of Taiwan's democracy, or strengthen Taiwan's linkages with other democracies around the world.

All political parties that received more than five percent of the votes for partylist legislators in the most recent legislative election 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 2019, TFD grants to political parties totaled NT\$29,094,191, as below:

Table 1. Allocation of grants to political parties in 2019

Party	Quota Allocation	Quota Proportion	Number of Cases	Total Amount Approved
DPP	18,360,005	61.8%	37	18,360,005
KMT	9,180,003	30.9%	21	9,147,655
NPP	1,349,984	4.6%	2	881,660
PFP	810,008	2.7%	1	704,871
Total	29,700,000	100%	61	29,094,191

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Description of Political Party Grants in 2019:

- · Grants provided to the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) supported projects such as: attendance at the 63rd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the 2019 New Immigrants Good Governance Symposium, the 2019 National New Immigrants Organizational Cadre Training Camp, the Democratic Rising Stars Training Camp, and the 2019 Gender Equality Program.
- · Grants provided to the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) supported projects such as: maintenance of English and Japanese language news websites; participation in Deutschlandtag (Germany Day) organized by the Junge Union; and visits to the United States, Australia, and Thailand for overseas compatriot affairs.
- · Grants provided to the New Power Party (NPP) supported the "2019 Youth Leaders Training Program" and the "2019 NPP Tour of North America."
- · A grant provided to the People First Party (PFP) supported a series of "Grassroots Democracy Focus Group Discussions."

Programs and Activities

Major Programs

Major programs implemented by the TFD in 2019 included "Civil Society Dialogue on Securing Religious Freedom in the Indo-Pacific Region," the 14th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, the East Asia Democracy Forum, the Asia Young Leaders for Democracy Program, the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) Congress, the Global Cooperation and Training Framework Workshop: "Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy II," China Human Rights Program, Publications, and the Visiting Fellowships and Research Program.

In addition to the above major programs and events, the TFD has sought to raise its institutional profile in regional and global networks of democracies by expanding and strengthening its international linkages through participation in many international organizations and events. Highlights during 2019 included:

- · Participating in the International Steering Committee meeting of the Community of Democracies in London, U.K.
- · Organizing the 2019 *Taiwan Journal of Democracy (TJD)* conference "Corruption, Anti-corruption, and Good Governance" in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- · Attending the 63rd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63) and the NGO CSW Forum Side Events in New York, U.S.
- · Participating in the commemoration of Tibetan Uprising Day in Dharamshala, India.
- · Participating in the 2019 annual meeting and workshop of the Asia Democracy Research Network in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- · Attending the 16th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) in Nottingham, U.K.
- · Participating in election monitoring activities in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- · Participating in the 2019 Civil 20 Summit held in Tokyo, Japan.
- · Visiting important think tanks in Xiamen and Shanghai, China.
- · Attending the "The Crisis of Democracy and Prospect for the Future: Experience in the Baltic States, Europe, and Taiwan" conference in Vilnius, Lithuania.
- · Visiting the State Department Global Operations Center in Washington, D.C., and the East-West Center in Honolulu, U.S.
- · Participating in the 2nd European Union-Taiwan Human Rights Consultations in Brussels, Belgium.
- · Attending the 2019 North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference in Seattle, U.S.
- · Attending a conference hosted by the Forum for a Democratic China and Asia in Cologne, Germany.











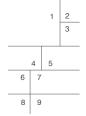








- · Participating in the 6th Taiwan-Japan Strategic Dialogue in Tokyo, Japan.
- · Attending the regional meeting of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand.
- · Co-hosting the "China Human Rights Workshop" in Geneva and holding other meetings in Bern, Freiburg, and Zurich, Switzerland.
- · Organizing a series of events and projects for the Asia Democratic Research Network in Bali, Indonesia.
- · Attending the workshop "Mapping China's Footprint in the World II" in Prague, the Czech Republic.
- · Co-hosting the workshop "Defending Good Governance and Transparency in the Pacific Islands" at the East-West Center in Honolulu, U.S.
- · Attending the annual meeting of the North America Taiwanese Professors' Association (NATPA) in Houston, U.S.
- · Participating in the 2019 ASEAN Civil Society Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.
- · Participating in the meeting of Community of Democracies in New York, U.S.
- · Attending the Forum 2000 Conference in Prague, the Czech Republic.
- · Co-hosting the "Taiwan Demystified" event with the Sinopsis think tank in Prague, the Czech Republic.
- · Attending the International Conference of Tibet Support Groups in Dharamshala, India.
- · Participating in the International Conference on Strengthening the Promotion of Democracy and Basic Liberties in Phuket, Thailand.
- · Visiting the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee in Lisbon, Portugal.



- On April 21, TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen (second from the right) shared Taiwan's experiences on gender equality issues at the 2019 Civil 20 Summit.
- From June 3-4, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao (second from the right) joined other human rights organizations to organize the "China Human Rights Workshop."
- From April 10-12, TFD President Liao (second from the left) participated in the 16th EATS Annual Conference.
- 4. On October 16, the TFD and Sinopsis co-hosted "Taiwan Demystified," including (from left to right): Prague Mayor Zdeněk Hřib, TFD Vice President Chen, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Szu-chien Hsu, National Endowment for Democracy President Carl Gershman, and Sinopsis Director Martin Hala.
- On October 13, TFD Vice President Chen (first from the right) moderated the "Asian Middle Powers and Democracy Promotion" panel at the Forum 2000 Conference.
- From January 25-27, TFD President Liao (second row, first from the left) and TFD Director
 of International Cooperation Bo Tedards (last row, first from the left) attended the meeting
 of the International Steering Committee of the Community of Democracies.
- 7. On May 2, TFD President Liao delivered opening remarks to the conference "The Crisis of Democracy and Prospect for the Future: Experience in the Baltic States, Europe, and Taiwan."
- From May 16-18, TFD President Liao (third from the right) attended the 2019 NATSA Annual Conference.
- 9. On March 4, TFD President Liao (fourth from the right) and Professor T.J. Cheng (third from the right), Editor-in-Chief of the *TJD*, attended the 2019 *TJD* conference.

Civil Society Dialogue on Securing Religious Freedom in the Indo-Pacific Region

The 2019 "Civil Society Dialogue on Securing Religious Freedom in the Indo-Pacific Region" was co-hosted by the TFD, the American Institute in Taiwan, the International Religious Freedom (IRF) Roundtable, and the IRF Secretariat. The event was also sponsored and supported by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Department of State. President Tsai Ing-wen, TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan, Deputy Foreign Minister Szu-chien Hsu, and AIT Director William Brent Christensen delivered remarks at the opening ceremony, followed by the keynote speech by U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Samuel D. Brownback.

In his opening remarks, TFD Chairman Su acknowledged the broad ethnic diversity in the Indo-Pacific region, where different religions and faiths reflect the unique cultural values of each community. He urged authoritarian countries in the region to immediately cease suppressing the development of religion, especially since such suppression often harms people's lives and property. President Tsai echoed Chairman Su in her remarks, stating, "Freedom of religion is still under threat around the world. In countries where human rights and democratic values are suppressed, governments engage in discrimination and violence against people who simply want to follow their faith." She emphasized that Taiwan will continue to stand with those whose religious rights are taken away by authoritarian regimes, concluding, "We remain committed to creating a world where people are free from fear of persecution or exile because of their religion or ethnicity."

For his part, Deputy Foreign Minister Hsu reiterated in his remarks that Taiwan is a responsible and reliable partner in the Indo-Pacific region, emphasizing that the country has made great contributions to maintaining stability and order across the Taiwan Strait and around the region.

In his remarks, AIT Director Christensen shared how Taiwan's recognition of religious freedom led to his first visit to Taiwan as a missionary in 1978. "The freedom that has allowed religious communities in Taiwan to flourish has benefited the United States as well as many other countries," said Director Christensen. In his keynote speech, Ambassador Brownback also emphasized how Taiwan is "a democratic success story" and "a force for good in the world." The ambassador indicated that, since 1999, the U.S. Secretary of State has













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- 1. President Tsai Ing-wen (middle), TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan (third from the right), Deputy Foreign Minister Szu-chien Hsu (second from the right), TFD Senior Research Fellow Maysing Yang (first from the right), TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao (first from the left), and AIT Director William Brent Christensen (second from the left) posed for a photo with U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Samuel D. Brownback (third from the left).
- 2. President Tsai delivered welcome remarks.
- 3. Remarks by TFD Chairman Su.
- 4. Remarks by Deputy Minister Hsu.
- 5. Keynote speech by Ambassador Brownback.
- 6. Director Christensen presented his remarks.

designated China and Myanmar as countries of particular concern under the Religious Freedom Act of 1998. He especially paid tributes to the survivors of religious persecution in the audience, including Y Phic Hdok, Dawa Tsering, and Rushan Abbas, as well as to Christian Pastor John Cao, who has been imprisoned in China for over two years. Calling on the international community to come together and advocate for religious freedom, Ambassador Brownback stressed, "The time for action has, unfortunately, never been more urgent." He underscored the importance of civil society members who "on the front lines" of promoting religious freedom around the world.

The opening ceremony for the event brought together over 200 local and international guests, including participants from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam. Special guests to the event included IRF Roundtable Chairman Gregory Mitchell, Uyghur Human Rights Project Chairman Nury Turkel, Campaign for Uyghurs Executive Director Rushan Abbas, the Representative of H.H. the Dalai Lama Dawa Tsering, Human Rights Network for Tibet and Taiwan Chairperson Tashi Tsering, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Assistant Professor of China Studies Timothy Grose, and representatives from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, the General Association of Chinese Taoism, the Taipei Grand Mosque Foundation, and many civil society organizations.

The 14th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award

Since 2006, the TFD has conferred the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award (ADHRA) each year 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 2019, the 14th ADHRA was awarded to the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP). The TFD held the award ceremony on December 10, 2019, International Human Rights Day. President Tsai Ing-wen presented the award plaque while TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan conferred the award prize to the DTP.

During the ceremony, President Tsai stated, "Over the past 30 years, the DTP has provided assistance to more than 3,000 human rights workers from over 60 countries in the Asia Pacific, Middle East, and North Africa. The DTP has made it possible for the seeds of human rights to flourish and bear fruit around the world."

Noting that December 10, 2019 was not only Human Rights Day but also the 40th anniversary of the Kaohsiung Incident, President Tsai reflected, "That year, our democratic predecessors showed incredible courage in resisting oppression by an authoritarian government and helped give birth to the free and democratic Taiwan of today. The Kaohsiung Incident was a turning point in Taiwan's path to democratization. The people of Taiwan have not forgotten this historical memory. Because they have not forgotten, democracy has gradually been consolidated in Taiwan, and today we are contributing to global democracy and human rights initiatives through the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award."

TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan in his speech commended the DTP's work for human rights defenders everywhere. He observed, "The Taiwanese people can readily empathize with those who are now living under autocratic regimes. We have also suffered while achieving and securing democracy, human rights, and freedom, and we esteem the altruistic contributions and sacrifice made by those selfless human rights defenders." Chairman Su also encouraged those countries and regions that are struggling for democracy, freedom, and human rights to take Taiwan as a precedent. He expressed confidence that, despite the Chinese authoritarian regime's current pressure on the democratic world, "democracy will without doubt prevail in the end."

In his acceptance speech, DTP Executive Director Patrick Earle said that the DTP's founder was José Ramos-Horta, the former president of Timor-Leste and the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Until 1999, the year in which Timor-Leste

exercised its right to self-determination and attained independence, Ramos-Horta had been in exile and advocating for human rights and self-determination of Timor-Leste for more than 20 years. Over the years he had come to realize, based on his own experiences, that it was necessary "for human rights defenders and activists to learn the law, the skills of diplomats, to build support inside and beyond governments, to make friends and build relationships." Earle stressed, "From the beginning [the DTP has] focused on the 'human' in human rights... Human rights standards are human responses to the reality of human wrongs. They express shared values of human dignity as well as the commitments made by governments." He continued, "We do not always see the immediate results of what we do, but wherever we look we see DTP's 3000-plus alumni active in the human rights and democracy movements across Asia—in the movements challenging religious intolerance and discrimination, promoting the rights of women and gender equality, asserting the rights of Indigenous peoples, holding corporations accountable for their impacts, defending the environment, affirming the rights of migrant workers in countries of origin and destination, and the rights of persons with 'disability' protesting censorship. We see them in the movements defending democracy and the right to participate in decision-making and demanding action on the climate emergency. Across their different issues, concerns, and countries, we see them find common cause in human rights."

At the same event, President Tsai also presented National Endowment for Democracy (NED) President Carl Gershman with the Order of Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon, in recognition of his contribution to the consolidation of Taiwan-U.S. relations and the advancing of freedom and democracy around the world. "For many years, the NED has kept a close and constant watch on democratic development around the world, which has been a great source of encouragement for advocacy groups in many countries. The TFD is flourishing today, also due to President Gershman's support," President Tsai said.

In his acceptance speech, Gershman applauded Taiwan for its achievement in consolidating "a dynamic, stable, and successful liberal democracy, exemplified by President Tsai herself, who is the first woman to be elected President of Taiwan." Nevertheless, Gershman cautioned, "Elsewhere in the world, however, democracy has entered a period of crisis." He noted that scholars once thought that China was undergoing "creeping democratization," yet as China has become stronger economically, it has grown more repressive and bellicose. He observed, "It is building a sinister surveillance state to control the population; committing cultural genocide against Tibetans, Uyghurs, and other minority peoples; threatening its neighbors militarily in the South China Sea and beyond; and penetrating into countries around the world through its Belt and Road Initiative and its use of 'sharp power' information and propaganda tools."











- The 14th ADHRA award ceremony was held at the Taipei Guest House, where President Tsai Ing-wen presented the award plaque to the DTP.
- 2. TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan presented the award prize to the DTP.
- From left, President Tsai, TFD Chairman Su, and DTP Executive Director Patrick Earle pose for a photo.
- At the same event, President Tsai also presented NED President Carl Gershman with the Order of Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon.
- NED President Gershman (third from the left) stated that Taiwan's democratic story now inspires people everywhere who believe in democracy.

Gershman continued, "No country faces greater threats and pressures than Taiwan. These include ceaseless military exercises targeting Taiwan and diplomatic efforts to isolate it internationally; the use of 'sharp power' to undermine it politically and of economic leverage to coerce it and subdue it through absorption; and clandestine operations to manipulate Taiwan's elections, including 30 million cross-border cyberattacks every month since 2018."

Nevertheless, Gershman believed all this bullying and attempted subversion by China have not had the intended effect. "As President Tsai said in her National Day Address, the threats and challenges faced by Taiwan 'have made us stronger and more determined' and they have contributed to an increasingly robust sense of national pride and identity," he said. "It is the example of Taiwan itself that now inspires people everywhere who believe in democracy. Taiwan offers a vision for a better future," he concluded.

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East Asia Democracy Forum

The 2019 East Asia Democracy Forum (EADF) was held on June 26 in Taipei. Each year, this forum addresses issues or problems that are the most salient or urgent for democracies to tackle. The problem of disinformation (or fake news), a global concern in recent years, was again the focus this year's forum. Taiwan is located on the front line of authoritarian influence. Its experience shows that joint efforts by the government, the civil society, and the private sector are needed to counter mounting pressure from China and to raise societal awareness and vigilance against authoritarian 'sharp power' and disinformation that can disrupt a democratic society and weaken democratic institutions.

In his opening remarks, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao cautioned that the maneuvers of authoritarian governments, with the aid of new technologies, aim to polarize democratic societies and stir up conflicts via online operations such as spreading false information, generating fake accounts, and purchasing influential fan pages. President Liao stated that Taiwan is and remains resolute in safeguarding democracy and freedom, while authoritarian regimes are attempting to expand their influence in democracies through political donations, financial investments, and buying up media outlets to produce narratives that are more in line with their political interests.

Deputy Foreign Minister Szu-chien Hsu emphasized that, as a democracy, the Taiwanese government is not interested in regulating or censoring the internet, yet it can play a more active role to combat false information and authoritarian operations. Currently, the Taiwanese government has already adopted some measures to curb disinformation, including quickly issuing rebuttals and



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Szu-chien Hsu, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao, TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen, EADF speakers, and members of the EADF Steering Committee.

^{2.} TFD President Liao gave opening remarks.

^{3.} Deputy Foreign Minister Hsu delivered welcome remarks.

^{4.} TFD Vice President Chen moderated a panel session.

^{5.} TFD President Liao moderated a panel session.

^{6.} National Taiwan University Professor of Journalism Tai-li Wang spoke to the Forum.

^{7.} Open Culture Foundation Editor Yu-hsuan Chang spoke to the Forum.

^{8.} Thong-hung Lin, Research Fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, presented his findings.

Wu'er Kaixi, emeritus board member of Reporters Without Borders, speaking at the Forum.



















clarifications via social media outlets by using easy-to-forward infographics, passing amendments to impose stiffer penalties on those who spread fake disaster and disease information, and becoming more vigilant of social media accounts that appear to be fake or spread unfounded messages in social media groups. "To probe the origin of all these disinformation campaigns, authoritarian influence is the elephant in the room," Deputy Minister Hsu stated.

Speakers at the 2019 EADF included Professor Tai-li Wang of the Graduate Institute of Journalism, National Taiwan University; Yu-hsuan Chang, editor of the Open Culture Foundation; Research Fellow Thung-hong Lin of the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica; and Wu'er Kaixi, emeritus board member of Reporters Without Borders (RSF). In their speeches, all four forum speakers stressed the impact of authoritarian influence on the world. In presenting her research findings, Wang found that disinformation and rumors indeed made an impact on how Taiwan citizens voted in the November 2018 local elections. "Politically neutral voters were the least capable to discern fake news," she said, "and they all tended to vote for candidates from one particular political party."

Chang proposed the concept of a 'disinformation map' that can be used to analyze and compare the amount of disinformation at the regional level and facilitate possible regional cooperation. Lin cited research results which found that the more authoritarian a country's neighboring countries are, the less democratic that particular country would be. Censorship appears to follow the same logic and has a similar spillover effect. On the other hand, "the more robust a civil society is within a country, the better the country's chances to fight disinformation," Lin said. Wu'er Kaixi, who has been in exile since the Tiananmen Incident in 1989 and has lived in Taiwan for 23 years, called Taiwan "a beacon of democracy to the world, probably the most influential and important defender of democracy today."

Asia Young Leaders for Democracy Program

The sixth edition of the Asia Young Leaders for Democracy (AYLD) program commenced on August 20. This year's participants hailed from more than 10 different countries, including Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. Over the course of seven days, these young democracy activists interacted with each other and engaged in discussions about the global democratic recession, the spread of disinformation, and strategies to help each other consolidate democratic institutions in all the region's countries.

This year's AYLD program invited experts in the fields of democracy and human rights to speak and exchange ideas with the participants. Pastor Lazarus Chen, the keynote speaker at the AYLD's opening, shared how Taiwan's civil society faced opposition from conservative religious groups when campaigning for the legalization of same-sex marriage. The program also saw other distinguished speakers talk about the Indigenous peoples' movement in Taiwan, participatory democracy, combating disinformation, strengthening cyber security, and media literacy. In addition, young NGO workers in Taiwan were also invited to interact with program participants and discuss possible future cooperation opportunities.

In addition to the lectures and workshops, participants were invited to describe the state of democracy in their own countries and any barriers that impeded developing stronger institutions or greater public participation and awareness. They were then divided into working groups to draw up action plans that could be implemented to solve the problems they had identified. One group focused on election monitoring in the 2020 general elections in Myanmar, whose very recent transition to democracy makes the enhancement of voters' education and awareness crucial. Another group proposed forming a regional alliance among local civil society organizations to promote and protect migrant workers' rights, pointing out that, while currently there are inter-governmental talks on issues related to migrant workers, cross-regional collaboration among civil society groups is still lacking. The third group addressed problems of low political participation and apathy in citizens and of the tendency for online discussions to become polarized; they proposed establishing a set of democratic discussion modules, which could be used by groups to achieve greater participation and deliberation or by individuals when addressing countries with different political contexts.

At the program's closing ceremony, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao thanked the participants for their active participation, and encouraged them to apply what they had learned from the program in their current or future democracy or human rights promotion work. "It would be this program's greatest achievement if your action plans get implemented or are taken as reference when you return to your advocacy work in your home countries," he stressed to participants.

During the program, AYLD participants visited numerous sites that are important to the development of Taiwan's democracy and human rights. These include Dadaocheng, the Nylon Cheng Liberty Foundation, Brilliant Time Bookstore, the Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, and the Jing-Mei White Terror Memorial Park.











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- TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao (front row, second from the right), TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen (front row, third from the right), with the AYLD participants at the closing ceremony.
- 2. AYLD participants in action.
- 3. TFD President Liao led a group discussion.
- 4. At the AYLD's opening session, Pastor Lazarus Chen shared his experience regarding promoting marriage equality in Taiwan.
- 5 TFD President Liao (front row, second from the left), TFD Vice President Chen (front row, first from the left), TFD Vice President Yeh-chung Lu (front row, first from the right), and Pastor Lazarus Chen (front row, second from the right) with the AYLD participants.

International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) Congress

The International Federation for Human Rights (Fédération internationale pour les droits humains, FIDH) is one of the oldest international human rights organizations. Established in 1922, the FIDH has its headquarters in Paris and is composed of 184 human rights organizations from 112 countries. The FIDH is nonpartisan and independent of any government. Its mandate is to promote respect for all the rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The FIDH holds a Congress every three years, during which it also organizes a public international human rights forum. It invites experts and human rights organizations from different countries to discuss various human rights issues of global concern, including the freedom of speech online, the right to privacy, human rights defenders, women's rights, gender equality, business and human rights, the rights of immigrants and migrant workers, among others. In 2019, the FIDH chose to hold its triennial Congress from October 21-25 at the Grand Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan, co-hosted by the local FIDH member, the Taiwan Association for Human Rights (TAHR). This was the first time that the event has been held in Asia, and it was attended by more than 400 rights advocates, government officials, and experts from more than 100 countries. At the Congress, participants discussed mounting threats to the universality of human rights and the possible strategies and responses to such challenges.

At the opening ceremony, speeches and remarks were given by President Tsai Ing-wen and former death row inmate Hsu Tzu-chiang, and featured a live performance by Taiwanese Indigenous singer Sang Mei-chuan. The closing ceremony featured a live percussion performance by U-Theatre group in collaboration with the Changhua Prison. During the human rights forum, the issues discussed included the rights of Indigenous peoples, climate change, the rights of refugees and migrant workers, surveillance through artificial intelligence technologies, the right to privacy, and the death penalty. FIDH representatives also visited death row inmate Chiou Ho-shun as well as the site where executions are carried out. In sum, the FIDH Congress allowed international guests and foreign participants to witness the fact that Taiwan indeed takes the promotion of human rights and democracy in Asia very seriously, raising their expectations that Taiwan can play more of a leadership role in influencing other Asian countries.

In addition to providing support and participating in the FIDH Congress itself, the TFD organized an evening gala at the Songshan Cultural Park for all the international delegates to meet and engage with local human rights organizations. Representing three different generations of Taiwanese activists, Taiwan New Century Foundation Chairman Lung-chu Chen, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao, and International Campaign for Tibet's East Asia representative Peng-hsuan Lee shared their unique perspectives and experiences about promoting democracy and human rights in Taiwan and collaborating with global civil society.

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^{1.} In her opening remarks, President Tsai Ing-wen highlighted Taiwan as the first country in Asia to legalize gay marriage, which drew a big round of applause from the audience.

In his remarks, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao stated that human rights promotion does not stop at the country's borders; rather, we must strengthen global civil society to make any progress in human rights.

^{3.} Congress delegates at the evening gala at the Songshan Cultural Park.

The FIDH Secretariat and member organizations participated in the 2019 Taiwan LGBT Pride parade.

Group photo of the participants of the 40th Congress of FIDH, which included around 400 human rights defenders, international experts, and government representatives from more than 100 countries.











Global Cooperation and Training Framework Workshop: Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy II

On September 10, the TFD, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), the National Democratic Institute (NDI), the International Republican Institute (IRI), the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, and the Swedish Trade & Invest Council in Taipei co-hosted the 2019 Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) International Workshop under the theme of "Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy II." TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan, Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Deputy Representative Nishiumi Shigehiro, Swedish Trade & Invest Council Representative Håkan Jevrell, NDI Vice President Shari Bryan, AIT Director William Brent Christensen, and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby all attended the event and gave opening remarks. Following the opening, the keynote speech was delivered by the Atlantic Council's Eurasian Center Senior Fellow Jakub Kalensky.

Chairman Su said in his opening remarks that, in recent years, we have become aware that the amount of resources that certain authoritarian regimes have poured into foreign propaganda and social media platforms is beyond our imagination. "In the case of Hong Kong's recent anti-extradition protests, we've witnessed how the Chinese government used state power to manipulate certain media outlets in order to obfuscate what really happened in the city. The aim is to influence how internet users come to perceive the protests in Hong Kong and to sway international public opinion," he added. Chairman Su further emphasized that Taiwan is the main battlefield where foreign forces engage in influence operations through disinformation for the purpose of harming democratic values.

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- Group photo at the Opening Ceremony of the GCTF workshop "Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy II."
- 2. TFD Chairman Su Jia-chyuan delivered welcoming remarks.









- 3. Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu delivered opening remarks.
- 4. Remarks by AIT Director William Brent Christensen.
- Group photo (from left to right) of Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby, Director Christensen, Swedish Trade & Invest Council Representative Håkan Jevrell, and Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Deputy Representative Nishiumi Shigehiro.
- 6. Remarks by National Democratic Institute (NDI) Vice President Shari Bryan.
- The Atlantic Council's Eurasian Center Senior Fellow Jakub Kalensky delivered the keynote speech.
- 8. Remarks by Representative Jevrell.
- 9. Remarks by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby.
- 10. Remarks by Deputy Representative Nishiumi.
- 11. TFD Chairman Su and Director Christensen at the event.

Minister Wu stated that the spread of disinformation poses a serious threat to democracy, especially as Taiwan approached the presidential election in early 2020. "U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo openly praised Taiwan as a reliable partner, a democratic success story, and a force for good in the world. I am here to tell you we are determined to safeguard our democracy, and I am confident that by working together with like-minded countries and partners, we will overcome this challenge," Minister Wu emphasized.

In his remarks, Director Christensen said that, according to the U.S. National Security Strategy Report, a geopolitical competition is under way between free and repressive governments, noting, "Nowhere is this truer than on the information battlefield." He mentioned that the U.S. is grappling with the spread of disinformation, particularly as foreign actors seek to use social media to influence U.S. elections, divide the American public, and undermine their confidence in democratic institutions. "Taiwan is also on the front line of this battle and faces the same challenges," he added. "Responding to the challenge of disinformation is something that no one society or government can do alone," Director Christensen observed, stressing that workshop participants need to have fruitful discussions and learn about the policies and programs that have succeeded in their countries, the threats they've encountered, as well as any missteps that might have been taken.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Busby stated in his speech that there are few better places than Taiwan to discuss defending democracy through media literacy, because of the success Taiwan had in building democracy and protecting human rights, as well as its experience coping with the threat posed by outside forces. He commended Taiwan for its commitment to universally accepted human rights and democratic principles, which respect the dignity of every individual, including the fundamental freedoms of speech, religion, press, free association, and peaceful assembly.

The one-and-half day, closed-door GCTF "Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy II" workshop continued the discussion and results obtained from the first media literacy workshop held in 2018. Representatives from 12 countries across two continents attended the event and shared their experiences, such as policies that had worked and difficulties that they had faced. Participants also discussed potential joint cooperation opportunities in campaigning for media literacy at the international level.

China Human Rights Program:

Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the June 4th Incident

Since 2004, the TFD has continuously published the annual *China Human Rights Report*. Relying primarily on publicly available information and sources, 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 benchmarks or criteria against which human rights progress in China can be observed and assessed.

The China Human Rights Report 2019 was divided into the following sections: political rights, judicial rights, social rights, economic and environmental human rights, religious and ethnic minority rights, gender rights, the rights of Taiwanese nationals in China, scientific and technological human rights, and dialogue on the rights of the people of Hong Kong and Macao. The team of project scholars collected and indexed significant events, policies, or legal changes and compiled them into weekly notes and monthly reports. These notes and reports then formed the primary basis for observation and assessment of developments in China for the entire year. At the end of the year, a seminar was held to present the overall summary report, and chapters for each section were collected for publication of the full report in the following year.

Since 2019 marked the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square incident in China, the TFD worked together with the New School for Democracy (NSD) to hold a symposium to discuss "China's Threat to Democracy and Human Rights." The symposium was moderated by TFD Trustee Yi-shen Chen, and NSD Honorary President Joseph Yu-shek Cheng was invited to deliver remarks at the opening ceremony. The symposium included a panel discussion with NSD Trustee Wang Dan, NSD Trustee Wang Juntao, Humanitarian China Chairman Zhou Fengsuo, Institute for China's Democratic Transition Director Teng Biao, NSD Trustee and President Andrew To Kwan-hang, and Nguyen Quang A of the Civil Society Forum (Vietnam) to serve as discussants. Symposium speakers stated that, at this critical moment when China's threat is gradually expanding, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Western democracies must take joint action to speed up democratic reforms, practice the principle of the rule of law, and expand freedoms and human rights values in all countries.

To commemorate the anniversary more publicly, the TFD collaborated with the Taiwan Development and Cultural Interchange Association to organize "Back to Tiananmen: A Special Exhibition Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the June 4th Crackdown" at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall. The event evoked the public's memory of the Tiananmen Square protests through visual displays, dance and stage performances, and discussion forums. At the exhibition's opening, TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao stated, "The most important demand of the 1989 student protests was 'democracy—our common ideal,' for which the students paid a terrible price. Thirty years later, there is still no democracy in China." He observed that Taiwan's democratic movement has continued to march forward over the last 30 years, while China's democratization has become stagnant and regressed due to the June 4th incident. He called on the Chinese government to look squarely at the damages that have been caused by the June 4th incident, and for everyone to understand that Taiwan's democratic achievements must be cherished, because they did not come easily. He concluded, "Taiwan should serve as a beacon of democracy, one that illuminates China and shows her how to become democratic."

In addition to its own projects and activities, a significant portion of the TFD's domestic and international grantmaking supports other organizations in their work on China's democracy and human rights. Among the highlights of such grants in 2019 were the following projects:

- "Unveiling of the Tank Man Statue to commemorate the 30th Anniversary
 of the June 4th Crackdown in Tiananmen Square," a project of the Statue of
 Democracy Foundation;
- "2019 Conference on the Centennial Anniversary of the May 4th Movement," organized by the Independent Chinese PEN Center;
- · "Collaboration and Strengthening the Tibet Movement in Asia: Regional Conference 2019," organized by the International Tibet Network;
- The "Information Centre for Democracy and Human Rights in China" project, organized by the Forum 2000 Foundation; and
- · A book exhibition and international conference on "Truth: Writing and Publishing—Tibetan Democracy and Human Rights," organized by the Taiwan Sino-Tibetan Friendship Association.





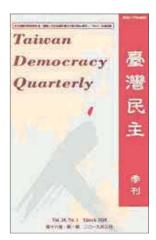






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- 5. Unveiling of the Tank Man statue at the Liberty Sculpture Park in Yermo, California, U.S.







- Vol. 16, No. 1 of the Taiwan Democracy Quarterly (published in March 2019).
- Vol. 15, No. 1 of the Taiwan Journal of Democracy (published in July 2019).
- The China Human Rights Report 2018 (English edition published in October 2019).

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Publications

Taiwan Democracy Quarterly

As one of the leading domestic journals in the field of political science, the *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly (TDQ)* publishes research related to democracy and human rights theories as well as articles focusing on all major aspects of Taiwan's democratic politics. Founded in 2004, the *TDQ* has been included in the Taiwan Social Sciences Citation Index (TSSCI) since 2008, and it is currently rated by Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology as one of the "core social science journals." In 2019, four issues of Volume 16 were published.

Taiwan Journal of Democracy

The *Taiwan Journal of Democracy (TJD)* is the TFD's main English-language academic journal. The *TJD* 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 T. J. Cheng, Professor in the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary, to serve as the journal's Editor-in-Chief. Each year the *TJD* collaborates with renowned academic institutions around the world, and organizes international conferences on different scholarly topics that are relevant to the TFD's mission. In 2019, two issues of Volume 15 were published.

Publication of China Human Rights Report 2018 in both Chinese and English

This report is the product of the TFD's ongoing concern with the development of human rights in China. Since 2004, the TFD has regularly conducted an annual review of the state of China's human rights. Over the years, the contents of China Human Rights Reports have varied in their focused areas. To make our coverage more comprehensive and to keep pace with the times, a new chapter on how science and technology impact human rights was added in the 2018 Report. The new chapter analyzes how the Chinese government uses telecommunications and big data technologies to collect and manipulate personal information. In 2018, the development of human rights in China suffered a major setback, particularly in the areas of political rights, judicial rights, economic and environmental rights, religious rights, and the rights of ethnic minorities. With respect to social rights, gender rights, and the rights of Taiwanese citizens living in China, progress also proved elusive, as China seemed to fall two steps back for every step taken forward. In the area of science and technology, the Chinese regime's ability to collect personal information under the pretexts of reducing the crime rate and maintaining social order has allowed it to strive for perfect control over the Chinese people.



Visiting Fellowships and Research Program

As a leading think tank in Asia, the TFD promotes research on global democracy and human rights, in order to deepen understanding of democratic development theories and practices. In addition to its academic journals, the TFD has established a visiting fellowships program that supports scholars and students who are interested in coming to Taiwan for a period of time to carry out field research on-site or to conduct comparative studies of Taiwan's democratic experiences with those of other countries. The TFD has established four categories of fellowships: Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellowships, International Visiting Fellowships, Postdoctoral Fellowships, and Dissertation Fellowships.

In 2019, the TFD awarded three Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellowships, one International Visiting Fellowship, two Postdoctoral Fellowships, and two Dissertation Fellowships.







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- 1. On June 13, TFD Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow Veronica Mae Yan delivered a presentation titled "The Role of the New Generation in Building a Democracy: Child and Youth Participation in Taiwan in Light of its Commitment to Uphold the Provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child."
- 2. On September 25, TFD Dissertation Fellow Naoko Sunai (center) delivered a presentation titled "The Illegalization of Vietnamese Migrant Workers in Japan and Taiwan: The Resistance and Exploitation in Migration Infrastructure" at the Center for General Education, Taipei National University of the Arts. The seminar was moderated by Yu-ling Ku (left), a lecturer at the Center for General Education, Taipei National University of the Arts. Yu-shan Chang (right), a researcher with the Legal Aid Foundation, served as the discussant.
- 3. On March 29, TFD Dissertation Fellow Yoshida Tomofumi (right) delivered a presentation titled "An Analysis on the Relations between Businesses and Government under the Chen Administration: Policy Demands and Responses" at the National Chengchi University. Chao-chi Lin, Associate Professor of Political Science, served as the moderator of the seminar.
- On March 28, TFD Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow Enver Tohti Bughda delivered a presentation titled "Positioning the Uyghurs in the War on Terror" at Soochow University.



On July 29, TFD Postdoctoral Fellow, Pavel Doubek (front row, second from the left), delivered a presentation titled "Establishing the National Preventive Mechanism in Taiwan." The seminar was moderated by Professor Song-lih Huang (front row, first from the right) from the Institute of Public Health, National Yang-Ming University, and Vivianne Yenching Weng (front row, second from the right), Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, served as the discussant.









Memorandums of Understanding on the International Fellowship Program

To further strengthen the linkages between visiting fellows and Taiwan's academics, in 2019 the TFD signed memorandums of understanding with the following institutions: the Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights at Soochow University; the Institutum Iurisprudentiae and the Institute of Political Science, both at Academia Sinica; and National Chengchi University's College of Law. In each case, the goal is to enhance the quality of TFD fellows' research output by taking advantage of the partnering institutions' academic networks. Moreover, by jointly hosting the fellows' research presentation seminars, the TFD and its partners can further deepen scholarly exchange and collaboration.

- The TFD signs a Memorandum of Understanding on International Fellowship Program with the Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights, Soochow University.
- The TFD signs a Memorandum of Understanding on International Fellowship Program with the Institutum Iurisprudentiae at Academia Sinica.
- The TFD signs a Memorandum of Understanding on International Fellowship Program with the Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica.
- The TFD signs a Memorandum of Understanding on International Fellowship Program with the College of Law, National Chengchi University.

The 2019 "Taiwan Democratic Values and Governance" and "Taiwan Social Justice" Opinion Surveys

To understand the democratic beliefs of Taiwanese citizens and track their evaluations of the current state of democratic politics and social justice in the country, since 2001 the TFD has continuously commissioned professional polling organizations to conduct surveys to better understand Taiwanese people's attitudes and levels of satisfaction with democratic governance. Moreover, acting on the principle of open data, the TFD has released all survey data from previous years, welcoming their use by scholars and experts from all sectors.

Results of the 2019 "Taiwan Democratic Values and Governance" survey were announced at a press conference, which was moderated by TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao. Professor Tsai Chia-hung, Director of the Election Study Center at National Chengchi University, and Research Fellow Thung-hong Lin of the Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica were invited to discuss and comment on the survey results. In his presentation of the survey's main findings, President Liao noted that Taiwanese people aged between 20 and 29 are as or more positive than other age groups in terms of (a) preferring a democratic system of government, (b) believing that disinformation brings great harm to democracy, and (c) having greater willingness to defend Taiwan. Specifically, 86 percent of respondents in the 20-29 age group agree that democracy is the best political system we have so far, 63.6% believe that disinformation would cause great harm to democracy, 72.7% would be willing to fight for Taiwan if Taiwan announced formal independence and China subsequently attacked, and 81.9% would be willing to defend Taiwan if China used force against Taiwan in the name of unification.

 The TFD held a press conference to announce the release of the 2019 "Taiwan Democratic Values and Governance" survey. TFD President Ford Fu-te Liao (left) moderated the event and presented the survey results.

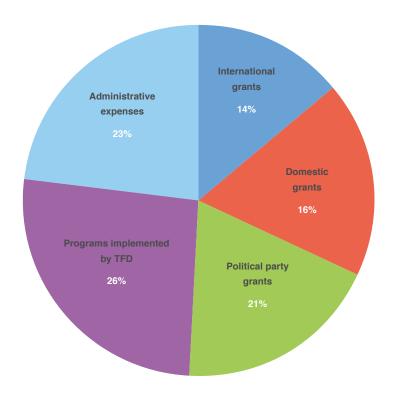


Financial Report

One fifth of the TFD's budget is reserved for major political parties to support activities, events, or projects related to democracy and human rights, as described above. The remaining budget is used to finance the TFD's other programs, as well as administrative expenses. In 2019, the TFD's total expenditure was NT\$135,343,531. Please refer to Appendix 3 for detailed financial statements.

Total expenses for each program in 2019 were the following: (Unit: New Taiwan Dollars)

- International grants: \$18,966,640
- Domestic grants: \$21,503,395
- Political party grants: \$29,094,191
- Programs implemented by TFD: \$34,872,484
- Administrative expenses: \$30,906,821



Appendix 1

International Grants Awarded in 2019

Name of Program	Grantee	Countries of Registration	Focus Area
Lumad School Educators as Frontliners in Mental Health Pedagogy: A Capacity Building and Critical Pedagogy Development Project	Community Technical College of Southeastern Mindanao	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Promotion of Human Rights and Access to Women's Rights at Grassroots Level	Association for Community Development (ACD)	Bangladesh	South Asia
Promotion of Taiwan Studies and Research in Slovenia	Taiwan Study Center	Slovenia	Taiwan Studies
Enhancing the Capacities of Women to Access Inheritance and Property Rights in Manipur	Institute of Social Research and Development (ISRD)	India	South Asia
Advancing Dalits' Human Rights and Access to Justice through Evidence- Based Advocacy	SAMATA Foundation	Nepal	South Asia
Enhancing Democratic Local Governance through Capacity-Building of Women Councilors in Nepal	Democracy and Election Concern Nepal (DECoN)	Nepal	South Asia
Promoting Indigenous Women's Human Rights and Democracy	Bangladesh Centre for Human Rights and Development (BCHRD)	Bangladesh	South Asia
16th EATS Annual Conference	European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)	Germany	Taiwan Studies
Improved Collaborative Mechanism for Democratic Governance	Araza Benevolent Public Organization	Armenia	Other
Promoting Civic Education within Pakistan Youth through Digital Storytelling	Interactive Resource Centre	Pakistan	South Asia
2019 Universal Jurisdiction Annual Report (UJAR)	TRIAL International	Switzerland	Global Democracy Movement
Women's Role in Furthering Democracy and Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities	Panchayati Rule and Gender Awareness Training Institute (PRAGATI)	India	South Asia
ERCCT Visiting Fellow Programme 2019	European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan	Germany	Taiwan Studies
Strengthening National Human Rights Institutions of South-East Asia in Their Efforts to Prevent Torture and Ill-treatment	Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)	Switzerland	Southeast Asia

Challenges and Changes in Gender and Sexuality in Central Asia: A Conference Bridging Researchers, Policy Makers, and Practitioners	Nazarbayev University	Kazakhstan	Other
Strengthening Democracy through Enhancing Women's Political Participation in Local Body Elections	ROR JAN	Pakistan	South Asia
Integrity Idol Sri Lanka 2019	Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL)	Sri Lanka	South Asia
Information Centre for Democracy and Human Rights in China	Forum 2000 Foundation	Czech Republic	Global Democracy Movement
Defending the Defenders: Ensuring Rights to Freedom of Expression and Peaceful Assembly in Thailand	Fortify Rights	Thailand	Southeast Asia
End Gender-Based Violence	Sahabat Perempuan	Indonesia	Southeast Asia
Fake News and Electoral Democracy in Asia	Asia Centre	Thailand	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
Democracy and Election Education Program (DEEP) Initiative—Phase 2	Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) Foundation	Thailand	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
2019 Conference on the Centennial Anniversary of the May 4th Movement	Independent Chinese PEN Center	United States	China Human Rights
International Conference on the Deterioration of Human Rights and Crisis of Nationalism in China	Forum for a Democratic China and Asia	Germany	China Human Rights
Promoting Human Rights-Based Approaches in South-South Cooperation	Reality of Aid Network— Asia Pacific	Philippines	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
Democracy Consolidation in Asia Conference	Asia Democracy Network (ADN)	Korea	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
APPRA Conference 2019: Empowering a Culture of Peace, Sustainable Development, and Defending Democracy	Asia Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA)	Indonesia	Southeast Asia
Capacity Building for Thai-ASEAN Grassroots Committee and Support to ASEAN Local Initiatives for ACSC 2019	People's Empowerment Foundation	Thailand	Southeast Asia
From Victims to Advocates: Empowering the Urban Poor to Defend Their Rights	Kalipunan Ng Damayang Mahihirap (KADAMAY)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Human Rights through Human Wisdom	Youth to Youth Initiative	Lithuania	Global Democracy Movement

Enhancing Democratic Participation and Human Rights in Mongolia by Combating Discrimination and Exclusion of Marginalized Groups	Equal Rights Trust	United Kingdom	Northeast Asia
Publication of Modern China Studies	Center for Modern China Foundation	United States	Human Rights in China
Talk on Current Affairs	Sound of Hope Radio Network	United States	China Human Rights
CSIS Taiwan-U.S. Policy Program (TUPP)	Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)—China Power Project	United States	Think Tanks
Asia Pacific Civic Media Summit 2019	Stichting Global Voices	United States	Global Democracy Movement
Translation and Publication of the English Edition of <i>The Status of Females</i> in Rural China	Women's Rights in China	United States	China Human Rights
Taiwan's Global Impact 2.0	Global Taiwan Institute	United States	Taiwan Studies
Using Taiwan's Innovative Campaigns in Ending the Death Penalty	World Coalition Against the Death Penalty	France	Global Democracy Movement
Recommendations for the Design and Implementation of the National Preventive Mechanism in Taiwan	Pavel Doubek	Czech Republic	Taiwan Studies
Government-Business Relations during the Chen Administration and the Ma Administration: Influence on Foreign Economic Policy	Yoshida Tomofumi	Japan	Taiwan Studies
Strengthening Networking between CSOs and HRDs to Promote and Protect the Rights of Minorities in Bangladesh	Human Rights & Democratic Development Centre (HRDC)	Bangladesh	South Asia
Protecting and Promoting Human Rights Education by Enhancing Capacity of Influential Civil Society Leadership	Organization for Development and Peace (ODP)	Pakistan	South Asia
Women's Inclusion in the Political System	Human Development Promotion Group (HDPG)	Bangladesh	South Asia
Uighur & Uyghur, Mythologized and Imagined Uyghur Nationalism, Identity Crisis of the Uyghur People in the Modern World	Enver Tohti Bughda	United Kingdom	Taiwan Studies
The Role of Children in Building a Democracy: A Study of the Child Participation Measures Implemented in Taiwan in Light of its Commitment to Uphold the Provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	Veronica Mae Yan	Philippines	Taiwan Studies

Women and Radicalism: Dialogue to Overcome Misunderstanding of the Radicalism Issue	Yayasan PUPA (PUPA Foundation)	Indonesia	Southeast Asia
Contact Magazine: Supporting a Free Press for Tibetans in Exile	Lha Charitable Trust: Institute for Social Work and Education	India	China Human Rights
Crisis of Democracy and Prospects for the Future: Experience in the Baltic States, Europe, and Taiwan	Institute of Democratic Politics	Lithuania	Think Tanks
Democratic Rights Education for Rural Women and Young Girls in Bangladesh	Prova Society	Bangladesh	South Asia
Business and Human Rights Education	Protasha Janakalyan Unnayan Foundation ((PJKUF)	Bangladesh	South Asia
Youth! The Hope for Freedom of Religion or Belief	The Cecil and Iris Chaudhry Foundation	Pakistan	South Asia
Youth Leadership Program	FIDAL Foundation	Ecuador	Other
Redefinition from the Bottom: Archiving and Decolonizing	Indonesian Visual Archive (IVAA)	Indonesia	Southeast Asia
Workers Electoral Watch 2019 (WE WATCH): Promoting Democracy and Human Rights through Empowering Workers in Electoral Monitoring in the Philippines	Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research (EILER)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Publication of Beijing Spring Monthly	Beijing Spring Magazine	United States	China Human Rights
Unveiling of the Tank Man Statue to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the June 4th Crackdown in Tiananmen Square	Statue of Democracy Foundation	United States	China Human Rights
Collaboration and Strengthening the Tibet Movement: Strategic Review, International Members Meeting, and Steering Committee AGM 2019	International Tibet Network	United States	China Human Rights
SFT Summer Leadership Program	Students for Free Tibet	United States	China Human Rights
Destabilizing Empires from the Margin: Taiwan Studies in Reflection	North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA)	United States	Taiwan Studies
Publication of Journal of Taiwan Studies	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Korea	Taiwan Studies
Combating Human Trafficking: The Situation in East Asia	The Royal Institute of International Affairs	United Kingdom	Think Tanks

Fair Trial Rights Project	Cambodian Center for Human Rights	Cambodia	Southeast Asia
Strengthening the Protection of Civil and Political Rights in Myanmar in Accordance with the ICCPR	Centre for Civil and Political Rights	Switzerland	Southeast Asia
Strengthening Independent Reporting in Cambodia by Enhancing the Safety of Local News Gatherers	Rory Peck Trust	United Kingdom	Southeast Asia
Broadening the Constituency, Mobilizing Independent Third Forces, and Strengthening Their Capacities Towards Meaningful Accompaniment of the Peace Process	Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Documentation & Monitoring Project (Human Rights Report & Thematic Research)	Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)	Malaysia	Southeast Asia
4th Annual Feminist Information Fair: Women for 2020	Mongolian Women's Fund (MONES)	Mongolia	Northeast Asia
Dialogue on Chinese Influence in Elections in Asia	International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)	United States	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
Canada-Taiwan Relations Project	Macdonald-Laurier Institute	Canada	Think Tanks
Tradition and Modernity in Taiwan (TMT) 2019 Summer Program	American Councils for International Education	United States	Taiwan Studies
Commemorative Activities to Mark the 30th Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre	Hu Yaobang and Zhao Ziyang Memorial Foundation	United States	China Human Rights
First International Conference on Southern Mongolia and Tibet	Southern Mongolia Freedom and Democracy Movement Foundation	Japan	China Human Rights
Illegality, Gender, and Resistance: Vietnamese Women Migrant Workers in Taiwan	Naoko Sunai	Japan	Taiwan Studies
My Citizenship and Your Election Campaign: Foreign-Born Citizens and Political Parties in Taiwan's Electoral Politics	Isabelle Cheng	United Kingdom	Taiwan Studies
China Newsletter Online Biweekly	Chinese Scholars Friendship Association	United States	China Human Rights
International Conference: Political Campaign, Mass Violence, and Legal Chaos: Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Land Reform and the Suppression of Counterrevolutionaries in 1950s	Center for Modern China Studies	United States	China Human Rights

14th Interethnic Interfaith Leadership Conference	Citizen Power Initiatives	United States	China Human Rights
Promoting Democracy through Strengthening Federalism in Nepal	Human Rights Organization of Nepal (HURON)	Nepal	South Asia
Inescapable Violence: Raising Public Awareness of Child Abuse in North Korea through Research and Publication	People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE)	Korea	Northeast Asia
Chinese Youth Leadership Camp	Dialogue China	United States	China Human Rights
Taiwan and the UN Human Rights Conventions, an Austrian-Taiwanese Comparison, Part 1: CRPD	Vienna Center for Taiwan Studies	Austria	Taiwan Studies
Central Europe and Taiwan: Geopolitical Position Three Decades after Democratization	Charles University	Czech Republic	Taiwan Studies
International Conference on Ethical Considerations in Research on Sexual Exploitation Involving Children	ECPAT International	Thailand	Global Democracy Movement
Strengthening Press Freedom and People's Right to Information	Alipato Media Center	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Capacity Building for the Promotion of Religious Freedom in Southeast Asia	Christian Solidarity International	United Kingdom	Southeast Asia
Strengthening the Building Blocks of a New Model of People-Led Alternative Regionalism in Southeast Asia	Program on Alternative Development (AltDev), Center for Integrative and Development Studies (CIDS), University of the Philippines	Philippines	Southeast Asia
APRRN Short Course on Refugee Rights and Advocacy	Foundation for the Rights of Disadvantaged Populations (formerly APRRN)	Thailand	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
COCONET 2: Asia-Pacific Digital Rights Camp	Engage Media Collective	Indonesia	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
Video Documentary on the Killings of Farmers in Negros Island	Kodao Productions	Philippines	Southeast Asia
Understanding the Chinese Communist Party: Spotlight Latin America	Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation	United States	Other

#protectASEAN: CSOs Collaborative Advocacy Actions toward the Advancement of the ASEAN Human Rights Institution's Protection Mandate	Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)	Thailand	Southeast Asia
Democracy Summer Camp 2019	Zorig Foundation	Mongolia	Northeast Asia
2019 Oslo Freedom Forum in Taipei	Human Rights Foundation	United States	Global Democracy Movement
Compromised Spaces: Leveraging Taiwan's Experience to Address the Challenges Posed by China's External Policies to Democracy and the Human Rights of Minorities and Indigenous Communities in East Asia	Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO)	Belgium	Global Democracy Movement
Supporting Asian Civil Society to Attend the 2019 PILnet Global Forum	PILnet: The Global Network for Public Interest Law	United States	Asia Regional Democracy Movement
2019 Dublin Platform for Human Rights Defenders	Front Line Defenders	Ireland	Global Democracy Movement
Publication of Global Network on Local Governance (GNLG) Newsletter	Institute of Social Sciences	India	Southeast Asia
The Developing Partnerships between Disability Groups and Communities	Taiwan Studies Programme, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham	United Kingdom	Taiwan Studies
Development and Human Rights Training for Gawharshad University (GU) Students	Shuhada Organization (SO)	Afghanistan	Southeast Asia
Publication of the Chinese Edition of the Autobiography of Wolf Biermann	Federation for a Democratic China in Germany	Germany	China Human Rights
Youth Leadership Training: Advocacy Strategies	World Uyghur Congress	Germany	China Human Rights
Building Capacity of NHRIs in the Realm of UPR and SDGs	UPR Info	Switzerland	Global Democracy Movement
Taiwan Techno-Cultural Innovations in Digital Democracy	Emmanuel Mounier Foundation	Spain	Taiwan Studies
Urgent Chinese-Language Response to the Uyghur Crisis	Uyghur Human Rights Project	United States	China Human Rights

Appendix 2

Domestic Grants Awarded in 2019

Name of Program	Grantee	Type of Organization
Mainland China Radio Broadcast of the 2019 "Voice of Taiwan" Program	Radio Taiwan International (RTI)	NGO
International Radio Broadcast of the 2019 "Voice of Taiwan" Program	Radio Taiwan International (RTI)	NGO
Democratic Consolidation and Urban Governance: Effectiveness of Taichung's Space Governance After Democratization	Central Taiwan Society	NGO
The 2019 Freedom and Human Rights Education Program	Nylon Cheng Liberty Foundation	NGO
Participation in the Asian Electoral Stakeholders Forum	Taiwan Asian Network for Free Elections	NGO
The 23rd Social Asia Forum: Conference on "Employed Labor: Social Dialogue and the Role of Unions in the Digital Economy"	Foundation of Labor Research Information Center	NGO
The 40th Anniversary of the Kaohsiung Qiaotou Incident—Book Publishing Project	Ba Gua Liao Foundation	NGO
Food, Immigration, and Dietary Heritage: Taiwan-Japan Food Exchanges in Modern Times	Center for General Education, Taipei Medical University	Academic Institution
International Conference on Theory and Practice of Democratic Participation in Taiwan (in Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Election Study Center)	Election Study Center, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
2019 International Conference of Thailand Studies in Taiwan	Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University	Academic Institution
Changes Ahead—Development of a Social Work Practice Model Based on Human Rights and Empowerment	Good Shepherd Social Welfare Foundation	NGO
Book Exhibition and International Conference on "Truth: Writing and Publishing—Tibetan Democracy and Human Rights"	Taiwan Sino-Tibetan Friendship Association	NGO
The Legacy of the Military Regime and the Prospects for Democratic Transformation: Myanmar's Democratization and Governance from the People's Perspective	Hu Fu Center for East Asia Democratic Studies, College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University	Academic Institution
2019 Asian Cultural Exchange Advocacy Program	Asia Public Culture Association	NGO
Publication of Mr. Zheng Fu's Diaries (1950-1951)	Freedom Thinking Academic Foundation	NGO
A Feasibility Investigation of the Labor Conditions and Legal Protection of Domestic Workers	Garden of Hope Foundation	NGO
Our Rights. Our Struggle. Our Future. A Return to the Universality of Human Rights	Taiwan Association for Human Rights	NGO
A View of Two Mountains Across the Sea: The 2019 International Indigenous Cultural Exchange for the Cordillera Day in the Philippines	Hunter School Association R.O.C.	NGO

Transitional Justice Promotion Project	Taiwan Association for Truth and Reconciliation	NGO
The 2019 Children's Empowerment Program	Bornanew Youth Caring Association	NGO
Oh My! Empowerment Workshops	Taiwan Occupational Safety and Health Link	NGO
The 6th Murder by Numbers Film Festival	Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty	NGO
Only Yes Means Yes—Rule of Law, Empowerment, and Social Communication Initiative	Awakening Foundation	NGO
The 6th Taiwan Literature Awards for Migrants	Southeast Asian Educational Science and Culture Association	NGO
2019 Tokyo Rainbow Pride Parade and Taiwan-Japan Polygender Sports Exchange	Taiwan AIDS Foundation	NGO
The Next Steps for the Gay Movements in Taiwan—International Gender Rights Exchange and Study Tour	Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association	NGO
Oversight of Local Councils—Sprout Association's Trips to Local Councils	Tainan Sprout Association	NGO
Cohesion and Practice of Democratic Awareness	Cosmopolitan Culture Action Taichung	NGO
The Bear that Likes to Sing	Flip Flops Theatre	NGO
Democracy Renovation—International Affairs Winter Camp	Democracy Renovation	NGO
2019 Taiwan FactCheck Center Project	weReport Quality News Development Association	NGO
Participation in the 2019 Conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI)	Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights, Soochow University	Academic Institution
The 2019 26th Taiwan Women Make Waves Film Festival and Tour	Taiwan Women's Film Association	NGO
2019 China Independent Documentaries Film Festival	Permanent Peace Partnership	NGO
2019 Democracy and Human Rights Exchange Trip to the United States	Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
Exploring the Governance Dilemma in the "Post-truth" Era—The 14th Conference on Globalization and Administrative Governance	Department of Public Affairs and Management, Kainan University	Academic Institution
International Symposium on the Changes and Challenges in the Era of Xi Jinping	Asia-Pacific Regional Development and Governance Society	NGO
The 16th East Asian Social Policy Conference	Taiwanese Social Work Education Association	NGO
"Red Strawberries Say No to Drugs" Campus Safety Culture Project	Hsiao Ching-wen Dance Theater	NGO

The 10th Conference on Semi-Presidentialism and Democracy	Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University	Academic Institution
International Conference on Worker Movements under Labor Flexibility: East Asian Experiences	Taiwan Pioneer Labor Association	NGO
Annual China Studies Conference	Department of International Affairs and Business, Nanhua University	Academic Institution
Comrades—Radio Broadcasts of Gay Life Stories	Taiwan Gay Sports and Gay Development Movement Association	NGO
The 2019 Ocean Nation Sustainable Development Forum— Reconstructing Taiwan's Maritime Culture and Setting Sail to Southern Island's Jade Road	Foundation of Ocean Taiwan	NGO
The 9th Global and Domestic Taiwan National Affairs Conference	Taiwan Nation Alliance	NGO
The 3rd East Asia Peace Forum	Taiwan Democratic Pacific Union	NGO
Break the Silence and Expose the Hidden Truth—Taiwan-Japan Experience Exchange on Confronting Sexual Crimes on Campus	Humanistic Education Foundation	NGO
The 2019 15th Road to Human Rights Youth Camp	Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation	NGO
Survey Project of Lanyu's Traditional Cultural Landscape	Tao Foundation	NGO
Urban-Rural Affirmative Action—Silver Grass Theater's 2019 Tour of Remote Areas	Silver Grass Cultural and Creative Association	NGO
2019 Taiwan Human Rights Picture Book—Special Exhibition and Reading Project	Taichung Bay Picture Association	NGO
2019 Gender Equality Policy Forum	Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development	NGO
2019 Children's Summit	Child Welfare League Foundation, R.O.C.	NGO
Taiwan Domestic Workers Cooperative and Empowerment Program	National Alliance of Taiwan Women's Association	NGO
Democracy and Human Rights in the Digital Age—Visit and Exchange at the 2019 Digital Human Rights Conference	Open Culture Foundation	NGO
"Impressions of Taiwan's Democracy" Video Collection Project and Symposium	Peng Ming-min Culture and Education Foundation	NGO
Promoting the Implementation of Joint Custody for Taiwan Children in Highly Conflictive and Divorced Families—Exchange Program with a Singaporean NPO	Hualien County Children and Family Care Association	NGO

Special Exhibition of Changhua Street Movements for Taiwan's Democracy	Expand & Develop Foundation of Culture and Education	NGO
2019 Annual Meeting of Clean Clothes Campaign East Asia Alliance: Labor and Environmental Justice in the Global Supply Chain	Youth Labor Union, Taiwan	NGO
International Conference on "Multiple Civilizations and Cross-domain Dialogue: New Perspectives from Regional Studies"	Department of East Asian Studies, National Taiwan Normal University	Academic Institution
The 11th Legislative Studies Conference: Researching Parliaments in the Information Technology Era	Department of Political Science, Soochow University	Academic Institution
Conference on "New World Order, New Paradigm, and New Governance in the Information Age"	Department of Public Administration and Management, Chinese Culture University	Academic Institution
Taixi Environment and Human Rights Camp	Department of Sociology, National Dong Hwa University	Academic Institution
Taiwan's Innovation Education and Soft Power Diplomacy: Leading Asian Youth to their Missions and Creating Change	International City Wanderer Education Association	NGO
2019 Wenzao Ursuline Conference on Southeast Asian Studies	Southeast Asian Language Teaching Center, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages	Academic Institution
2019 Annual Meeting of Taiwan Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs and International Academic Conference on "Exhibiting Academic Influence for a Better Future"	Department of Public Management and Policy, Tunghai University	Academic Institution
Forum on Prosecutors and International Law	Taiwanese Society of International Law	NGO
International Conference on "An Asia-Pacific Response to Changing US-China Relations"	Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
2019 Retrospect and Prospect: International Academic Conference on the 20th Anniversary of the Local Government Act	China Local Autonomy Association	NGO
The 14th Tsai Jui-Yueh International Dance Festival	Tsai Jui-Yueh Dance Foundation of Taipei	NGO
Co-creation of Judicial Interview Platforms for Sexual Assault Cases	Modern Women's Foundation	NGO
2019 Institute for National Policy Research Annual Symposium	Institute for National Policy Research	NGO
2019 Human Rights Related Projects	Taiwan International Media and Education Association	NGO
The 19th National Youth Drama Festival	Youth Performing Arts Alliance	NGO
Good Democracy—Taichung's Participatory Budgeting Sponsors Workshop	Taiwan Reach-Out Association for Democracy	NGO
A Preliminary Study on Establishing a Safety Network for Overseas Indonesian Fisheries Workers and Interns	Yilan Fisherman's Labor Union	NGO
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The 18th Excellent Journalism Award Presentation and Ceremony	The Foundation for Excellent Journalism Award	NGO
Fighting against Forgetting: The 74th Anniversary of the Last Battle	Taiwan Extra-Patriot Veterans Association of Kaohsiung City	NGO
The 2019 International Conference on the Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation and Training Course for Criminal Investigators on Online Child Sexual Exploitation	ECPAT Taiwan	NGO
"Youth Empower" Training Program	Taiwan Labor Front	NGO
Book Project on Taiwan's Road to the World Health Organization	Foundation of Medical Professionals Alliance in Taiwan	NGO
The 19th Women's Health Action Internet Conference and Women's Group Joint Study Camp	Taiwan Women's Link	NGO
International Conference on "China's Nationalism Issues and the One Country, Two Systems Framework"	Taiwan Tibetan Welfare Association of Taipei	NGO
2019 Annual One-Forty Photo Exhibition: "Transition: Taiwan"	One-Forty Taiwan Migrant Education and Cultural Exchange Association	NGO
2019 Taiwan AIDS Human Rights Promotion and Practical Experiences Exchange Program	Persons with HIV/AIDS Rights Advocacy Association of Taiwan	NGO
Unmasking the Local Council: New Taipei City Council Monitoring Project	Hsin-Tien Stay Association of New Taipei City	NGO
Connecting Rainbows and Marching toward Equal Rights	Taiwan Alliance to Promote Civil Partnership Rights	NGO
Booming Indonesia	Taiwan International Studies Association	NGO
2019 Civil-Society Education Networks in Asia (CENA) Summer School	Social Development and Cultural Education Foundation	NGO
2019 Global Forum on Direct Democracy	College of Law and Politics, National Chung Hsing University	Academic Institution
The 7th Taiwan-Germany Criminal Law Forum—Digitalization and Criminal Law	Center for Comparative Criminal Law, College of Law, National University of Kaohsiung	Academic Institution
The 2019 2nd International Mental Health Joint Initiative Summit— Mental Health Promotion: A National Priority	Mental Health Association in Taiwan	NGO
Participation in the Asia Pacific Regional Network Meeting of the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR)	Taiwan Association of Third Sector Research	NGO

Dialogue between Economic Democracy and Free Trade	Taiwan Labor and Social Policy Research Association	NGO
2019 Annual Meeting of the Chinese Association of Political Science and the International Conference on the Challenge of Populism: Impacts and Opportunities for Democracy, Global Governance, and International Security	Chinese Association of Political Science	NGO
Opening the Window of Taiwan's World Participation with Gay Diplomacy	Taiwan LGBT Family Rights Advocacy	NGO
Tibet TV's Short-term Chinese News Anchor Training Program in Taiwan	Tibet Religious Foundation of H.H. the Dalai Lama	NGO
The 2019 Sixth Deepening and Cultivating Democracy Training Program	Taiwan Society North	NGO
2019 Taiwan International Religious Freedom Forum	Mission Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan	NGO
Participation in the 9th Conference of the Asia and Pacific Nation Network of Women Engineers and Scientists	The Society of Taiwan Women in Science and Technology	NGO
2019 Social and Public Affairs Conference—Twenty Years since the Streamlining of Taiwan Province: Retrospect and Prospect of Public Governance	Department of Social and Public Affairs, University of Taipei	Academic Institution
2019 Asia Democracy Forum—Fighting for Asia Pacific Democratic Space in Midst of Market-Oriented Development	Taiwan Aid	NGO
International Conference on Transnational Immigration Policy and Cross- Strait Public Administration and Experience	European Union Research Centre, National Dong Hwa University	Academic Institution
The 15th "Terrorism and Non-traditional Security" Conference	China Homeland Security Research Association	NGO
Participation in the 2019 United Nations Climate Change Conference	Taiwan Environmental Protection Union	NGO
20th International Leprosy Congress Global Partnership in Addressing Current Challenges: Zero Transmission, Zero Disability, and Zero Discrimination	Taiwan Chapter of the International Association for Integration Dignity and Economic Advancement	NGO
2019 International Conference on East Asia under Global Change	Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
The 11th Taiwan-Japan International Conference—Cross-border Activities and Social Changes in Modern East Asia	Taiwan Historical Society	NGO
2019 Annual Meeting of the Society of Taiwan Indigenous Professors and Academic Conference on Indigenous Peoples' Transitional Justice and National Development	Society of Taiwan Indigenous Professors	NGO
2019 Human Rights Tour of Taiwan Project	Island Stage	NGO

University Human Rights International Exchange Winter Program	Chunghwa Association for Human Rights	NGO
The 13th Taiwan UN Youth Study Camp	Taiwan United Nations Alliance	NGO
2019 Visit and Survey of Japan's Tokushima Prefecture Local Innovation Promotion Program	Takoham Culture & Education Foundation	NGO
Political Science in the Age of Social Media: Taiwan's Democracy in the New Information Society	Department of Political Science, National Chung-cheng University	Academic Institution
International Conference on the Changes in the Communist Party State System under Xi Jinping	Center for China Studies, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
The 2019 Voyage to Kinmen, Peace for the Sea Camp: Memories of War and Life Experiences, The Peace that I/We Know	East Asia Popular History Exchange Taiwan	NGO
Publication of China's Current State and Historical Problems	Council on Formosan Studies	NGO
Prisons without Walls: Uyghurs Today	Taiwan Friends of Tibet	NGO
Investigation, Research, and Writing of Taiwan's Half Century—A Biography of Huang Chao-hui	Transitional Justice Association Taiwan	NGO
2019 Asia-Pacific Greens Networking Project	Association of Taiwan Agenda 21	NGO
China's Green Activists Exchange Program—Piecing Together the Outlook of Environmental Rights across the Strait	Taiwan Environmental Information Association	NGO
Democratic Crisis under Red Infiltration: Conference on the 40th Anniversary of the Kaohsiung Incident	Taiwan Association of University Professors	NGO
The Chronic Prescription of the Plague: a Study on the Human Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS	Taiwan HivStory Association	NGO
2019 NPOst Annual Meeting: NPO Digital Applications, Citizen Participation, and Community Mobilization	Association of Digital Culture, Taiwan	NGO
Digital Diplomacy Lecture Series	Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association	NGO
Taiwan Democracy Train	Taiwan National Policy Research Association	NGO
2019 Special Exhibition on the "Forerunner of Taiwan's Democracy—Yu Teng-fa"	Peace Culture and Education Foundation	NGO
Activities to Mark the Centennial of International Relations Studies (1919-2019) and the 13th National Graduate Conference on International Relations: Revisiting the Changes of Global Political and Economic Order	College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
The 4th International Conference on Vietnamese and Taiwanese Studies	Center for Vietnamese Studies, National Cheng Kung University	Academic Institution

Energy Transformation and Climate Adjustment: Conference on the Implementation of Renewable Energy Systems and Citizen Communication	Environmental Jurists Association	NGO
Experimental Democracy in Rural Areas—Seed Citizens Training Workshop	Taiwan New Society Association	NGO
Taiwan-Japan Technology Summit Forum on Society 5.0: International Cooperation in Science and Technology Policy	Taiwan Society of Japan Studies, National Chengchi University	Academic Institution
Planting the Seed of Community Democracy	Participatory Democracy Association of Yunlin County	NGO
2019 Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Sociological Association	Taiwanese Sociological Association	NGO
Youth Forum on the 2020 Presidential Elections	Taiwan Youth Association for Democracy	NGO
2019 Innocence Film Festival	Taiwan Innocence Project	NGO
What's Next after Pension Reform? Conference on the Constitutional Interpretations of Pension Reform	Taiwan Social Law Society	NGO
Participation in the 2019 East Asian Disability Research Forum	Taiwan Disabled Women's Alliance for Equal Rights	NGO

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 2020 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: New Taiwan Dollars

		2018	2019
ASSETS			
Current Assets	Cash and Cash Equivalents	40,473,226	47,840,842
	Other Receivables	264,142	264,241
	Prepayments	1,257,803	442,181
	Total Current Assets	42,265,171	48,547,264
Noncurrent Assets	Funds	90,000,000	95,000,000
	Property, Plant, and Equipment	17,925,894	18,779,208
	Intangible Assets	1,271,565	1,000,014
	Other Assets	2,798,844	2,798,844
	Total Noncurrent Assets	111,996,303	117,578,066
Total Assets		\$ 154,261,474	\$ 166,125,330
LIABILITIES, FUNDS	AND BALANCE		
Current Liabilities	Receipts Payable	9,606,214	17,774,294
	Advance Receipts	21,758,725	19,103,782
	Receipts Under Custody	265,442	394,227
	Total Current Liabilities	31,630,381	37,272,303
Funds and Balance	Establishment Fund	30,000,000	30,000,000
	Other Funds	108,197,314	116,197,238
	Accumulated Surplus/Deficit	(15,566,221)	(17,344,211)
	Total Funds and Balance	122,631,093	128,853,027
Total Liabilities, Funds	and Balance	\$ 154,261,474	\$ 166,125,330

B. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Balance Statement

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

		2018	2019
REVENUE			
Operating Revenue	Donation Revenue	128,135,735	126,479,543
	Other Operating Revenue	200	2,000
Non-operating Revenue	Interest Revenue	835,746	638,171
	Currency Exchange Gains	94	
Total Revenue		128,971,775	127,119,714
EXPENSES			
	Grant Expenses	59,383,699	63,071,972
	Payroll Expenses	18,878,528	18,844,274
	Travel Expenses	10,942,315	8,523,119
	Conference Expenses	9,520,811	5,442,012
	Professional Service Expenses	3,076,519	3,693,868
Operating Expenses	Insurance Expenses	3,168,154	3,130,358
	Rental Expenses	3,091,939	3,126,903
	Repairs and Maintenance Expenses	2,516,869	3,079,334
	Postage and Telecommunications	2,701,416	2,507,310
	Various Depreciation and Amortization	2,739,450	2,418,161
	Part-time Compensation	2,635,000	2,043,827
	Remuneration for Temporary Staff	1,689,830	1,996,625
	Commission Expenses	1,867,754	1,809,739
	Other Expenses	8,662,995	9,208,729
Non-operating Expenses	Currency Exchange Losses		1,473
Total Expenses		130,875,279	128,897,704
BALANCE		(\$ 1,903,504)	(\$ 1,777,990)



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