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President Ma Ying-jeou's remarks at the Fourth Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award Ceremony

Today, on International Human Rights Day, it is my honor to have been invited by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy to attend this ceremony to bestow the 2009 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award. First of all, on behalf of the government of the Republic of China and the 23 million people of Taiwan, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kim Seong-Min, the winner of this year's award, and welcome him to Taiwan. At the same time, I would like to congratulate the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy for all the achievements it has made in promoting the development of democracy and human rights.

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy is the first, and until now the only, national democracy assistance organization in Asia. Thus, its granting of this award each year to individuals or organizations who have made great contributions to democracy and human rights in Asia has particular significance. We are all proud of Taiwan's democratic achievements. Not only is Taiwan often called a model for democratic political reform in Asian countries, but we play a crucial role in maintaining regional peace. We would like to extend democracy and human rights diplomacy, in order both to share Taiwan's experience and to join forces with other democracies to work together to assist more countries to establish democratic systems and to implement human rights guarantees. This represents our commitment to the universal values of human rights, and it is a concrete contribution towards fulfilling Taiwan's international responsibilities.

At the same time, while we are promoting democracy internationally, we are continuing to deepen and consolidate Taiwan's own democratic systems and practices. Last year at this ceremony, I proclaimed that the government would ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, signed long ago by the ROC, and that we would deposit the ratifications according to international precedent and implement these international human rights standards in our domestic law. I would like to express my gratitude to the Legislative Yuan for its speedy ratification and approval of the implementation law for both covenants. As it happens, today is the date set for the implementation law to go into effect. I hope that all agencies of government and civic organizations can work together to examine and reform all our country's laws and systems, in order that the people of

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Taiwan can live in a society with stronger guarantees of human rights. We make these efforts not only to comply with the international standards, but more importantly for the welfare of all the people in our society. The guarantees of political, civic, economic, social, and cultural rights are essential to the most basic dignity of humanity, and they are necessary elements of a deeper level of development and well-being.

Democratization is the trend of modern times, but there are still many dictatorial or authoritarian countries whose peoples are unable to enjoy their basic rights. North Korea is one of the least democratic countries on Earth. Its authoritarian government monopolizes resources and places all kinds of limits on the people, so that many people have not even got basic food and clothing. All those brave enough to challenge the regime are subject to cruel suppression. Therefore, I am very honored to have this opportunity to present the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award to the founder and director of Free North Korea Radio, Mr. Kim Seong-Min. Through this award, we express the appreciation of the people of Taiwan, and we encourage Mr. Kim in his ongoing efforts to provide a glimmer of hope for the basic existence and freedom of conscience for the people of North Korea.

A country's progress in democracy and human rights is the product of the efforts of all sectors of society. Over the past six years, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy has not only been a force for promoting the deepening of Taiwanese democracy, it has also become an important organization working actively for democracy and human rights in Asia and around the world. I would like to thank Legislative Yuan President Wang Jin-Pyng, who has served as Chairman of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy since 2003, for his leadership in bringing Taiwan into international democratic networks. Through establishing the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award and other programs, it manifests the enthusiastic and determined support of Taiwan for democracy and human rights.

Finally, I would like to once again congratulate Mr. Kim Seong-Min, and extend my best wishes for every health and success to all of you here today.

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Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng's remarks at the Fourth Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award Ceremony

First of all, on behalf of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, I would like to welcome all of you to the fourth Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony. I would especially like to thank President Ma for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us today, and to present together the 2010 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award to this year's awardee, Free North Korea Radio founder and director Mr. Kim Seong-Min.

The Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award has become one of our Foundation's flagship programs. Beginning in 2006, we have been awarding the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award annually to recognize individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions through their long-term, active promotion of democracy or advocacy of human rights in Asia through peaceful means. We hope in this way to further deepen democratic development and raise standards of human rights in the region. The first Award was granted to Reporters Without Borders to recognize their global efforts for press freedom and to support their establishment of a Chinese-language website. In 2007, the Award was granted to Dr. Cynthia Maung, who has assisted Burmese refugees on the Thai-Burma border for years. In Last year, the 2009 Award was granted to Afghan women's rights leader Dr. Sima Samar, founder of the Shuhada Organization and Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

This year, we are delighted to announce that we are conferring the fourth Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award on Mr. Kim Seong-Min, in recognition of his courage to stand up to the North Korean dictatorship. We hope to encourage his future efforts, through Free North Korea Radio, to provide the North Korean people with a channel to receive news and information from the outside world. North Korea is a tightly closed country, and the totalitarian regime employs all sorts of methods to control the actions and thoughts of the people. The people have no freedom of press, religion, or expression, so that not only are their daily lives very difficult, but their spiritual needs are also very great. Mr. Kim's Free North Korea Radio, through shortwave and internet broadcasting, sends its programs to North Korea as well as to South Korea and to the northeast regions of Mainland China. These include not only analysis of the reality of the regime, but also a variety of international news, human rights education, and cultural programs, which enable the North Korean people to have an opportunity the outside world, providing a ray of hope and spiritual sustenance.

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Mr. Kim formerly served as a propaganda officer in the North Korean army, but in order to pursue a life of freedom he made up his mind to escape from North Korea. The first time he tried to leave the country, he was arrested, sent back, and sentenced to death. However, on his way to his execution site, Mr. Kim jumped off a moving train and escaped, and he eventually succeeded in reaching South Korea in 1999. Five years later, he founded Free North Korea Radio and fully devoted himself to human rights work. His story, as well as those of so many other North Koreans, clearly demonstrates the basic desire for freedom and dignity that is found in all humankind. I wish to express my greatest admiration for Mr. Kim's courage and his conviction in the pursuit of democracy and freedom.

The Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award openly solicits nominations, and the nominees are reviewed in a strict and fair two-stage process to select the final winner. This year, Mr. Kim was chosen from a pool of 32 nominees from 16 countries. The final review panel included a number of distinguished international experts: Ms. Sunila Abeysekera, Executive Director of International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific; Dr. Nisuke Ando, Director of the Kyoto Human Rights Research Institute and former Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee; Dr. Alex Boraine, Chairperson of the International Center for Transitional Justice and former Deputy Chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa; Ms. Asma Jahangir, Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief; and Dr. Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and the 2008 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award laureate. I express my deep gratitude to them, as well to the panel of domestic experts who provided many valuable professional insights.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their interest in the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award. Only with your support and advice has the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy been able to achieve the results you see today. I would like to once again congratulate Mr. Kim Seong-Min, and especially thank President Ma, Minister Yang, and all our distinguished guests and members of the media for joining us at this year's Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony. I wish you all good health and success. Thank you!

The Significance of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
Vice Chairman Yang Chin-Tien

Towards the end of the 20th Century, the global wave of democratization reached the Republic of China (Taiwan). After the trials and tests of a series of free elections and democracy movements, we have successfully made the transition to a genuine democratic country. Indeed, in the major global indices of democracy and freedom we are usually ranked near the front, earning international respect as a newly free and democratic country with the rule of law.

Our democratic achievements have followed Taiwan's economic miracle to become our country's most precious asset. Thus, one of the most important tasks we face is finding ways to share Taiwan's experience and achievements with other countries. The founding purpose of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, in addition to assisting the deepening of democratization in Taiwan, is to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with organizations or groups around the world that are working to promote freedom and democracy so that Taiwan's democratic development is connected to the international community. Furthermore, by establishing the Asia-Pacific Democracy Resource Center, the TFD serves as a platform for facilitating global democratization.

The TFD symbolizes Taiwan's major achievements in the advancement of world democratization. In the years to come we must continue to share our experience actively, in order to increase global understanding of Taiwan's important position in the global political development. At the same time, we must ensure that the universal values of democracy are integrated into our daily lives. I would like to especially exhort all our colleagues at the TFD to continue their efforts to collaborate with all those who are pursuing and promoting democracy around the world, and to realize the essence of democracy, in order to enhance human welfare and world peace.

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Mission of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
President Teh-Fu Huang

Although Taiwan's democratization encountered many challenges, along the rugged road it has nonetheless steadily developed, and even brought forth democratic achievements which make us proud. Indeed, the arduousness of the process makes Taiwan's experience of democratic development even more precious, which has created the opportunity for "democracy diplomacy." The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy is an excellent bridge for Taiwan's citizen diplomacy. Through cooperation and exchanges with nongovernmental organizations around the world, the TFD strives to promote awareness of Taiwan's democratic progress.

The TFD has developed along multiple tracks. In addition to international cooperation and exchanges, the TFD actively cooperates with domestic NGOs on various projects, strengthening public understanding of democracy and expanding active participation in public affairs. In this way we contribute to the consolidation and deepening of Taiwanese democracy.

In an era of both globalization and regionalization, the TFD assists the democratization and democratic consolidation of Asian countries. Since most countries in Asia are still in the stage of democratic transition, the TFD provides grants to NGOs in these countries to carry out democracy promotion projects. Moreover, through various types of mutual visits, the TFD tries to further understand and assist the process of democratization in these countries.

The principles of democracy are not new, yet putting them into practice still requires further effort on the part of citizens. Understanding deeply that democratic achievements do not come easily, the TFD works together with relevant organizations at home and abroad. While continuing to support democracy to set deep roots and consolidate in our own land, we promote Taiwan's achievements around the world and assist others to move forward in their processes of democratization. For Taiwan, democracy is not only a source of pride, it is also a beneficial means of diplomacy. I am confident that, through the promotion of Taiwan's democracy experience, we can substantially raise our country's international space and visibility.

Prospects and Strategy

Taiwan's democratic transformation has been a success, making it not only a historical achievement for the 23 million people of Taiwan, but also an object of international focus. In order to consolidate our democracy and human rights, repay international society for its support and assistance, and at the same time increase Taiwan's international status and recognition by participating in international democratic networks, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs actively began preparing to establish the TFD starting in 2002.

Through the Ministry's research on similar international organizations and its analysis, compiled from the opinions of those from academia, enterprise, government, and civil society, it proposed a budget to the Legislative Yuan, which passed it in January 2003. The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy was officially founded on 17 June of that year under the "Regulations on the Permission for Establishment and Supervision of Incorporated Foundations Governed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

The TFD is the first national democracy assistance foundation in Asia. Its purpose is to be a nonprofit, nonpartisan, permanent, transparent, publicly funded institution for democracy and human rights. Bringing together the strengths of political parties, civil organizations, and the people, and promoting cooperation with related groups, political parties, intellectuals, academics, and nongovernmental organizations, the TFD can connect with international democratic forces to enlarge Taiwan's international space.

December 2009: Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony

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In promoting its strategy, the central focuses of the TFD's work are:

1. Building relationships with democratic organizations around the world in order to promote the global development of democracy and human rights, especially in Asia.
2. Investigating issues in the development of international or domestic democracy and developing solutions.
3. Supporting the engagement of domestic political parties in parliamentary diplomacy and international democratic exchange activities.
4. Holding conferences on democracy and human rights, as well as conducting public forums and democracy education programs.
5. Assisting international or domestic nongovernmental organizations, academics, and think tanks to promote activities about democracy and human rights.
6. Participating in other activities to advance international democratic development and to increase Taiwan's democratic accomplishments and visibility.

February 2009: Chairman Wang leading a parliamentary delegation to Europe

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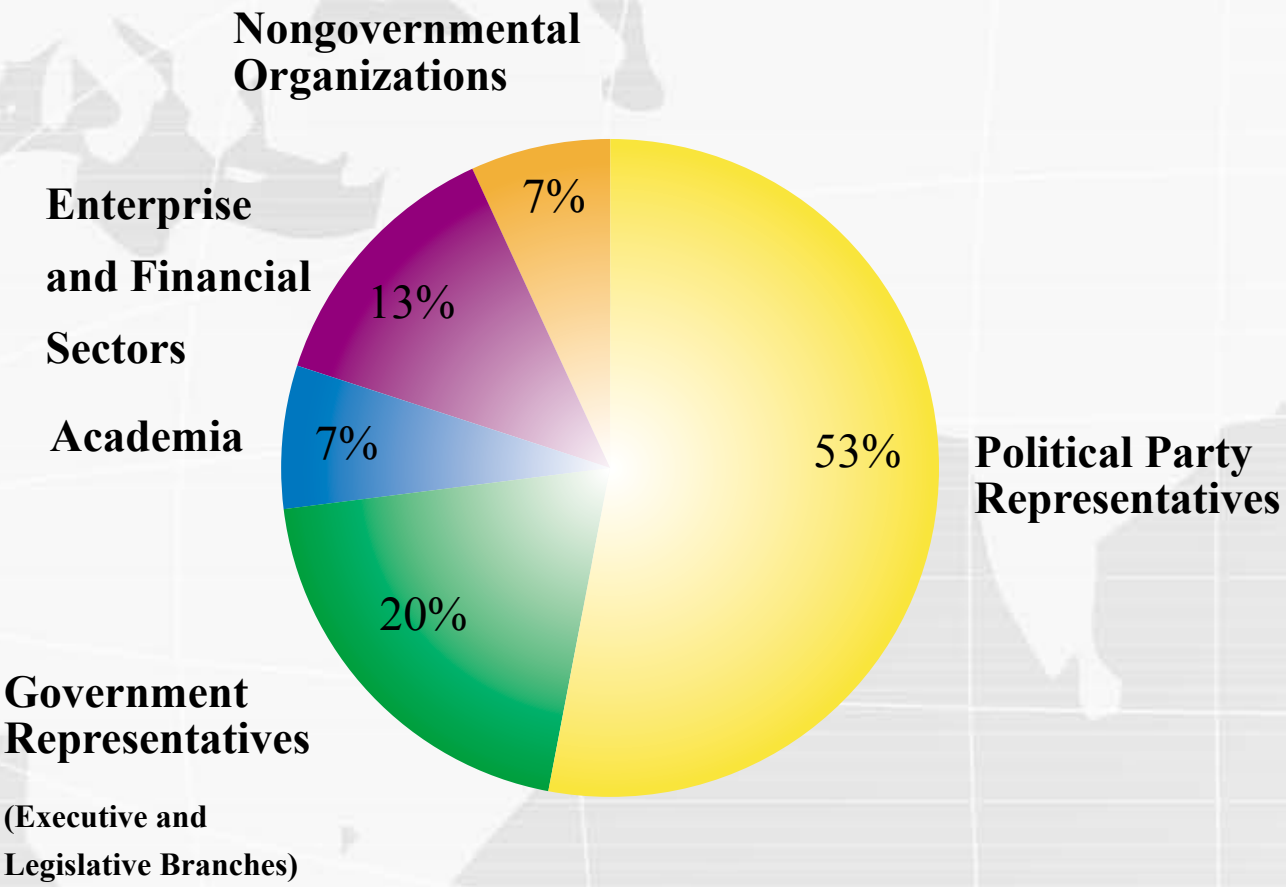
Governance

According to TFD's By-laws, the structure of the TFD is as follows: the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 to 15 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 have at least 5% of the seats in the Legislative Yuan, distributed according to the proportion of their seats. The Supervisory Board is composed of three to five members, with the same term of service as the trustees, one of whom is designated as the standing supervisor. Neither the trustees nor the supervisors receive pay. The current term of service lasts until 17 June 2012.

◆ **The Distribution of Trustees in the TFD**



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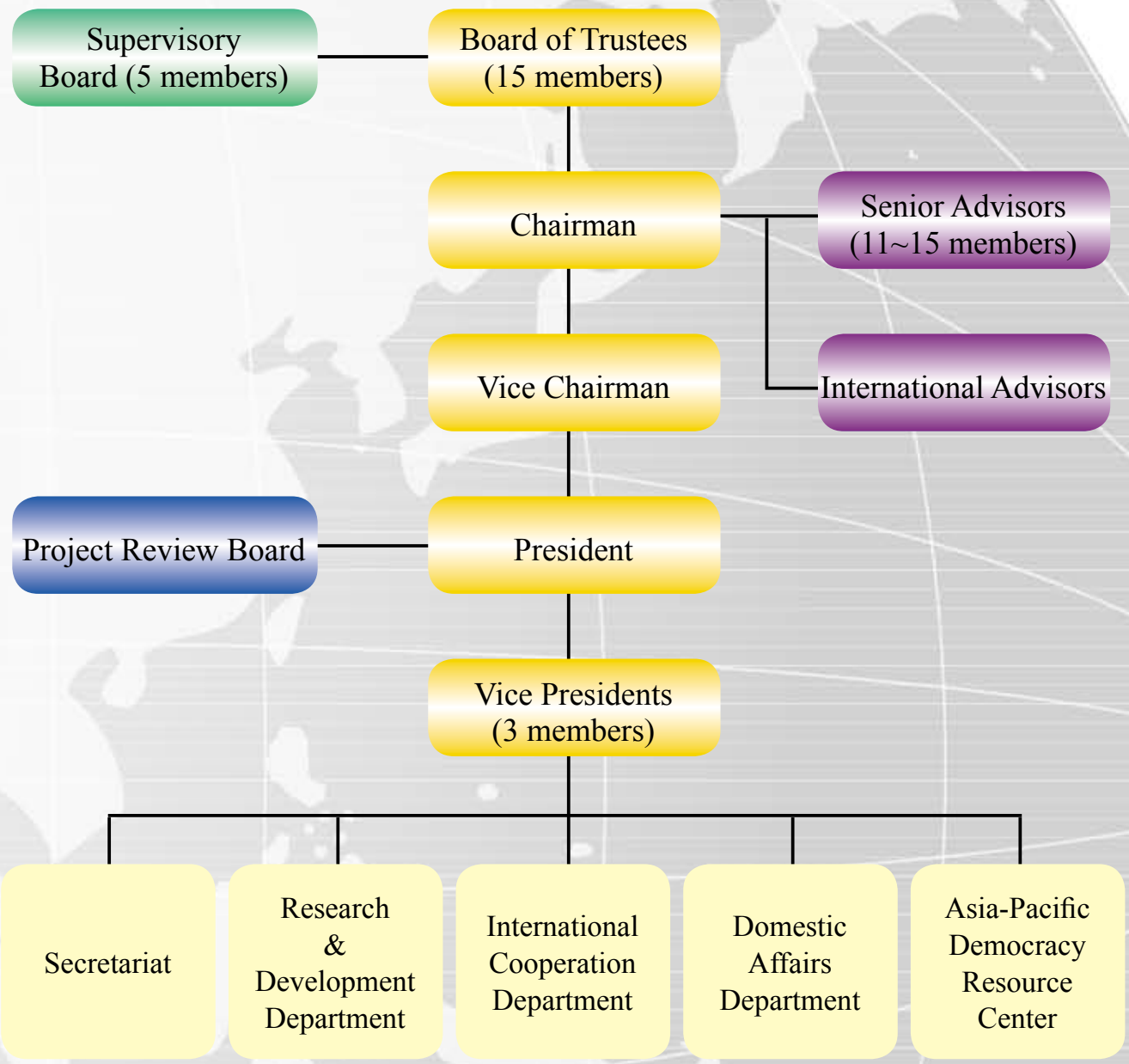
◆ **Organizational Chart of the TFD**



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June 2009: First joint session of the third-term Boards of Trustees and Supervisors

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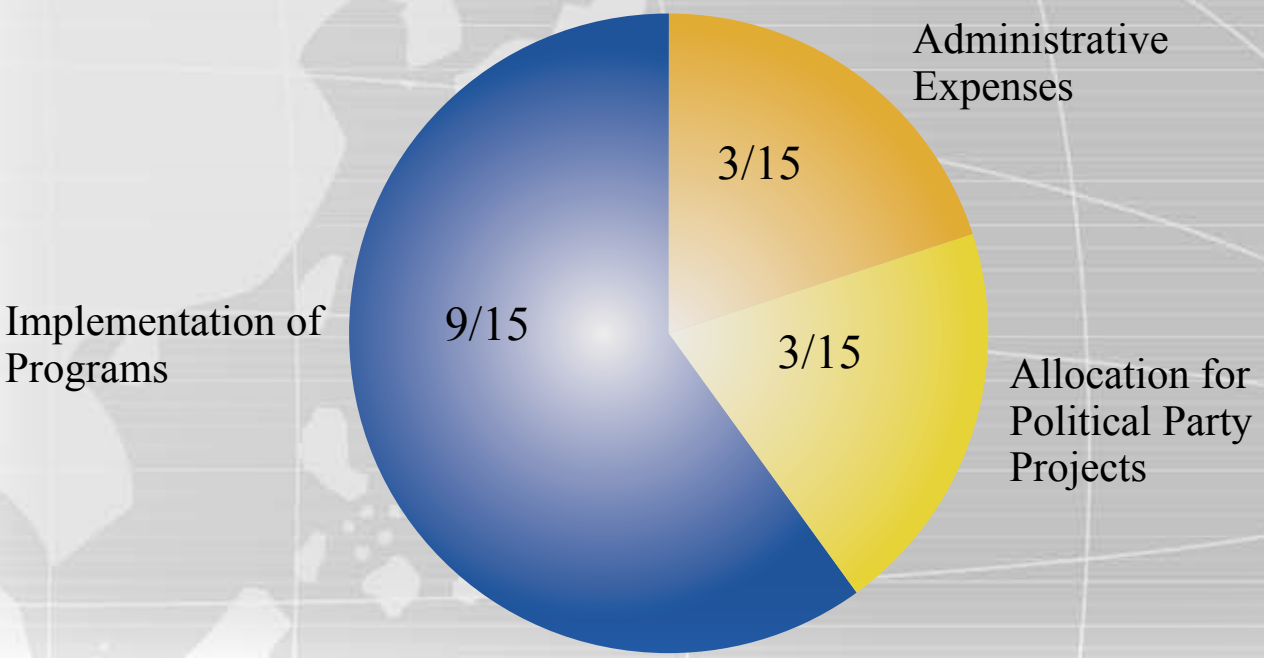
Budget Principles

According to its By-laws and by resolution of the Board of Trustees, the TFD reserves one third of its operating budget for grants to political parties that maintain at least 5% of the seats in the Legislative Yuan, in order to support their democracy and human rights programs; however, this shall not exceed NTD30,000,000.

The remaining portion of the operating budget is allocated for grants to domestic and international organizations to support their democracy and human rights activities, as well as the TFD's own programs of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, research, conferences and public forums, and publications.

◆ Budget Allocation Proportions



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Goals and Plans

From January to December 2009, the TFD's goals and plans were divided into four major program categories as follows:

(1) International Programs

Promote democracy and human rights around the world, especially in Asia, and develop networking and cooperation with like-minded organizations

1) Provide grants to international nongovernmental organizations or academic institutions for activities to promote democracy and human rights, as well as provide fellowships to conduct research in Taiwan;
2) Establish relationships and bilateral cooperation with national democracy foundations and other democracy assistance organizations;
3) Actively participate in the network of global and regional democratic movements, such as the World Movement for Democracy, Non-Governmental Process of the Community of Democracies, and International Civil Society Forum for Democracy;
4) Serve as secretariat for the World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) and execute activities planned by the WFDA Steering Committee to promote democratization in the region;
5) Promote the establishment of the Initiative & Referendum Institute – Asia (IRI–Asia), including convening its International Steering Committee, to strengthen cooperation among experts in Europe, America and Asia, in order to make Taiwan a regional hub for studying direct democracy in Asia;
6) Invite distinguished practitioners and renowned scholars of democracy to visit Taiwan and share their experiences and ideas on democratization.

September 2009: Third WFDA Biennial Conference (Seoul, South Korea)

November 2009: Unveiling ceremony of "The Berlin Wall in Taiwan"

(2) Domestic Programs

Reinforce domestic development of democracy and human rights

1) Provide grants to domestic nongovernmental organizations and academic institutions for activities to promote democracy and human rights;
2) Investigate issues in the domestic development of democracy and develop solutions;
3) Promote relevant conferences, forums, and exchange activities; and
4) Promote other activities to sustain domestic democratic development.

(3) Political Party Programs

To assist major domestic political parties' projects and activities that promote democracy and human rights, the TFD reserves a significant proportion of its budget, not to exceed NTD 30,000,000, for grants to support political parties' projects, according to the proportion of their number of seats in the Legislative Yuan. Each party may apply to use this budget for democracy and human rights education programs or international exchange programs related to democracy and human rights.

(4) China Democracy and Human Rights Programs

1) Provide grants to support activities to promote China's democracy and human rights; and
2) Publish the annual *China Human Rights Report*.

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International Programs

A. World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) Third Biennial Conference

The Foundation held the Third WFDA Biennial Conference on September 16-18, 2009, in Seoul, South Korea in cooperation with the Korea Democracy Foundation. Following the previous biennial conferences in Taipei in 2005 and Manila in 2007, this was the first WFDA event held in Korea, marking a significant step forward in WFDA's influence in Northeast Asia. Over 200 guests from over 20 countries attended, with leaders of civic organizations and expert scholars engaged in discussion for three days. The conference adopted the "WFDA Framework for Action 2009-2011" as well as the "Seoul Declaration on Economic and Social Justice," which expressed the tight link between democracy and economic and social justice. Our national representative to Korea. Amb. Chen Yeong Cho, was invited to deliver a speech during the afternoon banquet. In addition, the Foundation specially invited the entire TFD Board of Directors and Supervisors to attend this biennial conference, in order to further their understanding of the Foundation's international networking activities such as WFDA. Standing Supervisor Yeh Chin-fong led the group, which included Supervisors Chen Chi-sheng, Tsai Ming-hua, and Liu I-Chou, to Seoul to join the conference. Through the assistance from our national representative office, the TFD board members also visited the National Human Rights Commission of Korea Chairperson Hyun Byung-Chul and the Korea-Taiwan Legislators Friendship Association Chairperson Cho Jin Hyeong, in order to promote bilateral exchanges in the field of human rights.

September 2009: Third WFDA Biennial Conference (Seoul, South Korea)

December 2009: President Ma presents the 2009 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award sculpture to Mr. Kim Seong-Min

B. Fourth Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award

On December 10, 2009, the Foundation held the fourth Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award (ADHRA) ceremony, where President Ma Ying-jeou presented the award to Free North Korea Radio founder Kim Seong-Min. Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng then presented the US$100,000 award prize to Mr. Kim, in recognition of his contributions and efforts for North Korean freedom and democracy. Over 100 distinguished guests attended this solemn event, including Foreign Minister Timothy Yang and 26 members of the diplomatic corps, as well as experts and scholars of various fields and NGO representatives. After the completion of the award ceremony, the Foundation held the symposium "Human Rights in North Korea and Prospects for Democracy," to discuss ways to move forward in addressing the problem of human rights in North Korea.

C. Parliamentary Diplomacy towards Europe

Foundation Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng led a delegation from the Republic of China legislature to Europe from February 2-12, upon invitations from European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group Chairman MEP Georg Jarzembowski as well as from the Italian Parliament. Approximately ten legislators from both the ruling and opposition parties joined the delegation, accompanied by Foundation Vice President Tsai Chang-Yen. The delegation also paid a visit to the Vatican, and at an audience with Pope Benedict XVI expressed the sincerest respect on behalf of President Ma, the people of Taiwan, and Taiwanese Catholics. They further affirmed that our government will spare no efforts in the future to improve cross-Strait relations, in the hope of achieving a peaceful and prosperous "win-win" situation for the peoples of both sides and thereby making a positive contribution to the stabilization of Asia and world peace. Chairman Wang delivered a speech at

December 2009: Chairman Wang presents the 2009 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award grant to Mr. Kim Seong-Min

December 2009: "Human Rights in North Korea and Prospects for Democracy," seminar following the 2009 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony

the Italian Senate, and he also held meetings separately with the Senate President and several parliamentarians, the governor of Catania, major figures of the Belgium Senate, the president of the EP and other European leaders. Chairman Wang also received the Highest Recognition Award bestowed by the EP-Taiwan Friendship Group for his contributions to Taiwan's democracy and human rights, and Chairman Wang was invited by the EP to deliver a formal address titled "Taiwan-EU relations and the situation and development of cross-strait ties". This was the first time that our country's legislative speaker had formally addressed the EP since its establishment. During his speech, the audience, including 29 EP members, broke out into enthusiastic applause six times, a resounding success in diplomacy for Taiwan. During Chairman Wang's meetings with Italian and EU parliamentarians and political leaders, he called for and received positive responses on the issue of granting visa-exempt status to the Schengen Area for our citizens. Chairman Wang Jin-pyng's tour of Europe reaped many rewards, smoothly accomplishing a successful example of legislative diplomacy.

February 2009: Chairman Wang conducting parliamentary diplomacy in Europe

D. TFD listed in "The Global 'Go-To Think Tanks' 2009" by the Foreign Policy Research Institute and the University of Pennsylvania:

The Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, a cooperative project by the world-renowned Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) and the University of Pennsylvania, have published "The Global 'Go-To Think Tanks' 2009: The Leading Public Policy Research Organizations in the World." Out of the 6,305 think tanks from nearly 170 nations reviewed, the Foundation was ranked number 23 in all of Asia and the sole Taiwanese institution out of 52 reviewed to be included on the Asian list.

E. Invitation of Noteworthy International Guests to Taiwan:

The TFD invites to Taiwan international political figures, notable scholars, and advocates of democracy who have made outstanding contributions to deliver a series of lectures, giving the people of Taiwan further opportunity to connect with international democratic figures and thus motivating democracy and human rights within Taiwan society. Prominent guests in 2009 included:

(1) On May 2-5, the Foundation invited Associate Professor Daniel Lynch of the School of International Relations, University of Southern California to visit Taiwan. Prof. Lynch's research interests include the domestic politics and foreign policies of Taiwan, China, and Thailand. During his trip, Prof. Lynch interviewed figures from Taiwan's government agencies, political parties, NGOs, and media, gaining understanding of Taiwan's political situation after the change of administrations.

(2) On October 15, the Foundation invited President Lorne Craner of the International Republican Institute (IRI) of the USA to visit the TFD, meeting with President Wen-cheng Lin and Senior Researcher Michael Kau. The two sides discussed ways of furthering democratization in China and other types of future cooperation, for example arranging exchange visits between political parties of other democratizing countries and our country's political parties, thus further sharing the Taiwan democratization experience.

(3) During the end of October, Prof. Bronislaw Misztal, Executive Director of the Community of Democracies (CD) visited Taiwan, where he was received by the Foundation and assisted in arranging his schedule, which included a welcoming banquet and an academic lecture, and

May 2009: Visit of University of Southern California Professor Daniel Lynch

Foundation Vice President Tsai Chang-Yen accompanied him to relevant meetings. Prof. Misztal is the first executive director of the newly established CD Permanent Secretariat in Warsaw, Poland.

F. Participation in Democracy Networks and International Conferences

TFD participates in international democracy networks and relevant conferences on democracy and human rights worldwide, building international bilateral and multilateral cooperation with counterpart organizations around the world. Participating in international conferences allows the TFD to share its experience in democracy promotion, as well as Taiwan's democratization experience in general. In addition to facilitating Taiwanese representation at these international conferences and workshops, the TFD also tries to facilitate participation from other Asian countries. Major conferences and activities in 2009 included:

1. January 13, 2009: Freedom House Global Release of Freedom in the World 2009

   American NGO Freedom House released its report Freedom in the World 2009 at an event co-hosted by the Foundation in Taipei on January 13. Freedom House's Director of Research Christopher Walker, Asia Affairs Researcher Sarah Cook, and academic consultant and Johns Hopkins University Professor Dr. Bridget Welsh presented the report, which assessed the political rights and civil liberties indexes of 193 nations and 16 dependent and disputed territories around the world. After the official release, the seminar "The State of Democracy in Asia" was held.

January 2009: Global Release of Freedom House's Freedom in the World 2009 Report hosted by TFD

January 2009: Audience with President Ma for Freedom House Director of Studies Christopher Walker and Asia Researcher Sarah Cook

2. February 2-11, 2009: Participation in the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review in Geneva, Switzerland

   On February 2-11, the United Nations Human Rights Council's on the Universal Periodic Review Working Group held its fourth conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Since this session included an examination of China's human rights situation on February 9, the Foundation provided a grant to the NGO Human Rights Without Frontiers to attend and express concern over China's human rights situation.

3. February 28-March 2, 2009: Participation in "ASEAN People's Assembly Assessment Conference"

   The "ASEAN People's Assembly Assessment Conference" was organized by the Institute for Strategic Development Studies (ISDS) in Manila from February 28 to March 2, 2009, examining results of the ASEAN People's Assembly since its establishment ten years ago and future development. This conference was supported by a grant from the Foundation. Dr. Chyungly Lee of the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University and a program officer from the TFD International Cooperation Department attended and spoke on Taiwan's potential role in the ASEAN People's Assembly. After the conference, they paid visits to partner organizations such as the Manila office of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Initiatives for International Dialogue, and the Institute for Political and Electoral Reform.

4. March 1-13, 2009: Participation in the 53rd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

   On March 1-13, the Foundation attended the 53rd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York. This year's themes were the equal division of family care responsibilities and the issues of care for HIV-carriers and AIDS patients.

5. March 6-7, 2009: Participation in the Fourth Conference of the "Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America"

   On March 6-7, the "Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America" held its fourth conference in São Paulo, Brazil, further examining the issues of democracy and development, such as fiscal policy, water resources, energy resources, microcredit, and climate change. This conference was attended by former heads of state and experts from 20 Latin American countries. TFD President Wen-cheng Lin delivered opening remarks on behalf of TFD Vice Chairman Francisco H. L. Ou.

March 2009: Participation in the Fourth Presidential Meeting of the Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America (Sao Paolo, Brazil)

6. March 10, 2009: Attending the 50th Annual Commemoration of the Tibetan Uprising
   March 10, 2009 was the 50th anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising. On invitation from the Sino-Tibetan Study Group, the Foundation attended the 50th Annual Commemoration of the Tibetan Uprising in New York. Foundation Vice President Maysing Yang delivered a speech during the opening ceremony, and the hosting organizations jointly presented a gift to the Dalai Lama, a sculpture entitled "The Road to Freedom."

7. March 20-21, 2009: Participation in the "9th International Conference on North Korean Human Rights and Refugees"
   On March 20-21, the Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights and the Australian Committee for Human Rights in North Korea together hosted the "9th International Conference on North Korean Human Rights and Refugees" in Melbourne, Australia. On the invitation of Australian MP Michael Danby, who serves as the chair for the Australian Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, President Wen-cheng Lin attended on behalf of the Foundation. Distinguished guests of the conference included Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs Stephen Smith and National Endowment for Democracy President Carl Gershman.

8. March 23-24, 2009: Attended the meeting of the International Steering Committee of the Non-Governmental Process of the Community of Democracies
   On March 23, the International Steering Committee (ISC) of the Non-Governmental Process of the Community of Democracies (CD) held a full meeting in Lisbon, Portugal. As the Foundation's Senior Research Fellow, Amb. Michael Kau, serves on the ISC, he and Vice President Maysing Yang attended on behalf of the Foundation. In addition, in order to prepare for the CD Ministerial Meeting that was held in July 2009 in Lisbon, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, the CD Chair country, held an international conference on the effect of the global economic crisis on democratic governance on March 23-24, to which ISC members were invited. During the conference, Amb. Kau requested on several occasions for the CD to admit Taiwan as a participant and to invite Taiwan's Minister of Foreign Affairs to attend the CD Ministerial Meetings.

9. April 1-13, 2009: Participation in Election Observation Mission to Indonesia
   On April 9, Indonesia held parliamentary elections, and the Foundation participated in the observation mission organized by the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) from April 1-13. Besides gaining experience in election observation, the Foundation also furthered exchange with NGOs.

10. April 17, 2009: Assisting the Press Conference and Awards Ceremony for the "Democracy Video Challenge" organized by the American Institute in Taiwan

The US State Department held the "Democracy Video Challenge" to promote democracy dialogue and exchange in six major world regions. The American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) invited the Foundation and other civic organizations to serve on the review board for the films submitted from Taiwan. The Foundation hosted the press conference and the awards ceremony, with AIT/Taipei Office Director Stephen Young delivering the welcoming remarks.

April 2009: Press Conference and Awards Ceremony for the "Democracy Video Challenge" organized by the American Institute in Taiwan

11. April 30-May 1, 2009: Held the Community of Democracies Asia Roundtable

On April 30-May 1, the Foundation, the World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA), and Indonesia's Civil Society Alliance for Democracy (Yappika) jointly organized the Nongovernmental Process of the Community of Democracies (CD) 2009 Asia Roundtable in Jakarta, Indonesia. The forum saw the attendance of over 50 representatives of Asian civil society, hailing from a total of 17 countries. The theme of the conference was "The Implications of the Financial and Economic Crisis on Democratic Governance in Asia," and participants called on the governments of each country to utilize democratic principles when handling the current economic crisis. As Portugal was then chair of the CD, Portuguese Ambassador to Indonesia Carlos Manuel Leitão Frota attended both days of the conference.

12. May 16-18, 2009: Participation in the "Gwangju International Peace Forum"

To commemorate the victims of the Gwangju Massacre, Korea's 518 Foundation held the "Gwangju International Peace Forum" on May 16-18 to further cooperation in human rights in the Asia region. Director Bo Tedards attended on behalf of the Foundation.

May 2009: Participation in the "Gwangju International Peace Forum" (Gwangju, South Korea)

13. May 21-29, 2009: Participated in Observation of the Mongolian Presidential Election

By invitation of the Academy of Political Education, the Foundation dispatched an officer to Mongolia on May 21-29 to take part in the observation of Mongolia's May 24 presidential election, in order to further understand the achievements and challenges of Mongolia's democratization. In addition, the Foundation visited two of its local partner NGOs, Globe International and the Zorig Foundation.

14. July 11-12, 2009: Participation in the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies

On July 11-12, the Portuguese government hosted the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies (CD) in Lisbon, which was preceded by a conference of the Non-Governmental Process of the CD on July 10. Both meetings were attended by the Foundation's Senior Research Fellow, Amb. Michael Kau, who presented a report on the participation of Asian civil society in the CD. The Non-Governmental Process issued a statement regretting that our country's government officials had not yet been invited to attend any CD governmental activities, as well as commending the contributions the Foundation has made to the development of the Non-Governmental Process.

15. August 5-8, 2009: Participation in the Second "International Young Leaders Summit"

On August 5-8, the Foundation dispatched an officer to Bangkok, Thailand to attend the International Young Leaders Summit held by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), on the theme "The Role of Young Leaders in Achieving UN MDGs and Peace Building in Asia-Pacific." Nearly 100 participants from over ten countries attended, including young democracy activists, representatives of democracy and human rights groups, and the media.

16. September 13-14, 2009: Promotion of the Initiative and Referendum Institute-Asia

On September 13-14, the Foundation dispatched an officer to Seoul, Korea to attend the Conference on World of Direct Democracy. In a related development, Initiative and Referendum Institute-Europe President Bruno Kaufmann visited Taiwan for exchanges with Taiwan research institutes in September and October.

17. September 26- October 3, 2009: Participation in the "Impact of Democracy Trip" of the National Democratic Institute

By invitation from the National Democratic Institute (NDI) Chairman, former US Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, the Foundation participated in the inaugural "Impact of Democracy Trip." The purpose of the program is to send groups to meet with local political leaders, grassroots activists, and NDI partners in various regions around the globe, furthering understanding of the work of the NDI to promote global democracy. The NDI is a think-tank linked with the US Democratic Party and one of the TFD's international cooperation partners. TFD Board Member Dagmar Yu attended the "Impact of Democracy Trip" from September 26-October 3, meeting with relevant NGOs in Jordan and Turkey, as well as the participants from other countries. Furthermore, upon recommendation by Board Member Yu, Jordanian female parliamentarian Dr. Falak Al-Jamani came to Taiwan in November, visiting the Foundation on November 3.

18. October 8-12, 2009: Participation in the Conference "Forced Migration and Indigenous Peoples Rights"

Foundation Vice President Maysing Yang attended the "Forced Migration and Indigenous Peoples Rights" conference in the parliamentary building of Crimea, Ukraine on October 8-12. Topics explored included legislative issues regarding Indigenous land rights, freedom of religion, and cultural education, as well as issue related to Ukraine's efforts to join the European Union. Attendees also paid a visit to Crimea's Council of Ministers Chairman Victor Plakida and Vice Chairman Aziz Abdullayev.

19. October 9, 2009: Participation in the Fifth Conference of the "Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America"

On October 9, the "Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America" held its fifth conference in Lima, Peru, inviting over ten former Latin American heads-of-state and expert scholars to attend. Democracy and development were the topics of discussion, in order to develop concrete policy

recommendations. This conference was attended by Board Member Hsiao Bi-khim on behalf of the Foundation.

20. October 9-11, 2009: Held the Taiwan Journal of Democracy Middle East Democracy Studies Conference

    On October 9-11, the Foundation's Taiwan Journal of Democracy co-organized with Bahçeşehir University the academic conference "Regime, Religion, and Democratic Fermentation in the MENA Region" in Istanbul, Turkey, which successfully served to raise the international profile of the journal.

21. October 14, 2009: International Conference "Democracy Building in Asia" held by the Heritage Foundation

    The Foundation co-sponsored the international conference "Democracy Building in Asia," held in Taipei by the Heritage Foundation on October 14. During the conference, experts and scholars from the USA, Australia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, etc. discussed four major themes: judicial reform and rule of law, free and fair elections, protection of liberal democracy, and the quality of legislative processes. The conference is a result of TFD Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng's visit to the USA in 2008, when Heritage Foundation President Edwin Feulner had proposed a cooperative project in which the TFD would provide partial financial support for a conference and relevant administrative work in Taiwan would be carried out by the Institute for National Policy Research.

22. November 9-10, 2009: Participation in the "Burma Regional Strategy Meeting"

    The Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma and Burma Partnership held the "Burma Regional Strategy Meeting" in Bangkok, Thailand on November 9-10. Advocacy organizations and related aid agencies supporting the democracy movement in Burma were invited to discuss an action plan for the following year.

23. November 27-December 3, 2009: Observation of the Presidential Election in Honduras

    Honduras, one of Taiwan's official diplomatic allies, held presidential elections on November 29. Responding to an invitation from the Ambassador of Honduras, Ms. Marlene Villela-Talbott, and in close coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Foundation organized a non-governmental mission to observe the elections from November 27-December 3. Led by Foundation Vice President Maysing Yang, the delegation included Prof. Hung-Der Fu, Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Tunghai University, and Prof. Ren-Rang Chyou, Chair of the Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University. The delegation took part in the observation activities arranged by the government of Honduras to witness how the Honduran people were able to resolve political turmoil through democratic procedures. It also visited the Catholic University of Honduras to promote exchanges with local scholars and visited the agricultural assistance mission deployed by Taiwan in the country.

G. Fellowships

The TFD provides four types of fellowship opportunities to scholars and practitioners in order to encourage comparative research in the theory and practice of democracy and human rights. International Visiting Fellowships bring experienced practitioners or senior scholars in the fields of democracy building or human rights to Taiwan in order to conduct field research. Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellowships offer practitioners of democracy and human rights the chance to conduct more practical projects. Postdoctoral and Dissertation Fellowships provide opportunities for exceptionally talented young scholars interested in studying the many facets of Taiwan's democracy and how it relates to the global democratic movement. In 2009, the Foundation's fellows were:

1. International Visiting Fellows

Dr. George Katsiaficas (USA) – "Comparison of Democratization between South Korea and Taiwan"

Dr. Katsiaficas, Visiting Professor at the Department of Sociology of Chonnam National University in Korea, obtained his PhD in sociology at the University of California, San Diego. His research compared the routes to democratization experienced by Taiwan and South Korea.

Mr. Bruno Kaufmann (Sweden) – "Referendums in Taiwan"

Mr. Kaufmann is President of the Initiative and Referendum Institute-Europe, which is an expert organization on the tools of direct democracy. His research dealt with the history, significance, and impacts of referendums in Taiwan.

2. Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellows

Ms. Viviane Bayala (Burkina Faso) – "Contribution of NGOs to Human Rights in Taiwan"

Ms. Bayala received her Master's in Taiwan Studies from National Chengchi University. Her research assessed the concrete achievements of Taiwanese NGOs in their protection and promotion of human rights.

Dr. Jens Damm (Germany) – "*Tongzhi* in Contemporary Taiwan"

Dr. Damm, Assistant Professor at the Graduate Institute of Taiwan Studies, Chang Jung Christian University, received his PhD in in History and Cultural Studies from Freie Universität Berlin. His research dealt with the extent that gays and lesbians *(tongzhi*) have adapted to contemporary Taiwanese society.

3. Postdoctoral Fellows

Dr. Stephen Lakkis (Australia) – "The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan's Role in Democratization"

Dr. Lakkis, Assistant Professor at the Taiwan Theological College, received his PhD from the University of Melbourne. His research examined the role and influence of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan regarding democratization.

Dr. Ashley Esarey (USA) – "The Taiwan Media's Role in Democratization"

Dr. received his PhD in Political Studies from Columbia University, writing his thesis on the Chinese media. His research addressed the role and influence that the Taiwanese media had on democratization.

4. Dissertation Fellows

Mr. Arturo Lopez-Levy, USA – "Democratic Consolidation in Mexico and Taiwan"

Mr. Levy, PhD candidate at the Department of Political Science, University of Denver, studies the political situations across Latin America. His research compared the policies used by Taiwan and Mexico to consolidate democracy.

Mr. Hopong To, Hong Kong – "Budget Policymaking in Taiwan"

Mr. To, PhD candidate at the Australian National University, studies democratic reform and consolidation. His research examined the effectiveness of Taiwan's policy-making under its semi-presidential system.

H. International Grants

The TFD provides funding to organizations overseas active in promoting democracy and human rights. Recipients of TFD's international grants include civil society organizations, think tanks, and academic institutions. The following were the international grants made by the TFD in 2009, organized by type of activity supported.

1. Conferences

(1) "Latin America-Caribbean Region Microcredit Summit 2009," The Microcredit Summit Campaign, RESULTS Educational Fund (USA)

(2) "ASEAN People's Assembly Assessment Conference 2009," Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS) (Philippines)

(3) "Assessing Taiwan's Second Transition of Power: A Turning Point in Taiwan's Political Development?" Center for Asian Pacific Studies, Lingnan University (Hong Kong)

(4) "National Indigenous Youth Conference on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Youth-Elders Dialogue on Cultural Renewal Campaign," Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network (APIYN) (Philippines)

(5) "Support for the Decentralized Cordillera Day 2009 Celebrations," Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) (Philippines)

(6) "Taiwan 2009 Conference of the Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association," Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (Australia)

(7) "International Assembly for Migrants and Refugees Part 2 (A parallel conference of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, GFMD)," Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM) (Hong Kong)

(8) "Indigenous Peoples and the Making of Democratic and Multicultural Taiwan," Canadian Asian Studies Association (Canada)

(9) "Fifth Former Presidential Meeting on the Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America and Presentation of the Social Agenda to Sitting Presidents and Heads of State," Global Center for Development and Democracy (GCDD) (Peru)

(10) "Initiative to Incorporate Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ESCR) in the New Constitution," Human Rights and Democratic Forum (FOHRID) (Nepal)

(11) "Democracy Building in Asia," The Heritage Foundation (USA)

2. Research and Publication Projects

(1) "Sharing Voices, Sharing Lives - Indonesia's Communities Speak Out," Lafadl Initiatives (Indonesia)

(2) "A Book Project on Civil Society Effectiveness in Enhancing Democracy and Development," Council for People's Development and Governance (Philippines)

(3) "Freedom of the Press in Asia 2009," Freedom House (USA)

(4) "Ending Years of Crisis in the African Great Lake Region: Promoting Human Rights and Democracy for the Pacification of the Region," Center for the Defense of Human Rights and Democracy (CDHD) (South Africa)

(5) "Mapping Democracy Assistance," Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE) (Spain)

(6) "When Legal Worlds Overlap: Human Rights,State, and Non-State Laws," International Council on Human Rights Policy (Switzerland)

(7) "Promoting Security Sector Reform in a Post Conflict Scenario," Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL) (Peru)

(8) "Alternative Media and Information Center to Promote Human Rights and Democracy for Burmese Refugees and Thai Grassroots," Friends Without Borders (Thailand)

(9) "The Khmer Community Newspaper Project," Khmer Association for Development (KAD) (Cambodia)

(10) "Video Documentary Production on an Indigenous People Community's Struggle against Destructive Large Scale Mining Operations," KODAO Productions, Inc. (Philippines)

(11) "Research on the Impact of Human Rights Violation among the Seven Provinces in the Philippines," Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace (EMJP) (Philippines)

(12) "ICPD+15: Assessing Progress, Highlighting Challenges toward Meeting the ICPD and MDG Health-related Goals by 2015 through a Radio Program in Kaduna State, Northwest Nigeria," Connecting Gender for Development (COGEN) (Nigeria)

(13) "Strengthening Democracy through Radio," Center for Justice and Reconciliation (CJR) (Cambodia)

3. Other Projects

(1) "On the way to Sulha," Sulha Peace Project (Israel)

(2) "Human Rights Learning for Personal and Societal Transformation Exploring Methodologies for Action," Equalinrights (Netherlands)

(3) "Thai Civil Society-Strengthening the Tree from the Roots," People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF) (Thailand)

(4) "Human Rights and Democracy Promotion through Intervention of Policing Committee Members," Development of Health & Agriculture Rehabilitation Advancement (DHARA) (Bangladesh)

(5) "Hotline Asia - A Service for Justice and Peace," Asian Center for the Progress of Peoples (ACPP) (Thailand)

(6) "Haven for Advocates Project," Asia Catalyst (USA)

(7) "Supporting Marginalized Chepang Ethnic Community for Increased Participation in Local Governance and Politics in Nepal," World Vision Advocacy Forum (WVAF) (Nepal)

(8) "2009 Ambassador Program," Formosa Foundation (USA)

(9) "Training on Democracy Process and Save Our Land," Rakhaing Women's Union (Thailand)

(10) "Strengthening Regional, Sub-Regional, and National Strategies for Defending Civil Society in Latin America and the Caribbean," Consorcio Justicia (with Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy) (Venezuela)

(11) "Kaowao Newsgroup Website and Radio Development," Kaowao Newsgroup (Thailand)

(12) "Strengthening Human Rights and Democracy through Local and Regional Advocacy," Legal Aid Center for Human Rights (LACHR) (Philippines)

(13) "Altsean-Burma Advocacy Trainings," Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (Thailand)

(14) "International Observation of Indonesian General Election," Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) (Thailand)

(15) "Internship with People in Need for Burmese and Taiwanese Interns," People in Need (Czech Republic)

(16) "Democracy Awareness Campaign," Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (RLEK) (India)

(17) "Thai Three Weeks Study Session on Social Justice, Human Rights and Rule of Law: Theory and Methods," Asian Institute for Human Rights (AIHR) (Thailand)

(18) "Strategy Planning and Community Organizing Training," Kayan New Generation Youth (KNGY) (Thailand)

(19) "Basic Human Rights Training for High School Teachers in Yogyakarta, Indonesia," International Center for the Development of Human Rights (Indonesia)

(20) "Strengthening Democracy and Human Rights in Pakistan," Iraj Education and Development Foundation (Pakistan)

(21) "Increasing Citizen's Involvement in the Electoral Process through Voter Education," Mindanao Sustainable Economic Development (MINSED) Foundation, Inc. (Philippines)

(22) "Project for Establishing a Taiwan Research Center in Slovenia," Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

(23) "Campaign against Female Infanticide (CAFI-2009)," Speaker International (India)

(24) "Campaign for the Signing and Ratification of the "International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance," Desaparecidos (Families of the Disappeared for Justice) (Philippines)

(25) "YLDA Women's Workshop: Empowering Young Women in Politics and Democracy," Young Liberals and Democrats of Asia (Philippines)

(26) "Lecture Series on Taiwan's Political History and Democratization," Association Formosa (French Association of Taiwan Studies) (France)

(27) "SFT's 2009 Summer Leadership Training in New York," Students for a Free Tibet (USA)

(28) "Young Leaders Program in Taiwan," Pacific Forum CSIS (USA)

(29) "Monitoring the Treatment of Children Deprived of Liberty in Benin and Uruguay," World Organization against Torture (Switzerland)

(30) "Empower Grassroots Women Leaders' Awareness on CEDAW to Build Voices for Change," Persatuan Kesedaran Komuniti, Selangor (Malaysia)

(31) "Youth Participation in Politics," SODECO (France)

(32) "Defending Rights, Promoting Democracy," Blue Veins (Women Welfare & Relief Services) (Pakistan)

(33) "Forging Solidarity for Peoples' Right to Self-Determination: Drawing Lessons from East Timor," Initiatives for International Dialogue (Philippines)

(34) "Radio 1812 - Celebrating International Migrants Day in 2009," December 18 vzw (Belgium)

(35) "Preventing the Use of ICT in the Travel and Tourism Industry for Sexual Exploitation of Children in East and Southeast Asia," ECPAT International (Thailand)

(36) "Promoting Human Rights in Cambodia at the European Parliament and the UN Universal Periodic Review," Human Rights Without Frontiers (Belgium)

(37) "Democracy Building through Human Rights Courses to Latin American Youth Leaders," Cuban Democratic Directorate (Directorio Democrático Cubano) (USA)

(38) "Accountability for the Impacts of Oil Palm Development on Indigenous Communities in Papua New Guinea," International Accountability Project (Papua New Guinea / USA)

(39) "Advocacy and Lobbying Workshops on Human Rights," Panchayat Raj Movement (PRM) (India)

(40) "Capacity Building of the Indigenous People for Restoration of Democracy and Human Rights through Networking at Civil Society," Network for Youth Development and Healthy Environment (NYDHEE) (India)

(41) "Capacity Building on Democracy and Human Rights on Indigenous Peoples of North East India," Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples North East Zone (ICITP - NEZ) (India)

(42) "Democratic Rights Education and Consciousness Raising Program for Women," Prova Society (Bangladesh)

(43) "Educate the Youth about the Promotion of Democracy and Human Rights among the Grassroots Communities in the Five Areas of District Faisalabad, Province Punjab, Pakistan," Handicap and Orphan Children's Charity Society (HOCCS) (Pakistan)

(44) "Professorial Fellowship in Taiwan Studies," St. Antony's College, Oxford (UK)

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◆ International Grants in 2009

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Category	Number	Amount	Cases Retained	Amount Retained	Total
Conferences	16	4,209,125	1	132,786	4,341,911
Research and Publication Projects	16	3,467,919	3	486,221	3,954,140
Fellowships	8	1,431,000	0	0	1,431,000
Other Projects	37	12,968,263	5	801,223	13,769,486
Total	77	22,076,307	9	1,420,230	23,496,537

April 2009: Visit of US House of Representatives Taiwan Caucus Co-chair Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart and Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart

April 2009: Visit of Dr. Huguette Labelle, Chair of Transparency International

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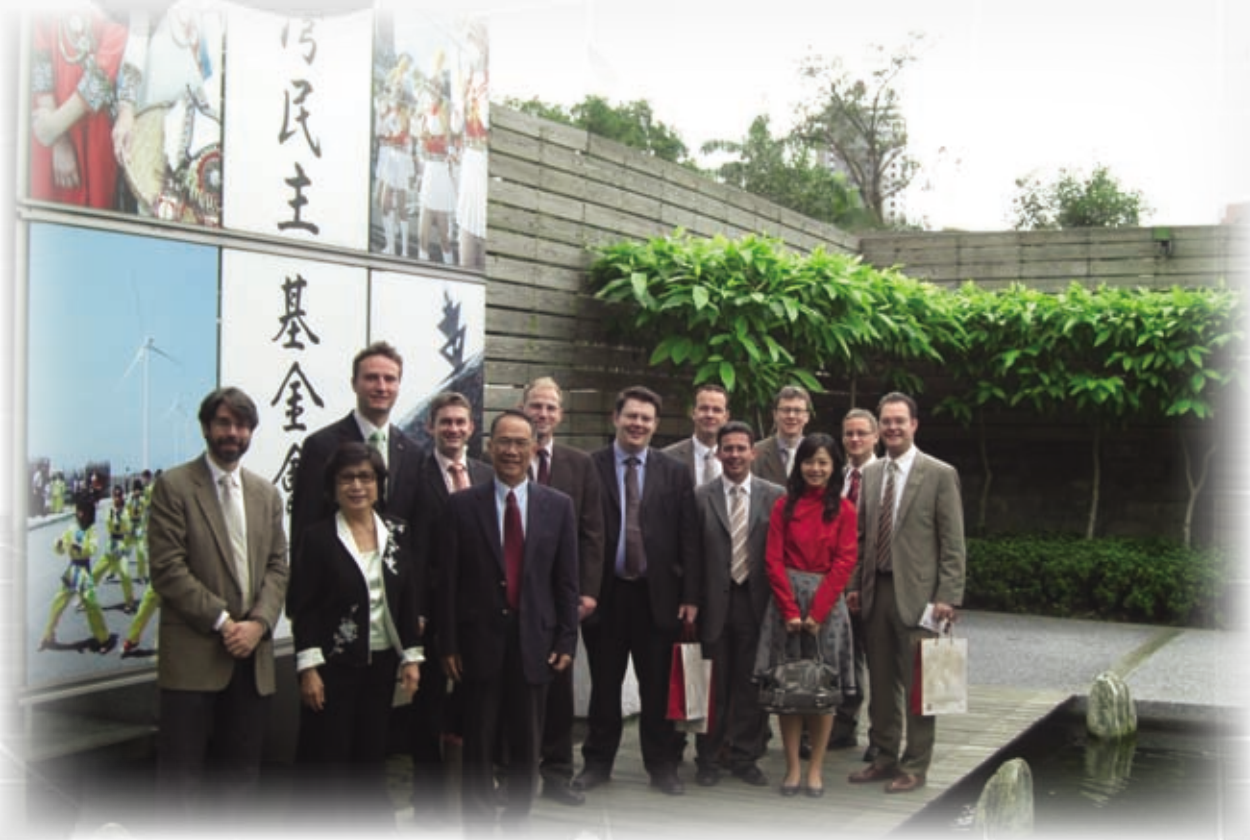
September 2009: Visit of Deputy Representative Alexander Pavlov of the Moscow-Taipei Coordination Commission on Economic and Cultural Cooperation

October 2009: Visit of Prof. Thanos Dokos, Director-General of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

October 2009: Visit of Danish parliamentarians Hon. Jeppe Kofod and Hon. Karsten Lauritzen



November 2009: Visit of delegation of the Junge Union of Germany

November 2009: Visit of former Haitian Prime Minister Jacques-Édouard Alexis

December 2009: Visit of Dr. Inge Lønning, President of the Lagting of Norway

Domestic Programs

A. Activities executed or contracted by the TFD

1. May 13, 2009: The Foundation, in cooperation with the American Cultural Center of the American Institute in Taiwan, invited Dr. Burdett Loomis, Professor of Political Science at the University of Kansas, to deliver a speech titled "Civility and Deliberation in the U.S. Senate" on May 13.

May 2009: Lecture by University of Kansas Professor Burdett Loomis, co-hosted by TFD and the American Cultural Center

2. June 1, 2009: The Foundation, in cooperation with the American Cultural Center of the American Institute in Taiwan, invited Dr. Janet Steele, Associate Professor of Media and Public Affairs at the George Washington University, to deliver a speech titled "The Role of Media in a Democracy: Lessons from Indonesia" on June 1.

3. June 24-August 15, 2009: To assist the second generation of overseas Taiwan youth in understanding democratization and human rights development in Taiwan, the Foundation has participated along with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and related departments in the National Science Council's (NSC) "Taiwan Democracy Tech Trek" from the end of June to mid-August every year since 2006. This year the Foundation accepted five outstanding students. They first joined the exposure trip arranged by the NSC and attended lectures arranged by the Foundation and the Research and Planning Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide an overview of Taiwan's democratic and constitutional development and Taiwan's achievements in the promotion of human rights. For the next six weeks, participants were deployed to domestic NGOs in the fields of human rights, democratic development, constitutional reform, and international affairs for training, in order to assist the internationalization of the host organizations and to gain in-depth understanding of the operations of such NGOs in Taiwan.

July 2009: Participants in the "2009 Taiwan Democracy Tech Trek" attending a lecture at the TFD

4. November 9, 2009: With assistance from the Foundation and the Deutsches Institut Taipei, the Memorial Foundation for 228 held the event "The Berlin Wall in Taiwan" on November 9 at which a segment of the Berlin Wall was unveiled in a ceremony at the Foundation on the day of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The event was attended by TFD Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng, the Memorial Foundation for 228 Chairman Chi Steve Chan, Presidential Office Secretary-General Liao Liouyi, and the founding Chairman of the Hsin Kang Foundation and former Chairman of the Memorial Foundation of 228 Dr. Chen Jin-huang, who played a key role in implementing this project. The Director General of the Deutsches Institut Taipei, Mrs. Birgitt Ory, gave a speech and introduced the keynote speaker for the event, former East German civil rights activist Mr. Jörn Mothes.

November 2009: Participation in the seminar "The Fall of the Berlin Wall," organized by the Memorial Foundation for 228

5. December 3, 2009: The Foundation, in collaboration with the National Taiwan Normal University, organized the "2009 East Asia Regional Development International Conference" on December 3. The conference was attended by scholars from Taiwan, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, and South Korea. Participants discussed important issues including politics, economy, security, human rights, culture, and history of East Asia from various viewpoints, in order to provide the Foundation as well as the government with useful information and policy recommendations regarding East Asian diplomacy, commerce, and national security.

December 2009: "2009 East Asia Regional Development International Conference"

6. December 4, 2009: With assistance from the Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Central Election Commission organized the "2009 Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) Executive Board Meeting" in Taipei on December 4. The AAEA is the only intergovernmental organization of which our country serves as chair. In accordance with the organization's charter, the AAEA convenes board meetings once every year. The 2009 Board meeting was attended by election officials from South Korea, the vice chair, as well as Executive Board member countries India, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka.

7. December 5, 2009: The Foundation and the Tainan Jiali Rotary Club, in cooperation with Tainan County's Jiali Elementary School, held a civic forum titled "Opportunities and Prospects after the Merger of Tainan County and Tainan City" on December 5. On behalf of the TFD Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng, President Wen-cheng Lin gave a speech at the opening ceremony. Scholars and experts conducted presentations and exchanged ideas with local individuals on topics including "regional integration and development of self-governance," "regional integration and industrial

development," "regional integration and cultural education development," and "visions after regional integration." The forum was attended by 200 people, allowing residents in Tainan to have a better understanding of the merger of Tainan County and Tainan City and stimulating their concern for and participation in local planning and public affairs. Thus, it contributed to the deepening the quality of democracy, the spread of civic education, and the implementation of local self-governance.

8. October through December, 2009: The Foundation's Taiwan Youth for Democratization in Asia (TYDA) program, in cooperation with the National Taiwan University, National Taiwan Normal University, National Chengchi University, National Chiaotung University, National Tsinghua University, National Chi Nan University, Tunghai University, Providence University, and Kaohsiung Medical University, carried out screenings of "Burma VJ," a documentary on Burmese human rights. The film raised college students' interest in democracy and human rights issues in Burma. TFD Vice President Tsai Chang-Yen attended the screenings at National Taiwan Normal University and National Chengchi University.

B. Domestic Grants

1. Conferences
   (1) Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, for the international symposium "Democratizing International Relations: New Thinking, Doing, and Being for a New Century"
   (2) Taiwanese Society of International Law, for the conference "Reflection and Prospect of after Taiwan's WTO Entry"
   (3) Tamkang University, for the "Fifth Annual Strategic Symposium: National Security Strategy in the New Situation"
   (4) Taiwan International Studies Association, for "Symposium on Understanding Modern Democratic Politics of Modern Finland"
   (5) Taiwan Political Rights Association for the conference "Taiwanese Political Victims' Influence on Humanities, Democracy and Human Rights in the White Terror Era"
   (6) Election Study Center, National Chengchi University, for "2009 International Conference: Taiwan's Election and Democratization Study"
   (7) National Chengchi University, for the conference "The PRC's Political and Economic Development and Cross-Strait Relations: 2008-2009 Reflections and Prospects"
   (8) Taiwan Association for Human Rights, for "Forum on Human Rights in East Asia"
   (9) Memorial Foundation of 228, for the "2009 Annual International Human Rights Forum"
   (10) Political Science Department, Tunghai University, for the conference "Local Self-Governance and Democratic Development: 2009 City and County Elections and Local Development"
   (11) College of Social Sciences, National Chengchi University, for "2009 International Conference on Globalization: Democracy, Institutions, and Change"
   (12) Kaohsiung County Indigenous Growth Association, for the conference "Engendering Indigenous Issues: Dialogues between the Local and the Global"

(13) Department of Public Administration and Policy, National Taipei University, for "Globalization, Democratization, and Democratic Governance During the Financial Crisis"
(14) Institute for National Policy Research, for the "2009 Asia Pacific Security Forum"
(15) Fu Jen Catholic University for "Pontifical Council Cor Unum – Spiritual Exercises for Charity Work in Asia"
(16) Taipei City Sungzhumei Cultural Foundation, for "Commemorations of the 20th Anniversary of June Fourth"
(17) Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy, for "World Wide Views on Global Warming (WWViews) Taiwan"
(18) Association of Digital Culture Taiwan, for "Taiwanese Politics 2.0 Forum-Analyzing Internet Politics in the Obama Era"
(19) Republic of China Society for Sun Yat-sen Studies, for the "Tenth Symposium on Cross-Strait Research and Practice of Sun Yat-sen Thought"
(20) Taiwan Youth Citizen's Forum, for "Taiwan Youth Citizens Forum Series"
(21) Taipei East Asian and Cross-Strait Relations Council, for the conference "Taiwanese Businessmen's Two Decades in China: Assessing the Past and Preparing for the Future"
(22) The Garden of Hope Foundation, for "Prevention of Domestic Violence in Chinese Culture: Sharing the Experience of Women's Groups from Taiwan, Mainland China, and Hong Kong"
(23) Taiwan Institute of Political, Economic and Strategic Studies, for "Obama's New Policy, the New Situation in the Asia Pacific, and the Future Development of Taiwan"
(24) Chinese Association for Administration Studies, for "Cross-Strait Conference on Democratic Polities and Bureaucratic Systems"
(25) Taiwan Law and Policy Research Foundation, for "Conference on Taiwan's International Status"
(26) Chunghua Cross-Strait Forum Association, for the seminar "Reflection and Prospect of Taiwan's Political Situation and Cross-Strait Relations after the Local Elections"
(27) Taiwanese Association for Pacific Ocean Development, for the conference "2009 Reflections and Prospects on Taiwan Democracy, Human Rights, and Sustainable Development"
(28) Chinese Association for Local Self-Government, for "New Thinking on Local Development Symposium"
(29) Taiwan Jurists Association, for "Second Cross-Strait Law Symposium"

2. Research and Publication Projects
   (1) Chinese Association for Human Rights, for "2009 Survey of Taiwan Human Rights Indicators"
   (2) Shih-Hsin University, for "2009 Survey of Taiwan Human Rights Indicators"
   (3) Graduate Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan Normal University, for the research project "Analysis of Taipei's Urban Democracy and Governance Issues: Institutionalization and Competency Cultivation"

April 2009: The Chinese Association for Human Rights conducted "2009 Survey of Taiwan Human Rights Indicators" with grant support from TFD (photo courtesy of the CAHR)

May 2009: Shih-Hsin University conducted "2009 Survey of Taiwan Human Rights Indicators" with grant support from TFD (photo courtesy of Shih-Hsin University)

(4) Taiwan National Policy Studies Association, for the research project "2009 Human Rights Events in Taiwan: Conversation between Theories and Cases"

July 2009: Taiwan National Policy Studies Association carried out the research project "2009 Human Rights Events in Taiwan: Conversation between Theories and Cases" with grant support from TFD (photo courtesy of the Association)

(5) New Taiwan Cultural and Educational Foundation, for the editing and publication of *Scar of the Flames—Chung Yi-jen's Struggle After 228*

(6) Wu San-Lien Foundation for Taiwan Historical Materials, for publication of *Lynn Miles' Written Letters for Human Rights (vol. 2)—The Growth of International Rescue Efforts (1975-1978)*

(7) Taiwan History Association, for "Publication of White Terror Research Project"

3. Training Programs

(1) Institute for National Policy Research, for "Fourth Training Camp for Young Leaders in Diplomacy"

(2) Media Literacy Center, for "Study Program for Teachers on Gender Rights and Media Literacy"

(3) ECPAT Taiwan, for "2009 Youth Human Rights Summer Camp"

(4) Chinese Nonprofit Organization Development Association, for "Second NGO Youth Volunteer Democracy Leader Professional Training Camp"

4. Visits and Exchanges
   (1) Environmental Quality Protection Foundation, for "Participation of Taiwan Youth Delegation in the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 15 and CMP 5)"
   (2) The Prosecutors Association, ROC (Taiwan) for "Attendance at the Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Prosecutors"
   (3) Transparency International-Chinese Taipei, for "Attendance at Transparency International 2009 Annual Meeting"

5. Other Projects
   (1) MUN Society of National Taiwan University, for "2009 World Model United Nations Conference"
   (2) Deng Liberty Foundation, for "Competition for Lesson Plans for Human Rights Education in Primary and Secondary Schools
   (3) Taiwan Friends of Tibet, for "50th Anniversary of Tibet Uprising Day"
   (4) Taiwan Labor Front, for "2009 Free Burma Concert"
   (5) Chinese Nonprofit Organization Development Association, for "Women's Rights and Welfare Expo"
   (6) Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights, Soochow University, for "Commemorating the Twentieth Anniversary of June 4th: Campus Screenings of Films on China Democracy and Human Rights"

June 2009: The Taiwan Labor Front held the "2009 Free Burma Concert" with grant support from TFD (photo courtesy of the TLF)

(7) Association for Victims of the Taiwan Martial Law Era, for "39th Annual Remembrance Concert of the Taiyuan Incident"
(8) Chinese Association for Human Rights, for "9th World Refugee Day"
(9) The Foundation for Excellent Journalism Award, for "Eighth Excellent Journalism Award Ceremony"
(10) Taiwan Women's Film Association, for "16th Women Make Waves International Film Festival, Taiwan 2009"
(11) Taiwan Nurses Association, for "2009 International Health Humanitarian Aid Project: Training for Nurses from Afghanistan"
(12) Taipei Association for the Promotion of Women's Rights, for "Draft Law on Marital Separation System: Nationwide Focus Groups for Selected Communities"
(13) Taiwan AIDS Foundation, for "Taiwan Youth Participation in AIDS Care and Health Education Diplomatic Service Team"

January 2009: The Taipei Association for the Promotion of Women's Rights carried out the project "Draft Law on Marital Separation System: Nationwide Focus Groups for Selected Communities" with grant support from TFD (photo courtesy of the TAPWR)

(14) The Open University of Kaohsiung, for "Penghu Casino Referendum Research and Observation Team Project"

(15) Taiwan Development and Cultural Interchange Association, for "Taiwan 2009 Local Government Election Observation Team"

◆ **Domestic Grants in 2009**

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Category	Number	Amount	Cases Retained	Amount Retained	Total
Conferences	72	13,167,721	1	30,000	13,197,721
Research and Publication Projects	10	2,148,884	1	2,000,000	4,148,884
Training Programs	10	975,174	0	0	975,174
Visits and Exchanges	9	2,835,270	0	0	2,835,270
Other Projects	49	11,054,404	0	0	11,054,404
Total	150	30,181,453	2	2,030,000	32,211,453

Political Party Programs

The TFD assisted Taiwan's major political parties in programs and activities related to human rights and democracy. In 2009, highlights included:

Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT): attending the International Democrat Union Executive Committee Meeting; participation in the exchange program organized by the American Council of Young Political Leaders; organization of the "Elite Youth Training Camp on Cross-Strait Relations and Democratic Development"; and sending a delegation to participate in the 2009 Conservative Party Conference in the United Kingdom.

Democratic Progressive Party (DPP): participation in the 53rd Session of the UN Commission of the Status of Women; attending the 2009 Liberal International Executive Committee meeting; organizing the "Thirteenth Foreign Affairs Camp for University Students"; and participation in the 56th Congress of the Liberal International.

◆ **Allocation of Grants to Political Parties in 2009**

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Party	2009 Quota Allocation	2009 Quota Proportion	2009 Actual Grants Total	Number of Cases	Amount Retained into 2010	Cases Retained	Total Amount Approved	Total Cases
KMT	21,613,700	74.53%	12,873,065	29	8,620,000	9	21,493,065	38
DPP	7,386,300	25.47%	4,336,548	18	2,894,000	3	7,230,548	21
Total	29,000,000	100%	17,209,613	47	11,514,000	12	28,723,613	59

China Democracy and Human Rights Programs

A. Activities executed by the TFD

1. January- December, 2009: 2009 China Human Rights Report

   Due to concern over Mainland China's human rights development, since 2004 the Foundation has annually published the China Human Rights Report to assess the human rights conditions in Mainland China. For the 2009 Report, five principal authors, Tung Li-wen, Chen Chun-Ju, Liao Fu-te, Lee Yu-jung, and Tsai Chang-Yen were invited to carry out assessments and present reports about Mainland China's human rights conditions under the fields of society, politics, the judiciary, the economy and environment, and education and culture. The Chinese and English editions of the 2009 China Human Rights Report were officially published in March 2010.

2. January 11-18, 2009: Visit to Academic Institutes in Mainland China

   In order to understand the programs of Mainland Chinese think tanks related to Taiwan and Taiwan affairs; to establish a platform for exchanges between the TFD and think tanks and research bodies studying Taiwan; and to thoroughly understand the trend of development of cross-Strait relations, the TFD accepted invitations to visit the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, the Shanghai Taiwan Institute, the Taiwan Research Institute of Xiamen University, and Guangzhou University. Board Member Tsai Cheng-wen led the seven-member TFD delegation to Beijing, Shanghai, Xiamen, and Guangzhou for exchanges with these universities and Taiwan affairs institutes. In addition, two seminars were held to discuss the prospects for cross-Strait relations. These exchanges and activities have strongly benefited mutual understanding among scholars and experts from the two sides, as well as opening a new field of activity for the TFD.

3. March 18-19, 2009: Participation in the "International Symposium on Political Culture and Civil Society in Macao, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mainland China"

   The "International Symposium on Political Culture and Civil Society in Macao, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mainland China" was held by the Macao Sociological Association and the

Department of Sociology of the University of Macau from March 18-19. The conference aimed at examining the economic, political, and social impacts of thirty years of "reform and opening" in Mainland China as well as the evolution of civil society in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao. Over forty scholars from all four regions presented papers. The TFD delegation was led by Standing Supervisor Yeh Chin-fong.

4. May 15-18, 2009: Participation in the Tenth Anniversary of the Shanghai Taiwan Institute and academic conference "Peaceful Development of Cross-Strait Relations"
   The Shanghai Institute for Taiwan Studies and the Shanghai Association of Taiwan Studies held a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the STI as well as an academic conference "Peaceful Development of Cross-Strait Relations." The TFD delegation was led by President Wen-cheng Lin. In addition to attending these events, the delegation visited academic bodies and institutes related to Taiwan affairs. This visit strongly promoted mutual understanding among scholars and experts from the two sides, as well as opening a new field of activity for the TFD.

5. June 29- July 6, 2009: Visit of Noted Mainland China Author Yu Jie to Taiwan
   The TFD invited noted Mainland China author Yu Jie to visit Taiwan from June 29 to July 6, to exchange views on religious freedom and the situation of human rights in China with our government agencies, media, academic institutes, and non-profit organizations. In addition to promoting bilateral dialogue, it is hoped that Taiwan's experience of democratization and its human rights movement can become a model for ethnic Chinese around the world.

B. Grants

1. Beijing Spring Magazine (USA), to support continued publication of *Beijing Spring* magazine.
2. Information Center for Human Rights & Democracy (Hong Kong), for "Global Press Releases of Investigations into Cases of Human Rights Violations in China"
3. China Tianwang Human Rights Service (USA), for "Tianwang Integrated Human Rights Service"
4. Citizens' Rights and Livelihood Watch (China), for "Citizens' Rights and Livelihood Watch 2009 Work Plan"
5. June Fourth Heritage & Culture Association (USA), for publication of *Poems from Exile*
6. Macao Sociological Association and the Department of Sociology, University of Macau (Macao), for "International Symposium on Political Culture and Civil Society in Macao, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mainland China"
7. Sound of Hope Radio Network, Inc. (USA), for "Talk on Current Affairs"
8. China Digital Network/Princeton China Initiative (USA), for "China Digital Times"

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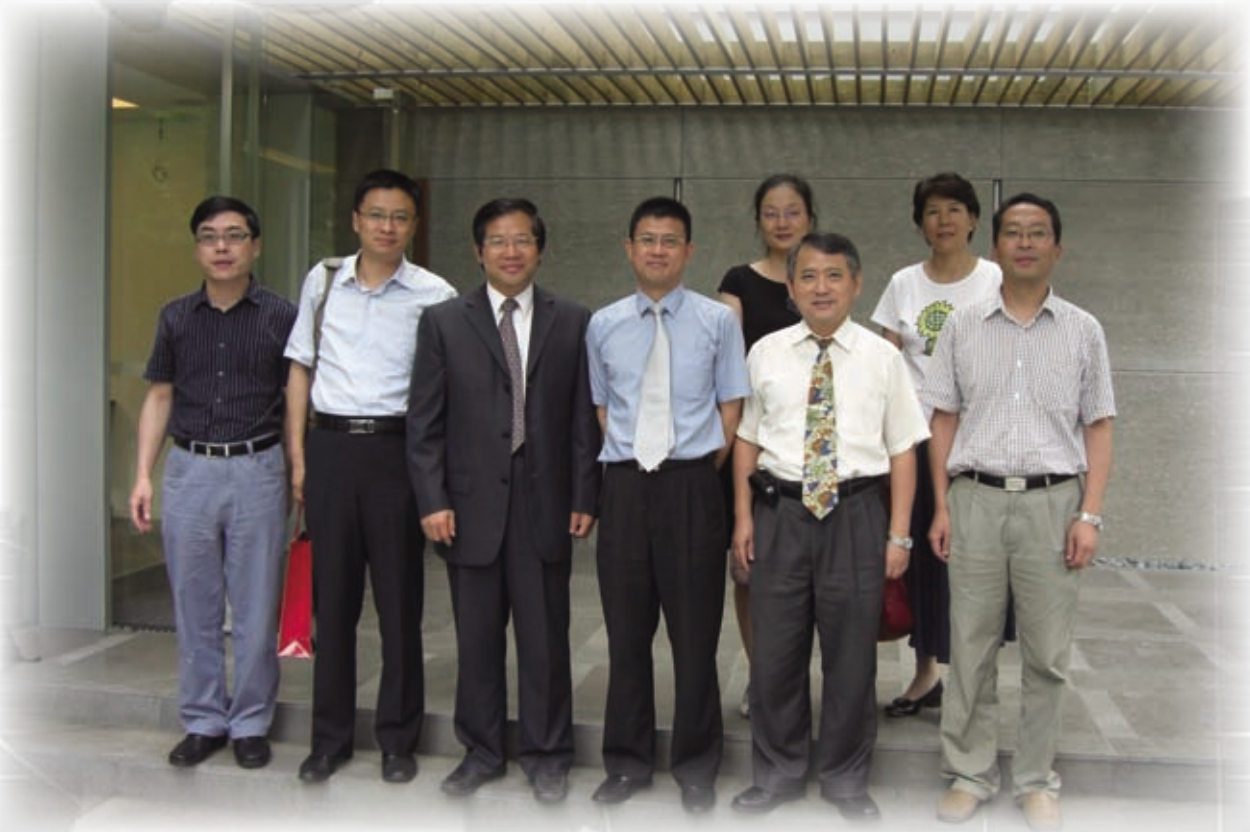
May 2009: Visit of delegation from the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies



July 2009: Visit of delegation led by Dr. Wang Hailiang, Director of the Office for Exchanges with Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

August 2009: Visit of Overseas Chinese scholars participating in the "Global Chinese Elite Forum: 17th Taiwan Trip"

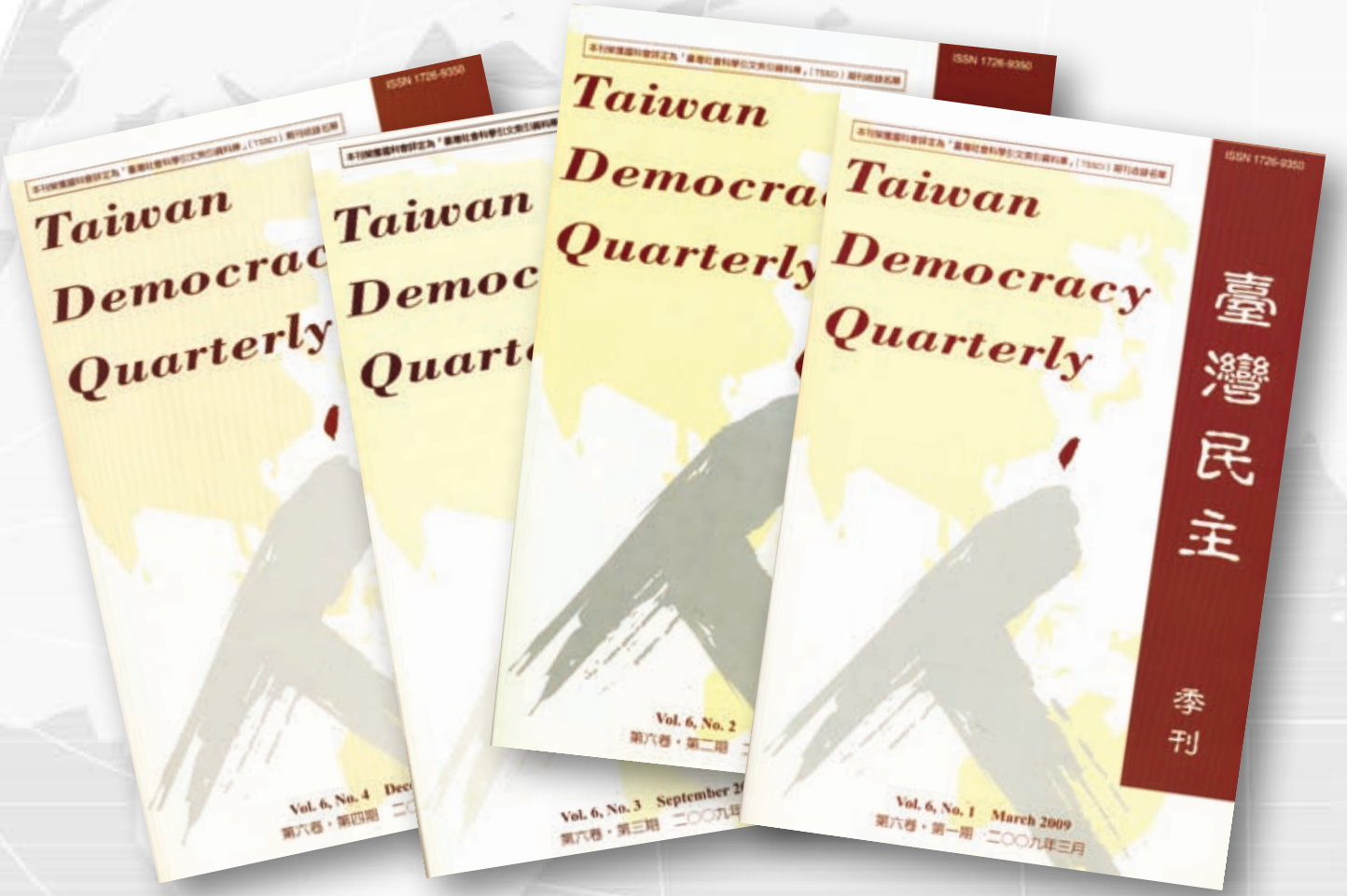
September 2009: Audience with Chairman Wang for Shanghai Institute for Taiwan Studies Director Yu Xintian

Publications

All publications listed below are available for download from the TFD's website.

Taiwan Democracy Quarterly is the Foundation's longest running and most important publication, focusing on the study of democracy and human rights. *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* began publication in 2004 and has been listed in the Taiwan Social Science Citation Index (TSSCI) since 2008. In 2009, the following issues were published:

31 March:	Volume 6, No. 1
30 June:	Volume 6, No. 2
30 September:	Volume 6, No. 3
31 December:	Volume 6, No. 4



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In 2005, the Foundation started its official English publication, the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, published biannually with an international editorial board. Publications for 2009 are listed as follows:

31 July: Volume 5, No. 1

31 December: Volume 5, No. 2

The Foundation also publishes occasional books and reports on topics related to democracy and human rights. In 2009, these included:

June: *Democracy Education Handbook* and "Democracy Education CD-ROM"

Information Department

The Information Department's main functions include the following:

1. Research and develop applied information technology (IT) to support the TFD's programs, research, and activities.
2. Plan, install, and maintain the TFD's internet system and infrastructure.
3. Plan the TFD's information security task framework, establish a secure information platform, and strengthen the TFD's IT security protection mechanisms.
4. Provide advanced security for TFD staff, as well as provide security updates to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as needed.
5. Support the various websites of the TFD and take steps to maintain an international standard of e-service.
6. Provide stable and effective e-mail service and continuously upgrade the Anti-Spam/Anti-Virus defense mechanisms.
7. Stay updated on the latest IT trends to provide a state-of-the-art IT environment.
8. Provide support for installation, operation, and troubleshooting for the TFD's computer software, hardware, peripherals, and internet connectivity facilities.
9. Maintain a digital content management system and an electronic newsletter system to promote up-to-date understanding of and participation in the TFD's programs, as well as raising the media visibility of the TFD's activities.
10. Develop and maintain digital content, including assisting the digitization of the various materials generated by the TFD's conferences and activities as well as compiling a digital photo archive of the year's activities.
11. Assist the inventory check of TFD's physical assets, including producing labels and decommissioning outdated equipment. The Information Department provides other departments with timely support in order to facilitate interdepartmental coordination.

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy website
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World Forum for Democratization in Asia website
http://www.wfda.net/

Initiative & Referendum Institute - Asia website
http://www.iri-asia.net/

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Financial Report

From 1 January to 31 December 2009

A. Assets and Liabilities, Funds, and Balance

(1) Assets

At the end of 2009, total assets were 82,863,602 NTD, comprised of:

(a) Current assets: 22,624,230 NTD (20,244,401 NTD in cash and bank deposits, 238,228 NTD in loans and 2,141,601 NTD in advancements)

(b) Funds: 45,000,000 NTD

(c) Fixed assets: 12,697,428 NTD

(d) Other assets: 2,541,944 NTD (office furnishings)

(2) Liabilities

At the end of 2009, total liabilities were 18,706,265 NTD, comprised of:

(a) Accrued expenses: 211,687 NTD

(b) Receipts payable: 2,620,894 NTD

(c) Receipts under custody: 69,873 NTD

(d) Advance receipts 15,803,811 NTD

(3) Funds and Balance

At the end of 2009, the total balance was 64,157,337 NTD, comprised of:

(a) Establishment fund: 30,000,000 NTD

(b) Other funds: 23,591,264 NTD

(c) Accumulated surplus: 10,566,073 NTD

B. Revenue and Expenses

(1) Revenue

At the end of 2009, total revenue was 139,346,769 NTD, comprised of:

(a) Donation revenue: 138,525,718 NTD

(b) Interest revenue: 821,051 NTD

(2) Expenses

At the end of 2009, total expenses were 141,653,855 NTD, comprised of:

(a) Administrative expenses: 22,879,501 NTD

(b) Programs: 118,774,354 NTD

C. Balance

At the end of 2009, the total revenue of 139,346,769 NTD minus the total expenses of 141,653,855 NTD equaled -2,307,086 NTD. Combined with the 12,873,159 NTD surplus from the previous year, the accumulated surplus was 10,566,073 NTD.

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Conclusion

As a result of globalization, which is causing country-to-country exchanges and flows of information to grow at an increasing rate, the universal values of freedom, democracy, and human rights are reaching every corner of the globe. As the first national democracy assistance foundation in Asia, and based upon its founding principles, the TFD will continue to deepen Taiwan's democratic development, uphold a future of freedom, peace, and prosperity, and support democratization in Asia, including Mainland China. Both a democratic Taiwan and a democratic China are needed to bring peaceful and stable development to the Asia Pacific region. Of course, the TFD will continue to promote cooperation with democratic forces around the world, expand Taiwan's international space, and devote itself to the development of democracy worldwide.

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Appendix 1: 2009 Chronology

Y/M/D	
2009/01/13	Global Release of Freedom House's *Freedom in the World 2009* Report in Taipei
2009/02/02-11	Participation in the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (Geneva, Switzerland)
2009/02/02-12	Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng led a parliamentary delegation to visit the European Parliament and Italian Parliament (Brussels, Belgium and Rome, Italy)
2009/02/18	Visit of United Nations Population Fund former president Mr. Kunio Waki
2009/03/03	Visit of Director Christopher Deloire of the Centre de Formation des Journalistes, Paris
2009/03/06-07	Participation in the Fourth Presidential Meeting of the Social Agenda for Democracy in Latin America (Sao Paolo, Brazil)
2009/03/18-19	Participation in the "International Symposium on Political Culture and Civil Society in Macao, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mainland China" (Macao, China)
2009/03/23-24	Participation in the Community of Democracies Non-Governmental Process International Steering Committee Meeting (Lisbon, Portugal)
2009/04/02	Visit of Norwegian parliamentarians Hon. Vidar Bjørnstad and Hon. Anette Trettebergstuen
2009/04/07	Visit of US House of Representatives Taiwan Caucus Co-chair Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart and Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart
2009/04/23	Visit of Dr. Huguette Labelle, Chair of Transparency International
2009/04/23	Visit of former US State Department Deputy Special Envoy Christian Whiton
2009/05/02-10	Study tour of University of Southern California Professor Daniel Lynch
2009/06/22	Visit of 42nd Class of Trainee Diplomats
2009/06/24-08/15	Participation in the "2009 Taiwan Democracy Tech Trek" organized by the National Science Council
2009/07/21	Visit of Shuhada Organization Deputy Executive Director Atiqullah Ebadi
2009/07/28	Visit of delegation led by Mr. Wang Hailiang, Director of the Office for Exchanges with Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
2009/08/19	Visit of Overseas Chinese scholars participating in the "Global Chinese Elite Forum: 17th Taiwan Trip"
2009/09/16-18	World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) Third Biennial Meeting (Seoul, South Korea)
2009/09/25	Visit of Deputy Representative Alexander Pavlov of the Representative Office in Taipei for the Moscow-Taipei Coordination Commission on Economic and Cultural Cooperation
2009/09/26-10/03	Participation in study tour of the Middle East organized by the National Democratic Institute (Amman, Jordan and Ankara, Turkey)
2009/10/02	Visit of Prof. Thanos Dokos, Director-General of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
2009/10/15	Visit of International Republican Institute President Lorne Craner
2009/10/16	Visit of Danish parliamentarians Hon. Jeppe Kofod and Hon. Karsten Lauritzen
2009/11/02	Visit of delegation of the Association of Macao Sino Economic and Cultural Promotion, led by its president, Mr. Sze Lee Ah
2009/11/03	Visit of Hon. Falak Jamani, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Jordan
2009/11/03	Visit of delegation of the Junge Union of Germany
2009/11/09	"The Berlin Wall in Taiwan": unveiling ceremony of a segment of the Berlin Wall at the TFD
2009/11/12	Visit of delegation of Australian Senators, led by Hon. Michael George Forshaw
2009/11/13	Visit of former Haitian Prime Minister Jacques-Édouard Alexis
2009/11/27-12/03	TFD Electoral Observation Mission to Honduras
2009/12/01	Visit of Dr. Inge Lønning, President of the Lagting (upper chamber of the parliament of Norway)
2009/12/03	2009 East Asia Regional Development International Conference
2009/12/10	Fourth Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony

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Appendix 2: 2009 Financial Statements

The following financial statements are a translation of the original statements as audited and certified on 27 January 2010 by: Solomon & Co., CPAs (3F-1, No. 237, Fuxing S Rd., Taipei City 106, Taiwan (R.O.C.), http://www.slmcpas.com.tw).

A. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Statement of Financial Position

Unit: NTD

	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2009
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	50,007,743	20,244,401
Other Receivables	592,304	238,228
Prepayments	4,433,923	2,141,601
Total Current Assets	55,033,970	22,624,230
Funds	40,000,000	45,000,000
Property, Plant and Equipment	12,460,359	12,697,428
Other Assets		
Depletable Assets	470,206	-
Office Furnishings	2,541,944	2,541,944
Total Other Assets	3,012,150	2,541,944
Total Assets	110,506,479	82,863,602
LIABILITIES, FUNDS AND BALANCE		
Current Liabilities		
Notes Payable	23,970,635	-
Accrued Expenses	154,614	211,687
Receipts Payable	8,750,959	2,620,894
Receipts Under Custody	512,253	69,873
Advance Receipts	17,693,595	15,803,811
Total Current Liabilities	51,082,056	18,706,265
Funds and Balance		
Establishment Fund	30,000,000	30,000,000
Other Funds	16,551,264	23,591,264
Accumulated Surplus	12,873,159	10,566,073
Total Funds and Balance	59,424,423	64,157,337
Total Liabilities, Funds and Balance	110,506,479	82,863,602

B. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Balance Statement

Unit: NTD

	2008	2009
Revenue		
Donation Revenue	149,152,848	138,525,718
Interest Revenue	1,070,815	821,051
Other Revenue	8,000	-
Total Revenue	150,231,663	139,346,769
Operating Expenses		
Grant Expenses	84,929,319	83,338,629
Travel Expenses	12,172,181	16,016,940
Payroll Expenses	11,419,986	13,447,680
Conference Expenses	14,121,692	7,047,255
Depreciation Expenses	3,450,776	2,657,931
Postage and Telecommunications	1,736,390	2,140,648
Professional Service Expenses	3,187,245	2,071,412
Repairs and Maintenance Expenses	1,332,926	1,550,249
Fees Paid to Contributing Authors	1,204,408	1,457,700
Insurance Expenses	1,051,568	1,373,116
Part-time Compensation	1,596,000	1,352,000
Rental Expenses	749,250	1,239,458
Activity Expenses	1,898,436	1,078,465
Printing Expenses	1,725,358	790,481
Retirement Funds	595,453	771,302
Advertising Expenses	5,703,394	653,264
Banking Fees	433,382	605,986
Protocol and Dining Expenses	1,205,896	580,635
Utilities Expenses	347,625	521,831
Temporary Staff Compensation	409,140	480,000
Various Amortization	252,718	470,206
Review Expenses	368,000	431,123
Office Supplies	324,620	342,742
Cleaning Expenses	230,462	235,910
Gifts	837,000	128,000
Shipping Expenses	112,096	86,416
Employee Benefits	315,474	76,278
Compensation Payable to Trustees and Supervisors	51,000	66,000
Newspapers & Periodicals Subscriptions	40,482	56,906
Outsourced Programs	374,182	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	663,508	584,606
Subtotal	152,839,967	141,653,731
Non-Operating Expenses		
Currency Exchange Losses	16,375	124
Other Losses	11	-
Subtotal	16,386	124
Net revenue	(2,624,690)	(2,307,086)
Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles	(833,823)	-
Balance	(3,458,513)	(2,307,086)

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Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Background

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 Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) was established with an inter-related, two-tracked mission in mind. Domestically, the TFD strives to play a positive role in consolidating Taiwan's democracy and fortifying its commitment to human rights; internationally, the Foundation hopes to become a strong link in the world's democratic network, joining forces with related organizations around the world. Through the years, Taiwan has received valuable long-term assistance and stalwart support from the international community, and it is now time to repay that community for all of its efforts.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs initiated the TFD project in 2002. After much research and careful evaluation, the Ministry integrated the required resources from many sectors of society. In January 2003, the Ministry obtained the support of all political parties to pass the budget for the Foundation in the legislature. The TFD formally came into being on June 17, 2003, with its first meeting of the Board of Trustees and Supervisory Board. At that meeting, Legislative Yuan President Wang Jin-Pyng was elected its first chairman. According to its By-laws, the TFD is governed by a total of fifteen trustees and five supervisors, representing political parties, the government, academia, nongovernmental organizations, and the business sector.

Mission

The TFD is the first democracy assistance foundation to be established in Asia, and is devoted to strengthening democracy and human rights in Taiwan and abroad. Its primary concerns are to further consolidate Taiwan's democratic system, promote democracy in Asia, and actively participate in the global democratic network.

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

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

Our Tasks

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

- Building relationships with related institutions around the world;
- Participating actively in the global promotion of democracy and supporting the improvement of human rights conditions;
- Supporting democracy promotion activities of NGOs and academic institutions;
- Promoting research and publications on democratic developments at home and abroad; and
- Holding seminars, workshops, conferences, and other educational activities in the area of democracy and human rights.

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