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Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng, Chairperson Maureen Crombie of ECPAT International (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography & Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes), members of the diplomatic corps, Secretary-General to the President Timothy Chin-Tien Yang, Minister of Foreign Affairs David Y. L. Lin, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good morning!

Today it is my great honor to have been invited to this ceremony for the Seventh Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award. This is the fifth time since I took office in 2008 that I have attended this ceremony, and I am very pleased that the TFD has been able to present this major human rights award of our country to an organization or individual who advocates and protects human rights.

From a historical perspective, we can see that the protection of human rights is really not easy, and in many places around the world there is still a great need for improvement. In fact, many human rights violations had occurred in the Republic of China earlier in its history. Beginning with the 228 Incident in 1947 and continuing through the White Terror period, injustices arose from false and erroneous cases made against individuals, but the government now humbly faces the facts of history and has adopted a series of measures to address these issues properly. These measures include admitting its wrongs, apologizing, and restoring the good names of the victims. We have always held that, while the wrongs of history may perhaps be forgiven, the lessons of history cannot be forgotten. Only by facing history in this way can we be reasonably sure that the unfortunate events of the past will not recur. In reality, as I have just remarked, human rights violations still occur frequently throughout the world. That the TFD is able to continuously promote democracy and protect human rights in such an environment is very significant, I believe, not only for the ROC itself, but for this region and the world as



a whole.

As all of you know, this year's ADHRA award winner is ECPAT International, which was founded in 1991 with the main objective to prevent commercial sexual exploitation of children. In the United Nations definition, "children" refers to all those under 18, including both the legal categories of children and teenagers that we use in Taiwan. According to the International Labour Organization data, about 1.8 million children worldwide have been victims of child prostitution, child pornography, human trafficking, and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation. These illegal activities have generated over US\$100 million of illicit profits.

In fact, such problems have existed all over the world for a long time. I remember that twenty years ago, Taiwan still had significant trafficking of child prostitutes. Over ten years ago, when I was Minister of Justice, I organized a running event in Taipei's Snake Alley district together with the Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation to call for an end to human trafficking. Later, as Mayor of Taipei, I also directly handled a case of child prostitution. Since then, such cases have become rarer and rarer. However, as I was just discussing with Chairperson Crombie, although child prostitution has become rare, the incidence of child abuse has not diminished, so this is an issue of human rights violation that we should pay more attention to.

ECPAT International cooperates closely with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and also is a special advisory body to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In addition, ECPAT International maintains contact with local governments and heads of state through many international activities, in order to advocate for the protection of children. I note that ECPAT International has joined hands with The



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Body Shop to carry out the global Stop Sex Trafficking of Children and Young People campaign, and its contributions have been widely praised the world over.

As all of you are aware, Taiwan has always been very energetic in its efforts to prevent human trafficking. For instance, the US government announced in its Trafficking in Persons Report 2012 that Taiwan ranked as a Tier 1 country, the same level as South Korea in Asia. This shows recognition of the ROC's achievements. The most important methods we have pursued are, first, establishing a comprehensive legal framework and, second, exercising active law enforcement. Of course, even with all these efforts, inevitably there are still cases that fall through the cracks, so we must be continually alert.

ECPAT International is running the Global Youth Partnership Project in 15 nations, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Nepal, and Thailand, to remind the public to pay attention to the issue of the commercial sexual exploitation of children. These efforts are also quite worthy of praise.

I believe that we are definitely moving in the right direction in this area. Thus, exactly four years ago in this very room, I announced that the ROC would ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1966. Five months later, in May 2009, I signed the instruments of ratification for these two covenants. According to the rules, such ratifications must be deposited to the UN Secretariat, and the covenants would take effect thirty days later. However, as we expected, when we submitted our ratifications for deposit, the UN Secretariat did not accept them, because we had lost our right of representation at the UN in 1971. Therefore, in order to incorporate the two covenants into domestic law, the government passed



the Implementation Act on April 22, 2009. As a result, both covenants are now part of our laws. At the same time, we set forth concrete goals and a timetable to carry out a comprehensive review of ROC legislation, in which those laws that were incompatible with the covenants would be amended or abolished. Over the past two years, more than 70% of such provisions have indeed already been amended or abolished. Even for those few provisions that we have not yet completed reforming, the Ministry of Justice has stated clearly that the Implementation Act will take precedence over any which are found to be in conflict. Thus, the ROC has in this respect created a well-rounded legal system, which we hope will further protect human rights and enforce the rule of law. In this regard, our basic principle is clear: there is no democracy without human rights. This is the goal we must make every effort to reach.

Once again, I would like to express my appreciation for Legislative Speaker Wang's efforts as Chairman of the TFD to promote the protection of international human rights. Through these efforts, Taiwan has already made concrete progress on human rights, and also we have shown our concern about the state of human rights in Mainland China and other regions and countries. In fact, human rights know no boundaries. Human rights are concerned with each human being; that is the key point here.

Finally, I would like to recognize again the great efforts of ECPAT International to protect the human rights of children. They are justly deserving of this award, which I hope will be an encouragement to even greater accomplishments in the future.

In closing, to all distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I wish you good health, successful work, happy households, and all the best. Thank you!



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

President Ma, Secretary-General Yang, Minister Lin, ECPAT International Chairperson Crombie, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good morning!

First of all, on behalf of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, I would like to congratulate ECPAT International to have been selected from among eleven nominees as the winner of the 2012 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award. Next, I would especially like to thank President Ma and all of our distinguished guests for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us for this award ceremony held by the TFD on International Human Rights Day, to honor this year's awardee, ECPAT International. I would also like to thank Chairperson Crombie of ECPAT International for travelling a great distance to be here in person to receive the award on behalf of her organization.

In these past seven years, the process of selecting the winner and presenting the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award has become not only an important annual event for the TFD, but also a major, indicative event for the promotion of democracy in the Asian region. As the first national democracy foundation in Asia, in 2006 the TFD established the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award to recognize individuals and organizations which have made exceptional contributions through their long-term, active promotion of democracy or protection of human rights in Asia through peaceful means. We hope in this way to further deepen democratization and advocacy of human rights in the region. The first Award was granted to Reporters Without Borders, which has always actively promoted press freedom. In 2007, the Award was granted to Dr. Cynthia Maung, who has assisted Burmese refugees on the Thai-Burma border for years. In 2008 the 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. The Award winner in 2009 was the founder of Free North Korea Radio, Mr.



Kim Seoung-min. In 2010, we presented the Award to the Rescue Foundation of India for their work in assisting young girls victimized by human trafficking in South Asia. Finally, in 2011, the Award winner was Boat People SOS, which has continuously worked for the promotion of human rights, the fight for freedom, and the provision of legal services for refugees in the Southeast Asian region.

As in previous years, a two-stage reviewing process was used to select this year's Award winner. The final review panel included a number of distinguished international experts: 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; Dr. Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and the 2008 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award laureate; Dr. Carolina Hernandez, Professor of Political Science at the University of the Philippines and President of Institute of Strategic and Development Studies, Inc.; and Ms. Asma Jahangir, Chairperson of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief. Following their review and decision, this year's Award laureate is the ECPAT International organization, headquartered in Thailand.

ECPAT International is a leader in the international campaign against the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Originated in 1991, as a campaign to stop child sex tourism in Asia, ECPAT International has broadened its mandate to include the protection of children from all forms of commercial sexual exploitation, including child prostitution, trafficking, and sex tourism.



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Since 1996, ECPAT International has become an international nongovernmental organization with member groups, an International Board and a Secretariat, working together with key partners in solidarity to ensure that children everywhere freely enjoy their fundamental rights. For example, in cooperation with UNICEF and host governments, ECPAT International has been the primary impetus behind the three World Congresses, which were major milestones in the fight against the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Each World Congress concluded with a clear commitment of participating countries to uphold children's rights to be protected from commercial sexual exploitation. Meanwhile, through its country monitoring, ECPAT International continues to call upon governments to adopt more effective measures to strengthen their child protection policies in compliance with international obligations.

Besides holding these global conferences, ECPAT International also collaborates with UN organizations as well as international nongovernmental organizations to gradually strengthen measures to protect children. Due to the outstanding contributions of ECPAT International over the years, it is held in the highest esteem in the international community. Thus, they certainly fully deserve this Award today!

Finally, on behalf of the TFD, I would like to thank all of you and all our compatriots who have taken an interest in this Award, as well as everyone who has given the TFD so much support and encouragement over the years. I wish you all good health and success. Thank you!



The Significance of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Vice Chairman David Y. L. Lin

One of the central tenets of democracy is human dignity, which gives it the innate ability to transcend all cultures. As such, the evolution of political thought among both Eastern and Western civilizations over time has precipitated a common belief in democratic ideals, and democracy has today become a way of life for a significant portion of humanity. Moreover, democracy movements that have taken place around the world since the beginning of the 20th century testify to the fact that many different cultures and religious faiths are converging on the same path to democracy, which again underscores its universal value.

The democratic accomplishments of the Republic of China (Taiwan) did not come about by chance. Despite experiencing growing pains over the last few decades, we have implemented reforms in deliberate phases. We have gradually expanded popular participation in public affairs. We have established a healthy system of checks and balances between the administrative and legislative branches of government. And, perhaps most importantly, we have ensured that human rights receive the respect and safeguards they deserve. In short, the ROC has upheld democratic values in line with international trends, and has received widespread recognition for its efforts.

US President Barack Obama praised Taiwan as “one of the great success stories of Asia” in a congratulatory message to President Ma Ying-jeou on his victory in the ROC’s fifth direct presidential election in January 2012. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton twice mentioned Taiwan in an address on democratic governance to the International Women’s Leadership Forum in Mongolia in July 2012, stating that political openness combined with economic prosperity have melded Taiwan into an exemplar of a democratic society. US-based Freedom House gave Taiwan the highest rating possible in terms of political rights in its *Freedom in the World 2013* report.



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While freedom and democracy have firmly taken root in Taiwan, their reach extends much further afield thanks to our positive diplomatic interactions with other nations. Indeed, 131 countries and territories have so far accorded ROC nationals visa-waiver or landing-visa privileges, including the United States, which formally designated Taiwan as a member of its Visa Waiver Program on November 1, 2012. This attests to broad confidence in Taiwan's democratic system and the law-abiding nature of its people.

Since its establishment a decade ago, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy has been very proactive in its exchanges and cooperation with other democracy assistance organizations. The Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award the TFD instituted in 2006 stands as a good example of its commitment to promoting democracy and human rights in the region. After moving into its new headquarters, scheduled for completion in the near future, the TFD is set to add even more milestones as it continues to serve as a bridge between Taiwan and various democracy networks around the world.



Mission of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

President Teh-Fu Huang

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy is the first national democracy assistance foundation in Asia, and it is a bridge between Taiwan and nongovernmental organizations around the world. With our starting point in Asia, we connect with democratic partners worldwide, and we share Taiwan's experience of democratization. Through these continued exchanges and dialogues, we hope to deepen and consolidate democratic development in the region.

As a new democracy, Taiwan deeply understands the difficulties of the process and that democratic achievements do not come easily. Therefore, the TFD has set the goal of promoting the "soft power of democracy." We hope that other countries in the midst of democratic transitions can appreciate that democracy is not just a slogan or even a change of political system. It entails a process of social and cultural reformation. When democracy is consolidated, it manifests the comprehensive soft power of tolerance and pluralism.

In this era of simultaneous globalization and regionalization, the TFD makes every effort to assist democratic transitions and consolidation in Asian countries. Since most of these countries are still in a transition stage, we support the work of Asian nongovernmental organizations to promote democracy and we carry out mutual visits to understand and assist the progress of democratization in each country.

Although the idea of democracy is not new, its content can only be realized through the efforts of the public. Based on its understanding of the difficulty of democratic achievements, the TFD cooperates with related organizations at home and abroad. On the one hand, we work at home to deepen and promote local democratic consolidation. On the other hand, we spread awareness of the Taiwanese democratic accomplishments to assist



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other countries as they take the next steps in promoting democratization. Democracy is not only the pride of Taiwan, but also our strongest diplomatic soft power. I believe that through the sharing of Taiwan's democratic experience, our country can greatly enhance its 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 June 17 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.



June 2012: Visit to Mexico to Observe the Presidential Election



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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.

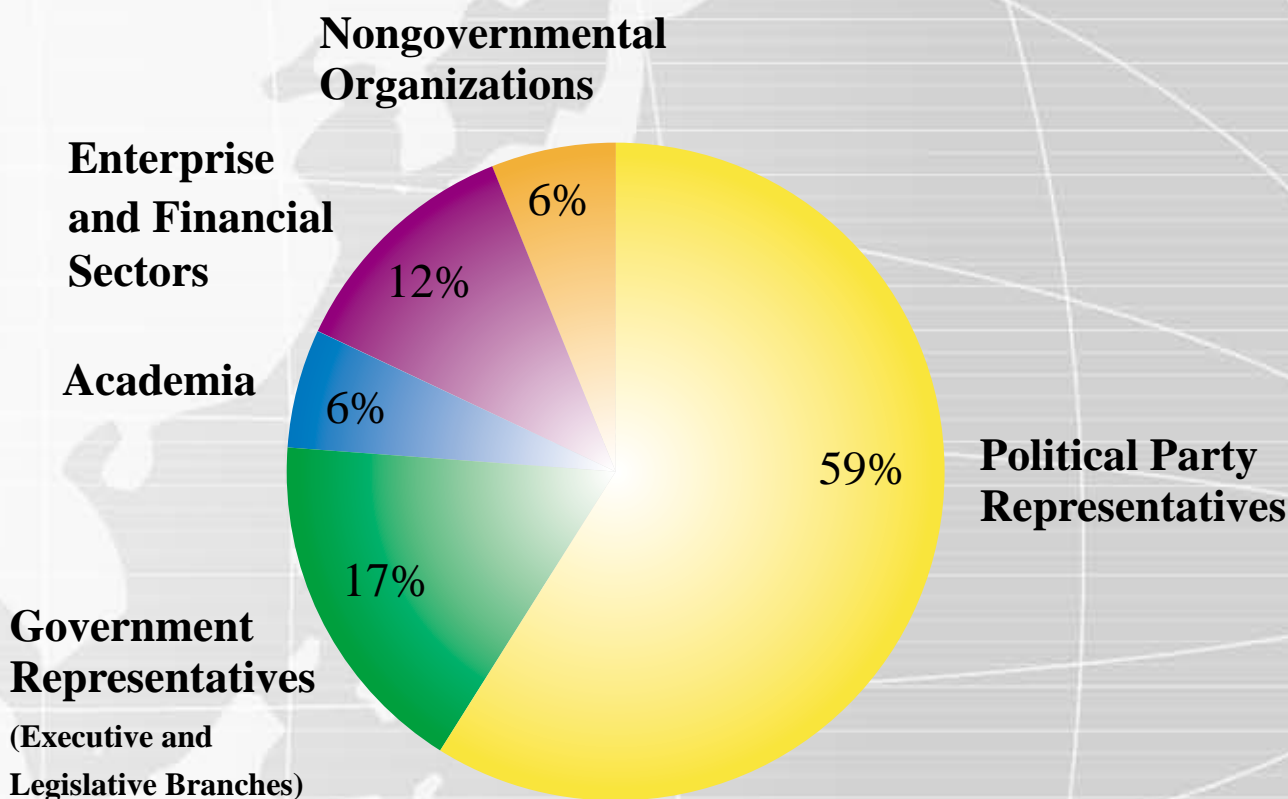


June 2012: TFD convened the expert meeting "Linking with the World, Deepening Democracy: Significance and Impact of Our Country's Ratification of the Two UN Rights Covenants"

Governance

According to the TFD's By-laws, the structure of the TFD is as follows: the Board of Trustees is composed of 13 to 17 members, who serve a term of three years. The Board of Trustees should include representatives from political parties, government, enterprise, academic circles, and nongovernmental organizations. Over half of its membership consists of representatives from those political parties which receive at least 5% of the votes for the party lists in the elections to the Legislative Yuan; the number of representatives are allocated among the parties according to the proportion of their total seats in the Legislative Yuan, but each eligible party shall have at least one representative. The Supervisory Board is composed of three to five members, with the same term of service as the trustees, one of whom is designated as the standing supervisor. Neither the trustees nor the supervisors receive pay. The current term of service lasts until June 17, 2015.

◆ The Distribution of Trustees in the TFD

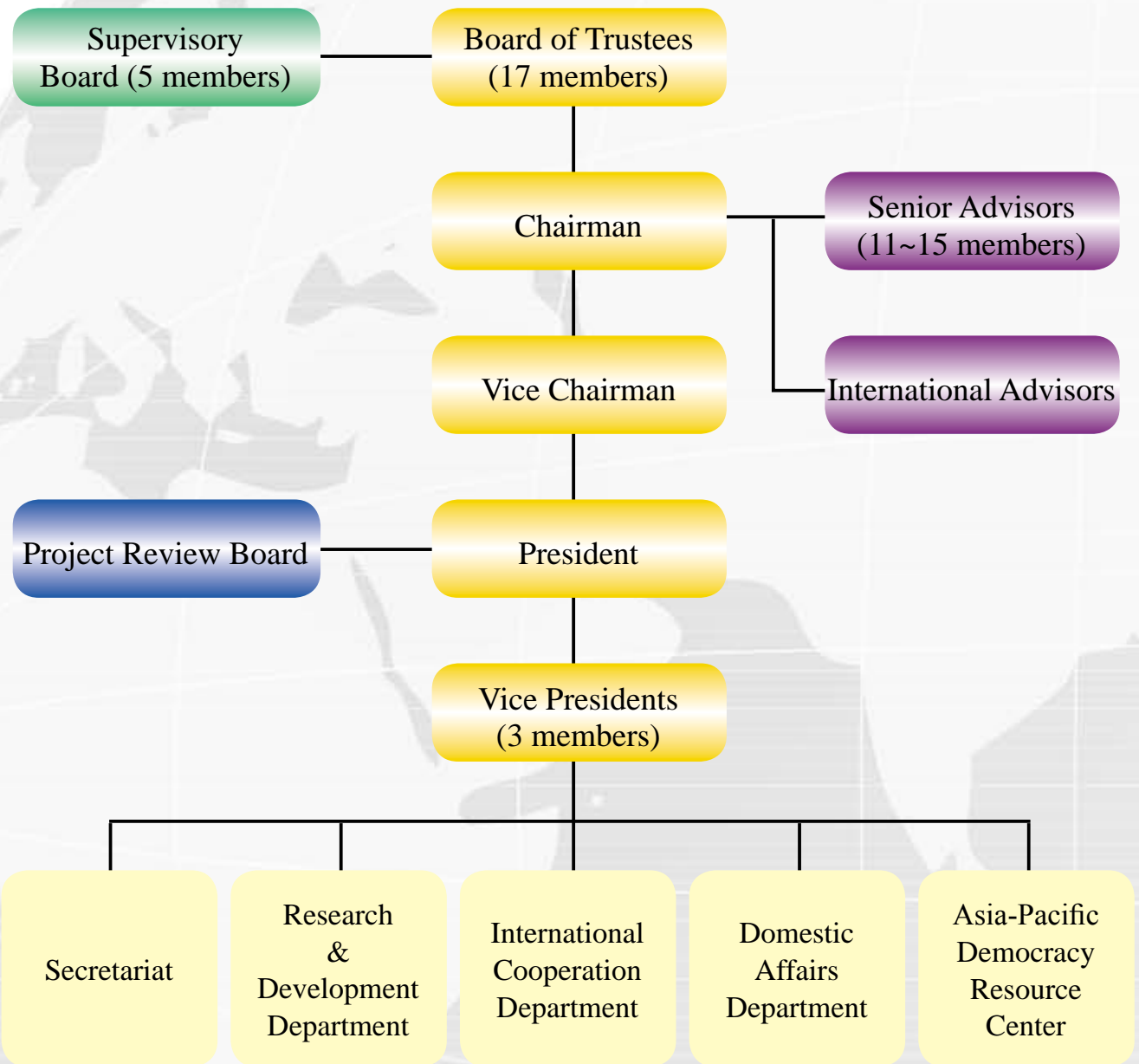




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◆ Organizational Chart of the TFD

◆ Governance ◆



◆ Board of Trustees (as of December 31, 2012)

Title	Name	
Trustees	Chairman	Wang, Jin-Pyng
	Vice Chairman	Lin, David Y. L.
	Government Representative	Yang, Timothy Chin-Tien
	Political Party Representatives	Lee, Hung-chun Lin, Yu-Fang Chow, Mei-Li Kao, Yu-jen Chen, Tan-Sun Liu, Wen-Hsiung Chiang, John Pan, Wei-Kang Hsiao, Bi-khim Lo, Chih-Cheng
	Academia	Tsai, Cheng-wen
	Enterprise and Financial Sectors	Huang, Theodore M. H. Shaw, Daigee
	Nongovernmental Organizations	Huang, Chang-ling

◆ Board of Supervisors

Title	Name
Supervisors	Lee, Yung-Ran
	Chen, Chi-sheng
	Yeh, Chin-fong
	Yeh, Yu-Lan
	Tsai, Ming-hua

◆ Management

Title	Name
President	Huang, Teh-Fu
Vice Presidents	Yang, Maysing
	Tsai, George W.
	Yu, Ching-hsin

◆ Governance ◆



June 2012: First joint session of the fourth-term Boards of Trustees and Supervisors



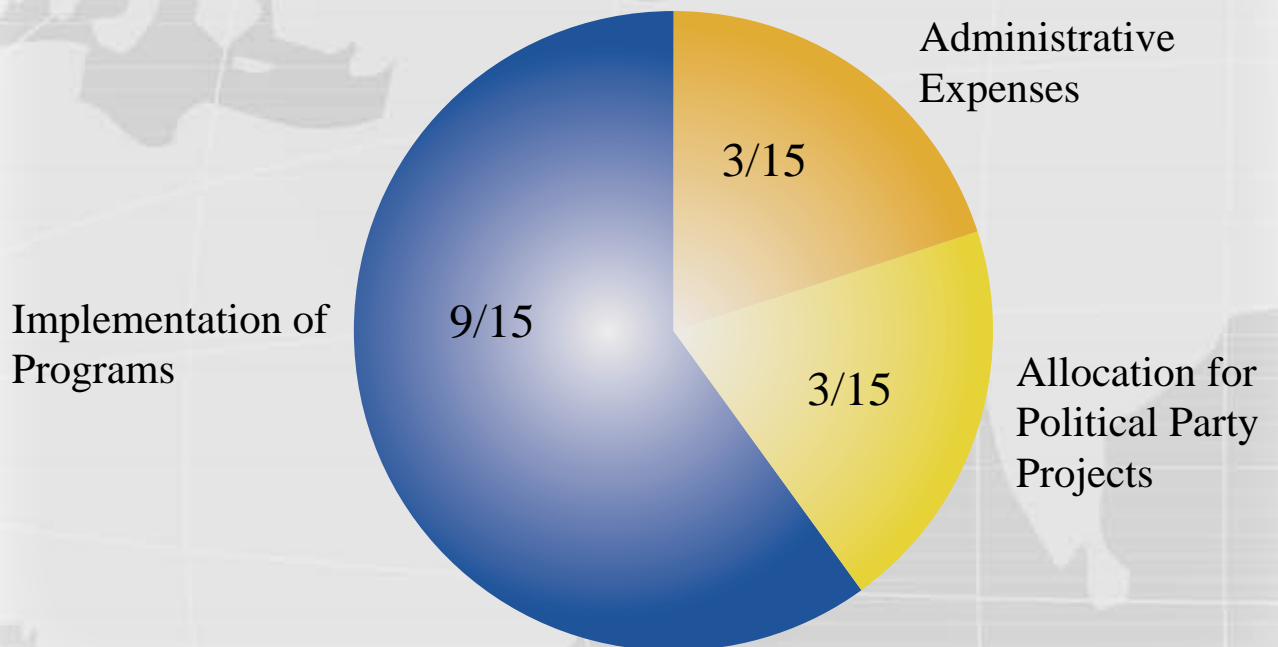
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Budget Principles

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 which receive at least 5% of the votes for the party lists in the elections to the Legislative Yuan, allocated proportionally to the total number of seats each party holds in the Legislative Yuan, in order to support their democracy and human rights programs; however, this shall not exceed NTD 30,000,000.

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



Goals and Plans

From January to December 2012, 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, focusing on Asia while also paying attention to other regions, 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, Nongovernmental 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) As the joint presidential and legislative elections were held in our country in 2012, invite significant international figures, renowned academics, and journalists to come to Taiwan to observe the elections, in order to raise international understanding of our country's democratic development and the current state of democratic consolidation, as well as to increase the international visibility of our country and our foundation; and



June 2012: Visit to the Chamber of Deputies of the Mexican Congress during the presidential election observation



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- 6) Invite distinguished practitioners and renowned scholars of democracy to visit Taiwan and share their experiences and ideas on democratization.



November 2012: International Symposium “The Maturing of Taiwan Democracy: Findings and Insights from the 2012 TEDS Survey”

(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

Promote democratization in Mainland China, including concrete measures such as:

- 1) Publish the annual *China Human Rights Report*; and
- 2) Support activities to promote Mainland China's democracy and human rights.



International Programs

A. Parliamentary Diplomacy towards the United States

On the invitation of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF), TFD Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng gave a lecture at the 21st “National Speakers Conference” held in Anchorage, Alaska on August 20, on the topic “Democracy, Efficiency, and the Public Interest: The Common Vision of Legislative Bodies in Taiwan and the US.” At the conference, Chairman Wang also engaged in dialogue with legislative leaders from more than thirty states, and afterwards, he held a reception with representatives of the overseas Chinese community in Alaska. He was accompanied on this trip by members of the Legislative Yuan Lin Yu-Fang, Lee Hung-chun, Wang Ting-Son, Chiau Wen-Yan, Chan Kai-Chin, and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle Director-General Chin Hsing, as well as TFD President Teh-Fu Huang and Vice President Ching-hsin Yu. Through the exchanges between the members of the delegation and the legislative leaders from the various states, as well as with the overseas Chinese representatives, the trip contributed to expanding Taiwan-US relations and maintaining the support of overseas Chinese communities.



August 2012: Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng at the 21st “National Speakers Conference” held in Anchorage, Alaska, USA



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B. Seventh Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award

On December 10, the TFD held the seventh Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award (ADHRA) ceremony, where President Ma Ying-jeou presented the award to ECPAT International, headquartered in Thailand. Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng offered a US\$100,000 endowment, received on behalf of ECPAT International by its Chairperson Maureen Crombie, to commend their outstanding long-term efforts in the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. Over 100 distinguished guests attended this solemn event, including Secretary-General to the President Timothy Chin-Tien Yang, Minister of Foreign Affairs David Y. L. Lin, Coordination Council for North American Affairs Chairman David Tawei Lee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department of NGO International Affairs Director General Wu Rongchuan, Legislator Wang Yu-Min, many members of the diplomatic corps, experts, scholars, and NGO representatives. After the completion of the award ceremony, ECPAT International Head of Research and Policy Mark Capaldi made an in-depth presentation of the history, development, and future prospects of the organization, giving all the distinguished guests a chance to understand its contributions over more than twenty years of protecting children from commercial sexual exploitation.

C. TFD listed in the 2012 *Global Go To Think Tanks Report and Policy Advice* 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, has published the 2012 *Global Go*

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December 2012: President Ma presents the 2012 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award sculpture to ECPAT International, represented by its Chairperson Maureen Crombie

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December 2012: Chairman Wang presents the 2012 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award grant to ECPAT International, represented by its Chairperson Maureen Crombie

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December 2012: President Ma, Chairman Wang, and Ms. Maureen Crombie, chairperson of ECPAT International, 2012 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award laureate

◆ International Programs ◆



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To Think Tanks Report and Policy Advice. Out of the 6,603 think tanks from 182 nations reviewed, the TFD was ranked 8th among the 393 think tanks from 44 countries in Asia and Oceania (excluding China, India, Japan, and South Korea) and first among the 52 Taiwanese institutions reviewed.

D. Johns Hopkins SAIS Election Observation Group

Together with the Department of North American Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the TFD organized the “Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Election Observation Group” from January 9-16 to observe Taiwan’s 2012 presidential and parliamentary elections. The group consisted of three professors and eleven students, led by Professor David M. Lampton. During their stay, the group visited the Central Election Commission, the campaign headquarters of the main political parties, and the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University, and it also engaged in dialogues with faculty and students at related departments of National Chung Hsing University, Tunghai University, and Tamkang University. Through this observation activity, the TFD aimed to promote greater understanding of our country’s election system and democratic progress, as well as to create more cooperation opportunities in the future.

E. Election Observation by Asia-Pacific, North Africa, and Middle East Journalists Associations

To enable new democracies to gain greater understanding of our country’s democratic and political development, as well as promote our country’s international visibility, the TFD together with the Association of Taiwan Journalists organized an election observation activity for international journalists. Senior members of journalists associations from the Asia-Pacific, North Africa, and Middle East regions visited Taiwan from January 10-16 to observe Taiwan’s 2012 presidential and parliamentary elections. The group held exchanges with academic and media circles, directly observing the current state and experience of Taiwan’s democratic development.

F. 2012 VIP Election Observation Group

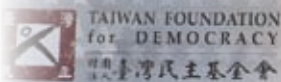
The TFD organized the “2012 VIP Election Observation Group” from January 11-15, inviting Hon. Emmanuelis Zingeris, Chairman of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy (PFD) of the Community of Democracies (CD) and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Affairs, Lithuania; Dr. Bronislaw Misztal, Executive Director of the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies; and Dr. Talavs Jundzis, Vice President of Latvian Academy of Sciences to observe Taiwan’s 2012 presidential and parliamentary elections. During their stay, the group received a briefing from the Central Election Commission to understand our country’s election system, visited the campaign headquarters of the two main political parties, and observed campaign activities. Finally, on polling day the group observed polling stations and the ballot counting center. The group also engaged with counterparts to discuss our country’s election process, democratic deepening, and related topics.



G. Invitation of Noteworthy International Guests to Taiwan

The TFD invites to Taiwan international political figures, notable scholars, and persons who have made outstanding contributions in the field of democracy and human rights 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 2012 included:

- Dr. Ronald Inglehart, Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan and director of the World Values Survey (WVS), was invited by the TFD to visit Taiwan in December. Prof. Inglehart is a renowned scholar in the study of the development of democratic politics, and the WVS which he leads has, since 1981, conducted public surveys in nearly 100 countries, covering almost 90% of the world's population. This is the most influential quantitative data regarding international social science in the academic world today. On December 11, Prof. Inglehart gave a lecture at the International Conference Room of the College of Social Sciences at National Taiwan University entitled, "Cultural Change and Democratization," attracting a large audience of students and members of the public.



Prof. Ronald Inglehart Keynote Speech Cultural Change and Democratization



December 2012: Lecture by Dr. Ronald Inglehart, director of the World Values Survey and Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan, USA

H. Participation in Democracy Networks and International Conferences

TFD participates in international democracy networks and relevant conferences on democracy and human rights worldwide, striving to build international bilateral and multilateral cooperation with counterpart organizations in the field of democracy and human rights. Participating in international



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conferences raises the TFD's international visibility, and allows the TFD to share Taiwan's democratization experience with people from around the world. In addition, the TFD tries to facilitate participation from other Asian countries in international meetings about democracy and human rights. Major conferences and activities in 2012 included:

1. February 11, 2012: Organization of the Conference "Taiwan as Model for Cuba's Future"

Together with the Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies of the University of Miami, the TFD organized the academic conference "Taiwan as Model for Cuba's Future" on February 11. The TFD invited Dr. Kao Yuang-Kuang, Examination Yuan Minister without Portfolio; Dr. Chuang Yih-chyi, Dean of the College of Social Sciences of National Chengchi University; Dr. Chung-li Wu, Research Fellow at the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica; and Dr. Hans H. Tung, Assistant Professor, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University, to deliver papers on Taiwan's political and economic development. TFD President Teh-Fu Huang and International Cooperation Department Director Jonathan Lin accompanied the scholars to attend the conference, where Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, also delivered a luncheon address. In addition, the TFD delegation visited the offices of Radio & TV Marti and the Cuban Democratic Directorate in Miami.

2. April 9, 2012: Participation in the Celebration of the 50th edition of Freedom House's *China Media Bulletin*

To response to the rise of China and the need to emphasize democracy and press freedom, in November 2010 Freedom House launched the *China Media Bulletin*. Through weekly publication of this electronic newsletter, the major developments across the range of media in Mainland China have been examined. To celebrate the 50th edition of the *China Media Bulletin*, on April 9 Freedom House organized an event in New York, inviting Dr. Andrew Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science at Columbia University, and TFD Vice President Maysing Yang as special guests. In her remarks, Vice President Yang cited the TFD's long-standing concern for the democratization of Mainland China, and her belief that the *China Media Bulletin* will certainly play a role in the promotion of democratization in Mainland China.

3. April 14-18, 2012: Visit to the Institute for Strategic and Development Studies and Other Partners in the Philippines

The Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS) is a renowned think tank in the Philippines. Its president, Professor Carolina G. Hernandez, has cooperated with the TFD for many years, including speaking at the "Assembly for Democracy in Asia" organized by the TFD in 2011. On the invitation of the ISDS, TFD Vice President George W. Tsai and International Cooperation Department Director Jonathan Lin travelled to the Philippines from April 14-18. In addition to meeting with the



ISDS, they also paid visits to nongovernmental organizations that have received grants from the TFD in recent years, including the Council for People's Development and Governance (CPDG Network), the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO), Kodao Productions, and the Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG).

4. April 27-28, 2012: Participation in the Conference “Democracy and Development – Taiwan and the Baltic Countries in Comparative Perspectives”

Together with the Baltic Center for Strategic Studies of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, the TFD organized a conference in Riga, Latvia, on April 27-28 entitled, “Democracy and Development – Taiwan and the Baltic Countries in Comparative Perspectives.” In addition to TFD President Teh-Fu Huang and Research Fellow Allen Peng, the TFD invited Dr. Yujen Chou, Dean of the College of Public Affairs, National Taipei University, as delegation leader, along with Dr. Soong Jenn-jaw, Professor of Political Science at National Cheng Kung University; Dr. Cheng-Hao Pao, Assistant Professor of the Department of Global Political Economy, Tamkang University; Dr. Eric Chen-hua Yu, Assistant Research Fellow of the Election Study Center, National Chengchi University; and Dr. Yu-chung Shen, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Tunghai University. These scholars presented papers on topics such as Taiwan's electoral system, constitutional system, and economic development. The delegation also paid visits to the Latvian Institute; Valdis Veips, Mayor of Bauska City; Janis Martins Zandbergs, City Councilor of Riga; and six members of the Group for Inter-parliamentary Relations with Taiwan, chaired by Hon. Ainars Latkovskis MP.



April 2012: Participation in the conference “Democracy and Development – Taiwan and the Baltic Countries in Comparative Perspectives” in Riga, Latvia



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5. June 18-20, 2012: Participation in the ninth European Association for Taiwan Studies Conference

The purpose of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) is to encourage universities and research institutes throughout Europe to engage in research about Taiwan, in order to raise the research capacity on Taiwan studies in the region. The ninth EATS conference was held at the University of Southern Denmark in Sønderborg from June 18 to 20. TFD Vice President George W. Tsai, accompanied by TFD Research Fellow Allen Peng, attended the conference. In addition to chairing a plenary roundtable session, Vice President Tsai carried out discussions and exchanges with European scholars about Taiwan's democracy.

6. June 25 - July 5, 2012: Visit to Mexico to Observe the Presidential Election

Invited by the Instituto Federal Electoral (IFE), a delegation from TFD travelled to Mexico from June 25 to July 5 to observe the Presidential election. Led by Professor I-chou Liu, Vice Chairperson of the Central Election Commission, the delegation included TFD Board Member Shang-ren Lee; Professor Yung-mau Chao, Dean of the College of Social Sciences of National Taiwan University; and Dr. Kuo-Shih Ho, Associate Professor of the Department of Spanish Language and Literature, Providence University, and it was accompanied by TFD President Teh-Fu Huang and TFD Assistant Research Fellow Hung-Ya Lien. In addition to attending several seminars organized by the IFE to enable international observers to understand Mexico's electoral system and election reforms, the delegation also attended the press conferences of presidential candidates and observed polling stations and the ballot counting center. The IFE expressed its particular gratitude for all those countries which sent observers for the first time, including our country. In addition, Vice Chairperson Liu was invited to present Taiwan's system of



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campaign finance and monitoring in one of the seminars. Given the high-level treatment from the IFE on this trip, the TFD hopes for further opportunities for bilateral cooperation and exchanges.

7. July 7-11, 2012: Participation in the Meeting of the Governing Council of the Community of Democracies

Invited by the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy (PFD) of the Community of Democracies (CD), a delegation led by TFD Board Member Lin Yu-Fang, accompanied by Director of International Cooperation Department Dr. Cheng-Hao Pao, travelled to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, to attend the annual meeting of the Governing Council of the CD. At this meeting, in addition to discussing the annual work plan and budget, the Governing Council decided that El Salvador will serve as the next chair of the CD. During the closing ceremony, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Mongolian President Tsakhia Elbegdorj delivered remarks. In Secretary Clinton's address to the Mongolian Parliament, she twice mentioned Taiwan's democratic achievements as an example worth studying by countries around the world. After the meeting, Board Member Lin, in his capacity as chairman of the Legislative Yuan Foreign and National Defense Committee, and Director Pao were invited by President Elbegdorj to attend a state banquet. The following day, the delegation attended the military parade for Mongolia's National Day and the opening of the Naadam Festival.

8. September 5-7, 2012: Participation in the 2012 CIVICUS World Assembly

The 2012 CIVICUS World Assembly was held on September 5-7 in Montreal, Canada. The TFD was represented by Dr. Chi-Ting Tsai, Assistant Professor of Political Science at National Taiwan University, and TFD Research Fellow Patrick Wu. The Assembly theme was "Defining a New Social Contract—Making the Future Together." By engaging representatives in participative dialogue, the Assembly discussed issues such as changing nations through citizens, building partnerships for social innovation, and redefining global governance, in order to find common solutions to building a more just world.

9. October 4, 2012: Participation in the Release of the Documentary "Enslaved: An MTV EXIT Special"

In order to raise awareness of the fight against human trafficking, MTV EXIT produced a Taiwan version of the documentary film "Enslaved: An MTV EXIT Special," with the support of the TFD, the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior, the American Institute in Taiwan, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and several national and international NGOs. At the release of the film on October 4, speeches were delivered by TFD International Cooperation Department Director Cheng-Hao Pao, National Immigration Agency Director-General Li-Kung Hsieh and AIT Director Christopher J. Marut. In addition, Director Pao and representatives of invited human rights groups and NGOs discussed possibilities for future cooperation to enhance human rights.



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◆ International Programs ◆



September 2012: Participation in the 2012 CIVICUS World Assembly in Montreal, Canada



October 2012: Participation in the Young Leaders Program held by the Pacific Forum CSIS in Jakarta, Indonesia

10. October 4-7, 2012: Participation in the Young Leaders Program

The Pacific Forum CSIS, based in Honolulu, Hawaii, held its Young Leaders Program 2012 from October 4-7 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Dr. Shih-Yi Chou, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Tunghai University, and Ms. Hung-Ya Lien, TFD Assistant Research Fellow, represented the TFD to attend this program. The Pacific Forum CSIS selected more than 10 young leaders from Taiwan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, China, and the US to join the program this year. By participating in this conference, the young leaders gained understanding of the conduct of foreign affairs. The TFD hoped that this event would broaden the vision of Taiwanese young leaders and enable them to develop an international network.

11. October 5-8, 2012: Participation in the International Young Leaders Academy

The Young Leaders Forum, established by the Institute of Democratic Politics of Lithuania in 2010, held the “International Young Leaders Academy” in Vilnius, Lithuania from October 5-8. The TFD was represented by Dr. Kwei-Bo Huang, Associate Professor of the Department of Diplomacy at National Chengchi University, and Mr. Shu-Hsien Huang, TFD Assistant Research Fellow. The conference was attended by more than fifty officials, young leaders, and academics, who discussed topics such as the development of leadership skills, comparative democratization experiences, and youth policies, as well as how to promote youth participation in the establishment of democratic systems in Eastern Europe. Dr. Huang served as moderator of Panel I, and Mr. Huang provided a brief introduction concerning the youth participation in public affairs in Taiwan and the current youth policies of Taiwan’s government.



October 2012: Participation in the International Young Leaders Academy in Vilnius, Lithuania



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12. October 14-17, 2012: Participation in the Seventh Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy

The World Movement for Democracy (WMD) held its seventh assembly in Lima, Peru from October 14-17. The TFD's delegation, led by Vice President George W. Tsai, included Supervisory Board Member Yu-Lan Yeh, Senior Research Fellow Michael Y. M. Kau, Director of International Cooperation Department Cheng-Hao Pao, Assistant Research Fellow Wei-Tsun Chien, and Dr. Chih-Wei Tsai, Assistant Professor of the Department of Indigenous Development and Social Work at National Dong Hwa University. More than 600 democracy activists and academics attended the assembly, joining more than 30 workshops and panel discussions to discuss issues regarding global democracy and human rights. Together with the Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD), the TFD co-organized a workshop entitled "Civic Education—It's Not Just About Voting." In this workshop, Dr. Li-hua Chen, Dean of the School of Education of the Taipei Municipal University of Education, presented her academic research, introducing Taiwan's civic education and civic participation.



October 2012: Participation in the Seventh Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Lima, Peru

13. October 15-December 15, 2012: Selection of Outstanding Youths for Internship at the Czech Human Rights Organization People in Need

In 2007, the TFD started working with People in Need, a renowned Czech human rights organization, selecting one young person each from Taiwan and Burma to travel to Prague, Czech Republic for exchange and training in the democratization experience and also acquiring an in-depth understanding of the circumstances of democracy and human rights within Burma. In the past years the



program has achieved good results, and this year, the program took place from October to December, including an additional study tour for the participants to Berlin. This year's selection was Mr. Yu-Hsuan Hsu, who is a master's student in the Department of Diplomacy at National Chengchi University.

14. November 17, 2012: Organization of the International Symposium “Democratic Governance: Engagement, Participation, Information, and Accountability”

TFD President Teh-Fu Huang, *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* Editor T. J. Cheng, and TFD Research Fellow Allen Peng travelled to Buenos Aires, Argentina to attend the international symposium “Democratic Governance: Engagement, Participation, Information, and Accountability” co-organized by the TFD and Torcuato Di Tella University on November 17. Ambassador Matthew S. Lee, representative of the Taipei Commercial and Cultural Office in the Republic of Argentina, and President Huang gave opening remarks. This symposium invited several outstanding scholars from the US, Asia, Europe, and Latin America to present papers.



November 2012: Participation in the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* international symposium held at Torcuato Di Tella University in Buenos Aires, Argentina

15. November 26-December 1, 2012: Participation in the conference “EU Strategies, Interventions and Future Prospects for Support to Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan”

Upon the invitation of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO), TFD Vice President Ching-hsin Yu and Dr. Chih-Wei Tsai, Assistant Professor of the Department of Indigenous Development and Social Work at National Dong Hwa University, travelled to Brussels from November 26 to December 1 to join the international conference entitled “EU Strategies, Interventions and Future



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Prospects for Support to Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan.” During the conference, Vice President Yu and Dr. Tsai gave presentations on the political participation of Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan’s democratization, and they held discussions with European Union officials and leaders of nongovernmental organizations.

16. December 13-17, 2012: Visit to Japan to Observe the Parliamentary Election

To observe the elections for the lower house of the Japanese Diet (parliament) which were held on December 16, TFD Vice President Ching-hsin Yu led a delegation to Japan from December 13-17. The delegates included Honorary Professor Tsai Chi-chin from the Department of Political Science at Tunghai University; Honorary Professor Yih-Yan Chen from the Department of Political Science at National Chengchi University; Assistant Professor Chen Yung-Feng, Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Japanese Studies, Tunghai University; Professor Chun-chieh Yang, Chairman of the Department of Government and Law, National University of Kaohsiung; Research Fellow Chung-li Wu, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica; and TFD Assistant Research Fellow Garlish Shen. Covering both the Kansai and Kanto areas of Japan, the delegates visited candidates’ headquarters and observed polling stations and street campaigns. In addition, they discussed Japan’s current policy, political party overview, and electoral system issues with Japanese scholars and journalists.



December 2012: Visit to Japan to Observe the Parliamentary Election



I. 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 2012, the TFD hosted the following Fellows:

International Visiting Fellows

Dr. Xiao Tangbiao (China) – “Cross-Strait Comparison of Police Measures and Government Responses to Mass Protests”

Dr. Xiao is Professor of Political Science at the Nanjing University School of Government. During his fellowship, he studied how our government handles mass mobilization, as a reference for promoting governmental reform and political development in China.



June 2012: Presentation by International Visiting Fellow Professor Xiao Tangbiao



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Dr. Jorge Minaya Vizcarra (Peru) – “The Democratic System, Citizens’ Rights and Global Institutions in the Republic of China(Taiwan)”

Dr. Minaya is a senior columnist and radio presenter in Peru. During his fellowship, he studied our country’s political and legal systems, in order to further understand how our country can serve as a model for other new democracies.

Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow

Ms. Chuan Ling Yong (Malaysia) – “An Assessment for the Gender Equality Mechanism in Taiwan’s Education System”

Ms. Yong is a doctoral student at the Asia-Europe Institute of the University of Malaya, whose areas of research include gender equality policies, human rights and gender equality, mechanisms for investigation of sexual harassment, and higher education policies. With over four years of experience participating in public policy making and social movements in Malaysia, she is currently a minister’s appointed member of the National Youth Consultative Council (MPBN). During her fellowship, she analyzed Taiwan’s gender equality education policies and their implementation.

Dissertation Fellow

Mr. Jinhyeok Jang (Korea) – “A Dimensional Analysis of Bill Cosponsorship Networks in the Legislative Yuan (1992-2012)”

Mr. Jang is a PhD candidate in the Department of Political Science at Rice University in the US. His research aimed to understand our country’s legislative politics through the dimensional analysis of bill cosponsorship networks in the Legislative Yuan.

J. 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 2012, organized by type of activity supported.

1. Conferences
 - (1) “The Rule of Law in Asia 2012 Taipei Conference,” The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation (USA)
 - (2) “Thailand’s Human Rights Crisis: Changing the Narrative,” Council on Foreign Relations (USA)



- (3) “National Conference: Participative Policy Assessment of Local Governance in the Philippines,” Center for People Empowerment in Governance (Philippines)
- (4) “The Ninth Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies 2012 in Sønderborg, Denmark,” European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) (UK)
- (5) “International Conference: The Indigenous Peoples of Taiwan: Celebrating a Century of Evolving Rights,” Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) (Netherlands)
- (6) “The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the North American Taiwan Studies Association: Taiwan: Gateway, Node, Liminal Space,” North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) (USA)
- (7) “Taiwan: A Tentative Balance Sheet of the Ma Ying-jeou’s First Term of Presidency,” Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University (Hong Kong)
- (8) “2012 International Conference of the Philippine Political Science Association Commemorating 50 years of Political Science in the Philippines: Democratization, Development and Governance,” Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) (Philippines)
- (9) “Intercollegiate Taiwanese American Students Association Midwest Conference,” Intercollegiate Taiwanese American Students Association (ITASA)-University of Michigan Chapter (USA)
- (10) “Initiative for Equal Representation of Women in the Judiciary,” Environment and Justice Society (ENJUS) (Pakistan)
- (11) “CIVICUS World Assembly 2012: Defining a New Social Contract—Making the Future Together,” CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation (South Africa)
- (12) “Civil Society Consultation for the African Union Human Rights Memorial,” Justice Africa (UK)
- (13) “Bringing Women’s Voice to the United Nations Special Procedures,” Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) (Pakistan)
- (14) “Young Leaders Program in Jakarta, Indonesia,” Pacific Forum CSIS (USA)
- (15) “State of Democracy and Good Governance in Developing South Sudan Today: Experiences from Africa Member States,” Forum for Community Change and Development (FOFCOD) (South Sudan)
- (16) “International Young Leaders Academy: Strengthening Democracy in Eastern Europe Societies,” Young Leaders Forum (Lithuania)
- (17) “The Third Dialogue on Democracy and ASEAN Integration,” Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Inc. (ISDS) (Philippines)



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- (18) “Migrants Tribunal and the Road to the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development,” Asia-Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM) (Hong Kong)
- (19) “Conference Against Child Labor,” Speaker International (India)

2. Research and Publication Projects

- (1) “Stories from the Margins: Program for the Popularization of Accounts of Human Rights Violations against Human Rights Defenders in the Peasant Communities of Northern Mindanao, Philippines,” Rural Missionaries of the Philippines Northern Mindanao Sub-Region, Inc. (RMP-NMR) (Philippines)
- (2) “North Korean Human Rights Watch Investigation Proposal,” People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE) (Korea)
- (3) “Book and Video Project on the Morong 43: A Fight for Justice, Human Rights and the People’s Right to Health,” Council for Health and Development (Philippines)
- (4) “US-Taiwan Security Ties during an Era of Cross-Strait Rapprochement,” Missouri State University (USA)
- (5) “Pictures of the Nation (Larab: Larawan ng Bayan),” Tudla Productions Group, Inc. (Philippines)

3. Training Programs

- (1) “Increasing Women Representation in the National Political Decision Making Bodies,” Sir Ketumile Masire Foundation (Botswana)
- (2) “Training Enumerators for Local Democracy and Good Governance and Dissemination Workshop of the Asian Barometer Survey Results in Cambodia,” Center for Advanced Study (CAS) (Cambodia)
- (3) “Training of Political Workers, NGO Practitioners, Students and Teachers about Democracy and Human Rights,” Iraj Education and Development Foundation (Pakistan)
- (4) “ERCCT Visiting Fellow Program,” European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (Germany)
- (5) “Human Rights and Peacebuilding Advocacy Program in Pakistan,” Society for the Promotion of Education and Awareness (SEAP-Pakistan) (Pakistan)
- (6) “Training Institute for Democracy and Human Rights,” Center for Human Rights Education (CHRE) (Pakistan)
- (7) “Building Democracy: Empowering Women in Quetta through Civic Education,” Nations Capacity Building Program (Pakistan)
- (8) “Strengthening Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law: Annual Study Session on Human Rights in Bangladesh and Publication of Resource Book,” Asian Institute for Human Rights (AIHR) (Thailand)



- (9) “Internships within People in Need and the Czech Center in Berlin for Burmese and Taiwanese Interns,” People in Need (Czech Republic)

4. Visits and Exchanges

- (1) “ASEAN Community from the Ground Up,” People’s Empowerment Foundation (PEF) (Thailand)
- (2) “Advocating for a Fairer Refugee Determination Processes for Hong Kong’s & Asia’s Refugees,” Hong Kong Refugee Advice Center (Hong Kong)
- (3) “The European Delegation to the Harvard Project on Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Asia 2012 Conference,” Think Tank 30 Germany of the German Association Club of Rome (Deutsche Gesellschaft CLUB OF ROME e. V.) (Germany)

5. Other Projects

- (1) “Promoting Equal Rights and Change,” Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (Sri Lanka)
- (2) “Asserting Human Rights in Orissa through Social Action and Alliance Building for Promoting Democracy and Justice,” Network for Youth Development and Healthy Environment (NYDHEE) (India)
- (3) “Radio to Promote Good Governance and Citizen Participation,” Sri Lanka Development Journalist Forum (Sri Lanka)
- (4) “Promoting Justice and Democratic Rights at Union Parishad,” Village Initiative for Empowerment of Women (Bangladesh)
- (5) “Youth for Sustaining Peace and Democracy – YSPD Project,” Youth Action Nepal (Nepal)
- (6) “Tambul Nebileyer District Peace Building Training Project,” Melanesia Education Development Foundation, Inc. (Papua New Guinea)
- (7) “Experience Sharing and Skills Building Workshop on Participatory Governance in Developing Countries,” Gender Equality and Women Empowerment for Development (Uganda)
- (8) “Human Rights Awareness and Democracy Education to the Flood Victim,” Appropriate Program for Action, Change & Harmony (APPROACH) (Pakistan)
- (9) “Advocacy Strengthening for Women Workers,” Annisa Swasti Foundation (YASANTI) (Indonesia)
- (10) “‘Transparency, Accountability and the Fight against Corruption’ Postgraduate Fellowship Course,” Centro de Derechos Humanos (CHD), School of Law, University of Chile (Chile)
- (11) “Strengthening Democracy through Increasing Women’s Participation in Rural Area,” Mongolian Women’s Fund (MONES) (Mongolia)
- (12) “Strengthening Democratic Participation of Youth in Public Governance through the Sangguniang Kabataan (Youth Council) System,” Philippine Center for Sustainable



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- Development and Environmental Conservation Linkages, Inc. (Ecolink Philippines) (Philippines)
- (13) “A Participatory Human Rights Education Program for Secondary School Education in Kenya,” Solution Seeds Foundation (SSF) (Kenya)
- (14) “Civil Society in Taiwan’s Indigenous Community: The Siraya,” Austin College (USA)
- (15) “Promoting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in District Mardan, KPK-Pakistan,” Human Development Promotion Group (Pakistan)
- (16) “Building Human Rights, Democracy and Governance Education for Youth of the Mbengwi Subdivision,” Vicony’s Global Success World (VGSW) (Cameroon)
- (17) “Strengthening of Child Protection System through Child Protection Activities to Child Victims of All Forms of Abuse and Exploitation,” Center for the Protection of Children’s Rights Foundation (CPCR) (Thailand)
- (18) “Support for the Taiwan Research Center in Slovenia,” Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- (19) “2012 Ambassador Program,” Formosa Foundation (USA)
- (20) “Strengthening Competency of Women Journalists for Democracy and Gender Justice in Nepal,” Institute of Governance and Development (Nepal)
- (21) “Media Launch of the MTV EXIT Special for Taiwan: Enslaved,” MTV EXIT (Thailand)
- (22) “Radio Broadcast to Provide Information to the Cuban People,” Cuban Democratic Directorate (USA)
- (23) “Supporting for the Development of the Media in Azerbaijan Regions,” Social Union of Legal Education of Sumgait Youth (Azerbaijan)
- (24) “A Proposal to Produce a Video Documentary on Attendant Challenges and Issues to Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Elections,” KODAO Productions, Inc. (Philippines)
- (25) “Participation of Neglected Citizens in Democratic & Decision Making Process,” Aurat Association (AA) (Pakistan)
- (26) “Building Democracy and Human Rights in Mindanao: Peace through Education and Development,” Asia America Initiative (USA)
- (27) “Talk on Current Affairs,” Sound of Hope Radio Network, Inc. (USA)
- (28) “Meeting the Intercultural Challenge in Schools: Respect for Faith and Diversity Initiative,” Peace & Development Foundation (PDF) (Pakistan)
- (29) “Youth Leadership for Human Rights and Democracy – Second 10-Day Course,” Sindh Community Foundation (SCF) (Pakistan)
- (30) “Opposing Violence against Women and Children,” Sahabat Perempuan (Indonesia)
- (31) “2012 SFT India,” Students for a Free Tibet (USA)



(32) “Radio 1812—Tune in on International Migrants Day 2012,” December 18 vzw (Belgium)

(33) “The Third Strait Talk Hong Kong Series,” Strait Talk Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

◆ International Grants in 2012

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Category	Number	Amount	Cases Retained	Amount Retained	Total
Conferences	10	1,813,439	8	1,425,000	3,238,439
Research and Publication Projects	4	1,175,357	3	279,000	1,454,357
Training Programs	6	973,719	2	577,000	1,550,719
Visits and Exchanges	3	405,549	0	0	405,549
Fellowships	3	592,731	1	135,000	727,731
Other Projects	33	7,481,203	6	739,000	8,220,203
Total	59	12,441,998	20	3,155,000	15,596,998



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◆ International Programs ◆



April 2012: Visit of delegation of directors from EU Think Tanks



June 2012: Visit of Washington State legislative leaders delegation



June 2012: Visit of delegation of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, USA



July 2012: Visit of delegation of district directors of Congressmen from the Western United States



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◆ International Programs ◆



August 2012: Visit of Dr. Dagmar Schipanski, Rector of the Studienkolleg zu Berlin of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities



September 2012: Visit of delegation led by Professor Hajime Nishitani, Faculty of Law, Hiroshima University, Japan



September 2012: Visit of delegation of young scholars from the Southern United States



September 2012: Visit of Dr. Bem Angwe, Chief Executive Officer of the National Human Rights Commission, Nigeria



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October 2012: Visit of Senior Counsel Erin Brady and Senior Counsel Laurie Sargent from the Department of Justice, Canada



December 2012: Visit of Hon. José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, European People's Party Group Coordinator in the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament



Domestic Programs

A. Activities executed or contracted by the TFD

1. January 11-16, 2012: In order to promote the understanding of our country's achievements in democratic politics among scholars from Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau, the TFD invited scholars and experts from Tsinghua University (Beijing), Peking University, Renmin University of China, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and University of Macau to come to Taiwan to join the "2012 ROC Joint Presidential and Parliamentary Elections Mainland Chinese Scholars Observation Group." During their visit, participants visited the TFD and received a briefing by Central Election Commission Vice Chairperson I-chou Liu about Taiwan's election system and voting procedures. In addition, they visited the Department of Political Science of National Taiwan University, the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University, and the campaign headquarters of both the Chinese Nationalist Party and Democratic Progressive Party. They also observed evening campaign rallies of both these two parties, and through the arrangement of the Central Election Commission, they were able to enter a polling station and the national tabulation center to gain further first-hand observations of Taiwan's elections. Finally, the group also held the "2012 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections Analysis Seminar" with Taiwanese political science scholars to discuss Taiwan's election system and experience of democracy.



January 2012: Visit of 2012 ROC Joint Presidential and Parliamentary Elections Mainland Chinese Scholars Observation Group



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2. March 20-24, 2012: In order to understand the feelings and views of the Taiwanese public regarding democratic life and the effectiveness of governance, a survey questionnaire was jointly designed by TFD President Teh-Fu Huang; TFD Domestic Affairs Department Director Yu-tzung Chang; Associate Research Fellow Chin-en Wu of the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica; Associate Professor Jen-Der Lue of the Department of Social Welfare, National Chung Cheng University; and Assistant Professor Yih-Hsing Liao of the Department of Public Administration, Chung Hua University. The questionnaire was then used in a telephone survey conducted by the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University, reaching an effective sample of 1,071 members of the public over the age of 20, with a sampling error of less than three percentage points. The content of the survey included the Taiwanese public's assessment of the economic situation, their views of the comparative level of freedom and democracy and the possibility of a transfer of power in various countries, their views of the function of democratic politics, and their assessment of the democratic system and its prospects. These results will become an important reference for the understanding of the appreciation of the Taiwanese public for democratic life and how they assess the effectiveness of democratic governance.
3. March to December, 2012: In order to strengthen academic exchanges with Hong Kong, as well as to promote Taiwan's democratization experience, the TFD organized the "Chinese Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Series" in cooperation with the Chu Hai College of Higher Education's Center for Asian Studies. This program invited scholars such as Professor Chou Jih-Shine, Chairman of the Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University; Professor Jen-Te Hwang of the Department of Banking and Finance, Kainan University; Professor Pau-Ching Lu of the Graduate Institute of Social Work, National Chengchi University; Associate Professor Yu-Lan Yeh of the Department of Foreign Affairs Police, Central Police University; Professor Yujen Chou of the Department of Public Administration and Policy, National Taipei University; Associate Professor Shu-Chiung Liu of the Department of Social Work, National Taiwan University; and Professor Charng Kao of the Graduate Institute of Public Administration, National Dong Hwa University to travel to Hong Kong to deliver a series of lectures at Chu Hai College. This successful cooperation, in addition to promoting Taiwan's precious accomplishments in the area of democratic transition, also facilitated the democratization and pluralization of Hong Kong's civil society.
4. April 11, 2012: In order to promote Taiwan's experience of democratization, as well as to exchange views on the values of democratic politics, the TFD invited Professor Yu Keping, Deputy Director of the Central Compilation and Translation Bureau of Mainland China, to visit on April 11 and to join a seminar on the topic "Latest Developments of Mainland Democratic Governance." This seminar was chaired by TFD Vice President George W. Tsai, and participating



scholars included Associate Professor Yu-tzung Chang of the Department of Political Science of National Taiwan University and Assistant Professor Hans H. Tung of the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University. In addition, over 20 graduate students in the Department of Political Science of National Taiwan University attended and held in-depth academic exchanges about democratic development on the two sides of the Strait.

5. June 18, 2012: On May 14, 2009, President Ma Ying-jeou officially signed the instruments of ratification for the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and instructed all government agencies to complete all necessary revisions of laws within two years. In order to integrate and deepen related agencies' research and analysis of the two Covenants, the TFD invited scholars from National Taiwan University, National Chengchi University, and the Academia Sinica to conduct research into concrete strategies for implementation of the two Covenants in Taiwan. In addition, on June 18 the TFD convened the expert meeting "Linking with the World, Deepening Democracy: Significance and Impact of Our Country's Ratification of the Two UN Rights Covenants" in the first conference room of the College of Social Sciences of National Taiwan University. As a reference for future strategy, commentaries were presented by Hon. Chen-Shan Li, Justice of the Constitutional Court; Professor Chu-cheng Ming, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University; Professor Yue-Dian Hsu, Chair of the Department of Law, National Cheng Kung University; Associate Professor Tung-jui Chang, Graduate Institute of Law and Government, National Central University; Research Fellow Cing-Kae Chiao, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica; and Associate Research Professors Fort Fu-Te Liao and Wen-Tsong Chiou, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica. The TFD plans to publish these research findings in April 2013.
6. June 24-August 18, 2012: To assist the second generation of overseas Taiwanese youth in understanding Taiwan's experience of democratization and human rights development, the TFD 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. The year 2012 saw five outstanding students participate in this training opportunity provided by the Foundation. The trainees first joined the exposure trip arranged by the NSC, as well as relevant lectures arranged by the Foundation and the Department of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to help better the students' understanding of Taiwan's democracy, diplomatic situation, and development of cross-strait relations, as well as the fruits of Taiwan's struggle toward human rights. Over a period of six weeks, the students were separately deployed to domestic NGOs related to social welfare for training. In addition to assisting the internationalization of the host organizations, the trainees gained further understanding of the operations of local NGOs.



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July 2012: “Taiwan Democracy Tech Trek” participants attending a lecture at the TFD

7. August 12-16, 2012: In order to sustain the peaceful development of cross-strait relations, to implement the resolution of the Foundation’s Boards of Trustees and Supervisors, as well as to establish an authoritative basis for the Foundation’s research into cross-strait relations, the TFD co-organized the “Conference on the Peaceful Development of Cross-Strait Relations” in Shanghai with the Shanghai East Asian Institute from August 12-16. The conference consisted of two sessions on the themes “New Trends in the International Environment and the Peaceful Development of Cross-Strait Relations” and “Cross-Strait Economic and Cultural Exchanges and Taiwan’s International Participation.” The delegation from the TFD was led by Standing Supervisor Yeh Chin-fong and included Board Members Lin Yu-Fang, Pan Wei-Kang, Daigee Shaw, and Bi-khim Hsiao; Supervisor Yu-Lan Yeh; President Teh-Fu Huang; Vice President George W. Tsai; and Director of the Secretariat Jen-Te Hwang, as well as other invited scholars with related expertise. The event was very fruitful.
8. August 25-29, 2012: In order to deepen research into local elections and democratization on the two sides of the Strait, the TFD has established a regular exchange program with Tsinghua University (Beijing) on topics related to the new era of local governance. The program includes regular visits as well as joint organization of academic events. Together with the Department of Political Science of Tsinghua University (Beijing), the TFD co-organized the symposium “Participatory Governance: The Role and Function of Grassroots Social Organizations” in Jinan



August 2012: "Conference on the Peaceful Development of Cross-Strait Relations," co-organized with the Shanghai Institute for East Asian Studies in Shanghai

City, Shandong Province, China, from August 25-29. The TFD was represented at the conference by Standing Supervisor Yeh Chin-fong, Supervisor Yu-Lan Yeh, Supervisor Ming-hua Tsai, President Teh-Fu Huang, Vice President Ching-hsin Yu, and Director of the Domestic Affairs Department Yu-tzung Chang. During the conference, scholars from both sides of the Taiwan Strait were invited to discuss the role and function of grassroots organizations. Afterwards, a site visit to grassroots social organizations was arranged. This conference was very successful, laying an academic foundation for comparative studies of local democracy and governance on the two sides.

9. September 24-November 28, 2012: To realize and improve the work of the Foundation's domestic grantee organizations, the Foundation conducted site visits to four randomly selected organizations from September to November. These visits enabled the TFD to further understand the grantees' actual work situation, organizational structure, financial sources, and the status of their projects' execution, and they also provided an opportunity for grantees to make suggestions regarding the Foundation's domestic grants administration. This year the Foundation visited the Awakening Foundation on September 24, the Chinese Youth Solidarity Association on October 8, the Taiwan Women's Film Association on November 12, and the Public Service Association of Taiwan Concern Society on November 28.



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November 2012: Site visit to the Public Service Association of Taiwan Concern Society

10. November 3-4, 2012: In order to analyze the development of Taiwan's democratization, the TFD, together with the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica; Program for East Asia Democratic Studies, National Taiwan University; Taiwan's Election and Democratization Study (TEDS); and the Election Study Center, National Chengchi University, organized the international symposium "The Maturing of Taiwan Democracy: Findings and Insights from the 2012 TEDS Survey," on November 3-4 in Taipei. In his address to the opening ceremony, TFD Chairman and Speaker of the Legislative Yuan Wang Jin-Pyng affirmed the key contribution of elections to Taiwan's democratic development. The conference invited several distinguished international scholars of democratization and elections such as Larry Diamond, Ian McAllister, and André Blais, as well as dozens of domestic scholars and experts to participate in the event. Through analysis of the survey data and the results of the 2012 presidential and legislative elections, the participants conducted in-depth analysis of the level of maturity of Taiwan's democracy. This conference was a very significant event for the promotion of wider angles of research into Taiwan's democratization, as well as raising Taiwan's international visibility.

11. November 8, 2012: In order to enhance women's rights, as well as to give effect to the Enforcement Act of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the TFD invited scholars and practitioners to examine issues that may arise during the process of revision of related laws. The aim of this exercise was to develop Taiwan's



November 2012: International Symposium “The Maturing of Taiwan Democracy: Findings and Insights from the 2012 TEDS Survey”

action strategy for CEDAW, from the perspective of deepening democracy and realizing gender rights. In addition, on November 8 the TFD held the seminar “Deepening Democracy, Realizing Gender Rights, Putting Women’s Physical Security at the Center: An Action Strategy for Implementation of the UN CEDAW” at the National Taiwan University Alumni Club. As a reference for future legal amendments, the TFD invited representatives of NGOs and related government agencies as well as scholars and experts to discuss and provide opinions on the design of indicators in their respective areas of research, including police administration, social policy, judicial system, medicine, law, and support networks. The TFD plans to publish these research findings in March 2013.

B. Domestic Grants

1. Conferences

- (1) The Prosecutors Association, ROC (Taiwan), for “International Association of Prosecutors 2012 8th IAP Asia Pacific and Middle East Regional Conference”
- (2) Association of International Relations, for “2012 Annual Meeting and 5th Symposium”
- (3) Green Formosa Front, for “La Via Campesina East Asia Regional Peasants Grassroots Democracy Exchange Annual Meeting”
- (4) Taiwan Administrative Law Association, for “14th Cross-Strait Administrative Law



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- Symposium”
- (5) Chinese Integration Association, for “Taipei Dialogue: Identity, Mutual Trust, and Peaceful Development across the Strait”
 - (6) Chinese Association for Political Science, for “Chinese Association for Political Science Annual Meeting and Symposium ‘Crisis and Opportunity in a Time of Transformation: Developments and Dilemmas of Global Governance’”
 - (7) Taiwan Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs, for “2012 Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs and International Conference – Sustainable Governance: New Environment, New Prospects”
 - (8) Chinese Association for Peaceful Development of World Peoples, for “2012 Memorial for Taiwan’s Pioneers”
 - (9) Division of Chinese Society and Economy, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, for “Comparing Cross-Strait Political and Economic Development and Social Transformation: Conference on System Effectiveness and Development Trends”
 - (10) Department of Social and Public Affairs, Taipei Municipal University of Education, for “2012 Social and Public Affairs International Symposium: Raising Urban Competitiveness and Governance Capacity”
 - (11) Taiwanese Political Science Association, for “2012 TPSA Annual Meeting and Symposium – Era of Repositioning: Extension of Justice, Energy Development, and International Trends”
 - (12) Department of Political Science, Chinese Culture University, for “International Conference on Nationalism in East Asia: History and Current Conditions”
 - (13) Taiwan Study Center, National Chengchi University, for the international symposium “Social Movements, Rights Discourses and Citizenship: Social and Political Developments in Taiwan in a Regional Perspective”
 - (14) College of Law, National Taipei University, for “Reflections and Prospects for Democracy and the Rule of Law Under Globalization: National Taipei University College of Law 60th Anniversary and International Symposium on Civil Law”
 - (15) Division of Asia Pacific Studies, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, for the international symposium “Democracy in a Changing World Economy: Lessons from Emerging Asia”
 - (16) Center for Southeast Asian Studies, National Chi Nan University, for “2012 Taiwan Southeast Asian Area Studies Annual Symposium”
 - (17) National Open University, for “2012 2nd International Conference on Constructing Civil Society: Public Values of Governance”
 - (18) European Union Law Research Center, College of Law, National Taiwan University, for two international symposia “The EU Debt Crisis” and “Dialogue between EU Security



Policy and Asian Democratic Values”

- (19) Department of Political Science, Soochow University, for the international conference “East Asian Perspectives on Democracy and Culture”
- (20) Taiwan Development and Cultural Exchange Association, for the inaugural conference of the “Democratic China Forum”
- (21) Taiwan Indigenous Peoples Studies Association, for the symposium “Indigenous Peoples’ Sovereignty and Democratic Development”
- (22) Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University, for the “2012 International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies”
- (23) College of International Studies and Education for Overseas Chinese, National Taiwan Normal University, for “2012 Overseas Chinese Studies International Graduate Symposium: Identity, Culture, and Democratic Politics”
- (24) Taiwan Political Rights Association, for “International Human Rights Conference”
- (25) Department of Political Science, Tunghai University, for “2012 3rd Cross-Strait Regional Development Forum”
- (26) Taiwan Tibetan Welfare Association, for “Looking at the Future Trends of Democratic Development from the Current Conditions in China”
- (27) College of Indigenous Studies, National Dong Hwa University, for “2012 World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) Annual General Meeting and International Conference: Celebrating and Sustaining Indigenous Knowledge in Times of Global Change”



September 2012: TFD provided grant support to the College of Indigenous Studies, National Dong Hwa University, for “2012 World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) Annual General Meeting and International Conference” (photo courtesy of the College of Indigenous Studies, NDHU)



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(28) National University of Kaohsiung, for the conference “Just Society, Clean Government”

2. Research and Publication Projects

- (1) Institute of Knowledge Economic Development, Shih Hsin University, for “2012 Survey of Taiwan Democracy, Freedom, and Human Rights Indicators”
- (2) Taiwan Competitiveness Forum, for research into establishing indicators for the “Happiness Index”
- (3) 21st Century Foundation, for the research project on “Analysis of the Impacts on Taiwan’s Machine Tools Industry after the Implementation of ECFA”
- (4) Central News Agency, for publication of *Reaching Out: Stories of Taiwan Volunteers*
- (5) Taiwan Association for Truth and Reconciliation, for publication of “Progress Report on Transitional Justice in Taiwan”
- (6) Graduate Institute of Journalism, National Taiwan University, for the research project on “A Record of the Transformation of Taiwan’s News Environment after the Lifting of Martial Law”

3. Training Programs

- (1) Institute for National Policy Research, for “Towards a Civil Society Series—Seventh Training Camp for Young Leaders in Diplomacy”
- (2) ECPAT Taiwan, for “2012 Youth Human Rights Summer Camp”
- (3) New Culture Foundation, for “21st New Culture Training Camp: I Act, Therefore I Think”
- (4) Graduate Institute of European Cultures and Tourism, National Taiwan Normal University, for “British Culture and Tourism Management Internship Program”
- (5) Foundation for the Advancement of Media Excellence, for “2012 Investigative Reporting Workshop”

4. Visits and Exchanges

- (1) National Education Association of the Republic of China, for “2012 Taiwan-Japan Education Symposium”
- (2) Cosmo Association, for “2012 University Students Study Trip to Canada”
- (3) Taiwan Jurist Association, for “Cross-Strait Exchange Program on Judicial Systems”
- (4) Medical Association for Indigenous People of Taiwan, for participation in the “Sixth Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors’ Congress”
- (5) Environmental Quality Protection Foundation, for participation in the “18th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”
- (6) Indigenous Health and Preventive Medicine Research Center, Taipei Medical University, for “Concern for Democratic Politics, Strengthening Health Rights: Participation in the

American Public Health Association 140th Annual Meeting”

5. Other Projects

- (1) Taiwan Provincial Consultative Council, for “Grassroots Democracy: 2012 Touring Exhibition of Materials from the Taiwan Provincial Assembly”
- (2) Asia-Pacific Elite Interchange Association, for “2012 ROC Presidential and Legislative Elections Observation for Mainland Chinese Scholars Abroad”
- (3) The Home Expedition Association, for launch activities for the book *Running the Silk Road*
- (4) Taipei Association for the Promotion of Women’s Rights, for the lecture series “Friendly Campuses and Unplanned Pregnancies”
- (5) The Foundation for Excellent Journalism Award, for “11th Excellent Journalism Award Ceremony”
- (6) Taiwan Culture Foundation, for “2012 Presidential and Legislative Elections Overseas Chinese Scholars and Experts Observation Group”
- (7) Taiwan Christian Good Shepherd Holistic Care Association, for “2012 International Service Program: Sending Love to Northern Burma”
- (8) Taiwan Women’s Film Association, for “19th Women Make Waves International Film Festival, Taiwan 2012”



October 2012: TFD provided grant support to the Taiwan Women’s Film Association, for “19th Women Make Waves International Film Festival, Taiwan 2012” (photo courtesy of the TWFA)



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- (9) Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation, for “2012 White Road Youth Experience Camp”



August 2012: TFD provided grant support to the Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation, for “2012 White Road Youth Experience Camp” (photo courtesy of the Dr. Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation)

- (10) Taiwan Secondary Education Association, for “2012 Cross-Strait High School Students Debate Competition”
- (11) Tsai Jui-Yueh Dance Foundation, for “Tsai Jui-Yueh Dance Festival VII: Conqueror and Wind”
- (12) College of Human Ecology, Shih Chien University, for the international volunteer service activity “2012 Deepening Democracy in Ban Hinte, Northern Thailand”
- (13) Chinese Non-Profit Organization Development Association, for “True Love 2012 Rule of Law, Democracy, and Human Rights Education Camp”
- (14) Chinese Association for Human Rights, for “World Refugee Day Activity Series”
- (15) Kinmen Culture Promotion Association, for “Battlefield 36: Exhibition for the 20th Anniversary of the Lifting of Martial Law in Kinmen and Matsu”



February 2012: TFD provided grant support to the College of Human Ecology, Shih Chien University, for the international volunteer service activity “2012 Deepening Democracy in Ban Hinte, Northern Thailand” (photo courtesy of the College of Human Ecology, SCU)



November 2012: TFD provided grant support to the Kinmen Culture Promotion Association, for “Battlefield 36: Exhibition for the 20th Anniversary of the Lifting of Martial Law in Kinmen and Matsu” (photo courtesy of the KCPA)



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◆ Domestic Grants in 2012

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Category	Number	Amount	Cases Retained	Amount Retained	Total
Conferences	41	6,620,522	4	1,300,000	7,920,522
Research and Publication Projects	11	1,813,890	0	0	1,813,890
Training Programs	8	789,799	0	0	789,799
Visits and Exchanges	16	2,808,709	1	200,000	3,008,709
Other Projects	43	8,237,960	3	610,000	8,847,960
Total	119	20,270,880	8	2,110,000	22,380,880

◆ Domestic Programs



Political Party Programs

The TFD assisted Taiwan's major political parties in programs and activities related to human rights and democracy. In 2012, highlights included:

Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT): participation in the International Democrat Union Executive Committee meeting and visit to Overseas Chinese communities in Canada, the Taiwan-US think tank exchange program, an inspection tour of rights of Taiwanese businessmen in Mainland China, participation in the Annual Conference for Overseas Chinese in Europe and visit to Overseas Chinese communities, and a training camp for overseas elites on national construction and democratic development.

Democratic Progressive Party (DPP): 2012 US election observation mission, participation in the 58th Congress of Liberal International and the General Assembly of the African Liberal Network, participation in the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats Executive Committee meeting and conference "Towards Democratic Transition," Korean presidential election observation mission, and organization of a training camp for students and youth on foreign affairs.

Taiwan Solidarity Union (TSU): organization of a delegation to the US to promote diplomacy and relations with overseas compatriot organizations.

People First Party (PFP): organization of a lecture series on the rule of law and democratic values, a program of study visits to opinion-leading groups on democracy and human rights, an online series of democracy education lectures, and the lecture "Improving Society through Selecting Integrity and Quality."

◆ Allocation of Grants to Political Parties in 2012

Unit: New Taiwan Dollars

Party	2012 Quota Allocation	2012 Quota Proportion	2012 Actual Grants Total	Number of Cases	Amount Retained into 2013	Cases Retained	Total Amount Approved	Total Cases
KMT	18,462,000	61.54%	11,039,353	23	7,391,000	9	18,430,353	32
DPP	11,538,000	38.46%	4,933,434	18	6,473,500	11	11,406,934	29
TSU	819,000	—	818,937	1	0	0	818,937	1
PFP	819,000	—	758,871	3	60,000	1	818,871	4
Total	31,638,000	100%	17,550,595	45	13,924,500	21	31,475,095	66

Note: For 2012, the TSU and PFP grant quota was provided through the domestic grants budget item.



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China Democracy and Human Rights Programs

A. Activities executed by the TFD

- January–December, 2012: *China Human Rights Report 2012*

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 2012 edition of the *Report*, seven principal authors, Ming Lee, Chien-Kuo Pang, Pei-Yi Liu, Kung-Chung Liu, Chin-Tsai Liu, Chuing Prudence Chou, and Jung-Hai Lu, 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, education and culture, and issues regarding Taiwanese businessmen.

B. Grants

1. Beijing Spring Magazine (USA), to support continued publication of *Beijing Spring* magazine
2. Initiatives for China (USA), for the "Seventh Interethnic Interfaith Leadership Conference"
3. Laogai Research Foundation (USA), for the "Mainland China Human Rights Exhibition"
4. Center for Modern China Foundation (USA), for publication of *Modern China Studies*
5. Sino-Tibet Study Center (USA), for "2012 International Sino-Tibetan Dialogue Conference"
6. Women's Rights in China (USA), for editing and development of the "Coming Home" website
7. Forum for a Democratic China and Asia (Germany), for the "Fifth Conference on Global Support for Democratization in China and Asia"
8. I O Cultural Network e. V. (Germany), for the art exhibition "Bald Girls"
9. Information Center for Human Rights & Democracy (Hong Kong), for "Improving Human Rights in China through Global Distribution of China Human Rights News"
10. Civil Rights and Livelihood Watch (China) for "Civil Rights and Livelihood Watch 2012 Work Plan"
11. Human Rights Campaign in China (China), for "2012 Emergency Rescue Hotline for Front-line Rights Activists"



August 2012: Visit of Overseas Chinese scholars participating in the "Global Chinese Elite Forum: 20th Taiwan Trip"



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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 2012, the following issues were published:

- 31 March: Volume 9, No. 1
- 30 June: Volume 9, No. 2
- 30 September: Volume 9, No. 3
- 31 December: Volume 9, No. 4



◆ Publications ◆



In 2005, the Foundation started its official English publication, the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, published semiannually with an international editorial board. Publications for 2012 are listed as follows:

31 July: Volume 8, No. 1

31 December: Volume 8, No. 2





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Due to concern over the situation of improvement of human rights in Mainland China, since 2004 the Foundation has annually published the *China Human Rights Report*. In June 2012, the Chinese and English editions of the *China Human Rights Report 2011* were published.





Information Department

The Information Department's main functions include the following:

1. Amending the TFD's information security policy, based on the related laws and regulations of government agencies.
2. Strengthening the information security awareness of TFD staff through related training and education.
3. Planning, installing, and maintaining the TFD's internet system and infrastructure.
4. Establishing physical separation of TFD staff computer hardware, in order to strengthen the security of confidential information.
5. Continuing to provide Anti-Spam/Anti-Virus defense mechanisms as well as stable and effective hardware e-mail server systems.
6. Establishing a storage system to provide secure storage for all systems, in order to centralize file backup management.
7. Providing advanced security for TFD staff, as well as providing security updates to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs when needed.
8. Maintaining and managing the TFD's website and updating information on the website.
9. Staying updated on the latest IT trends to provide a state-of-the-art IT environment.
10. Providing the computer software, hardware and peripherals suited for the needs of the TFD staff, as well as providing installation, operational support, and troubleshooting and maintenance of internet connectivity facilities.
11. Developing and maintaining digital content, including assisting the production of the latest versions of the TFD's introductory video and brochure, 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.
12. Maintaining a digital content management system and an electronic newsletter system to update the public with the most current activities and programs of the TFD, as well as raising the TFD's media visibility.



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Taiwan Foundation for Democracy website
<http://www.tfd.org.tw/>



World Forum for Democratization in Asia website
<http://www.wfda.net/>



Financial Report

From 1 January to 31 December 2012

A. Assets and Liabilities, Funds, and Balance

(1) Assets

At the end of 2012, total assets were 153,183,164 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Current assets: 78,262,787 NTD (75,827,522 NTD in cash and bank deposits, 435,027 NTD in loans and 2,000,238 NTD in advancements)
- (b) Funds: 60,000,000 NTD
- (c) Fixed assets: 11,414,075 NTD
- (d) Other assets: 3,506,302 NTD (intangible assets and furnishings)

(2) Liabilities

At the end of 2012, total liabilities were 72,584,789 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Accrued expenses: 114,222 NTD
- (b) Receipts payable: 8,224,902 NTD
- (c) Receipts under custody: 1,346,493 NTD
- (d) Advance receipts: 62,899,172 NTD

(3) Funds and Balance

At the end of 2012, the total balance was 80,598,375 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Establishment fund: 30,000,000 NTD
- (b) Other funds: 46,117,739 NTD
- (c) Accumulated surplus: 4,480,636 NTD

B. Revenue and Expenses

(1) Revenue

At the end of 2012, total revenue was 141,624,818 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Donation revenue: 140,873,446 NTD
- (b) Interest revenue: 751,372 NTD

(2) Expenses

At the end of 2012, total expenses were 143,548,230 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Administrative expenses: 25,158,272 NTD
- (b) Programs: 118,389,958 NTD

C. Balance

At the end of 2012, the total revenue of 141,624,818 NTD minus the total expenses of 143,548,230 NTD equaled -1,923,412 NTD. Combined with the 6,404,048 NTD surplus from the previous year, the accumulated surplus was 4,480,636 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.

◆ Conclusion ◆





Appendix 1: 2012 Chronology

Y/M/D	
2012/01/09-16	Johns Hopkins SAIS Election Observation Group
2012/01/10-16	Election observation by Asia-Pacific, North Africa, and Middle East journalists associations
2012/01/11-15	2012 VIP Election Observation Group
2012/01/11-16	2012 ROC Joint Presidential and Parliamentary Elections Mainland Chinese Scholars Observation Group
2012/02/11	Participation in the Conference “Taiwan as Model for Cuba’s Future” in Miami, USA
2012/03/22	Sixth joint session of the third-term Boards of Trustees and Supervisors
2012/03/27	Visit of Mr. Scott Fraser, Executive Director of the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei
2012/04/17	Visit of delegation of directors from EU Think Tanks
2012/04/27-28	Co-organization of the Conference “Democracy and Development—Taiwan and the Baltic Countries in Comparative Perspectives” with the Latvian Academy of Sciences in Riga, Latvia
2012/05/22	Visit of H. E. Zhelyu Zhelev, former president of Bulgaria
2012/06/18	“Linking with the World, Deepening Democracy: Significance and Impact of Our Country’s Ratification of the Two UN Rights Covenants” expert meeting
2012/06/20	First joint session of the fourth-term Boards of Trustees and Supervisors
2012/06/24-08/18	Participation in the “2012 Taiwan Democracy Tech Trek” organized by the National Science Council
2012/06/25	Visit of Washington State legislative leaders delegation
2012/06/25-07/05	Mexico Presidential Election Observation
2012/06/28	Visit of delegation of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, USA
2012/07/07-11	Participation in the Meeting of the Governing Council of the Community of Democracies in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
2012/07/17	Visit of delegation of district directors of Congressmen from the Western United States
2012/08/12-16	“Conference on the Peaceful Development of Cross-Strait Relations,” co-organized with the Shanghai Institute for East Asian Studies in Shanghai
2012/08/15	Visit of Overseas Chinese scholars participating in the “Global Chinese Elite Forum: 20th Taiwan Trip”
2012/08/20	Chairman Wang Jin-Pyng led delegation of legislators to the United States
2012/08/29	Visit of Dr. Dagmar Schipanski, Rector of the Studienstiftung zu Berlin of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
2012/09/03	Visit of delegation led by Professor Hajime Nishitani, Faculty of Law, Hiroshima University, Japan
2012/09/05	Visit of delegation of young scholars from the Southern United States
2012/09/13	Visit of Dr. Bem Angwe, Chief Executive Officer of the National Human Rights Commission, Nigeria
2012/10/05-08	Participation in the International Young Leaders Academy held in Vilnius, Lithuania
2012/10/14-17	Participation in the Seventh Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Lima, Peru
2012/10/19	Visit of Senior Counsel Erin Brady and Senior Counsel Laurie Sargent from the Department of Justice, Canada
2012/11/03-04	International Symposium “The Maturing of Taiwan Democracy: Findings and Insights from the 2012 TEDS Survey,” co-organized with the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica; Program for East Asia Democratic Studies, National Taiwan University; Taiwan’s Election and Democratization Study (TEDS); and the Election Study Center, National Chengchi University
2012/12/10	Seventh Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award ceremony
2012/12/11	Lecture by Dr. Ronald Inglehart, director of the World Values Survey and Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan, USA
2012/12/13-17	Japan Parliamentary Election Observation
2012/12/17	Visit of Hon. José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, European People’s Party Group Coordinator in the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament



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Appendix 2: 2012 Financial Statements

The following financial statements are a translation of the original statements as audited and certified on 31 January 2013 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. 2011	31 Dec. 2012
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	49,636,075	75,827,522
Other Receivables	416,373	435,027
Prepayments	<u>1,888,803</u>	<u>2,000,238</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>51,941,251</u>	<u>78,262,787</u>
Funds	<u>55,000,000</u>	<u>60,000,000</u>
Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>12,743,822</u>	<u>11,414,075</u>
Other Assets		
Office Furnishings	2,541,944	2,541,944
Intangible Assets	<u>802,920</u>	<u>964,358</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>3,344,864</u>	<u>3,506,302</u>
Total Assets	<u>123,029,937</u>	<u>153,183,164</u>
LIABILITIES, FUNDS, AND BALANCE		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	190,359	114,222
Receipts Payable	7,836,554	8,224,902
Receipts Under Custody	487,260	1,346,493
Advance Receipts	<u>38,500,452</u>	<u>62,899,172</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>47,014,625</u>	<u>72,584,789</u>
Funds and Balance		
Establishment Fund	30,000,000	30,000,000
Other Funds	39,611,264	46,117,739
Accumulated Surplus	<u>6,404,048</u>	<u>4,480,636</u>
Total Funds and Balance	<u>76,015,312</u>	<u>80,598,375</u>
Total Liabilities, Funds, and Balance	<u>123,029,937</u>	<u>153,183,164</u>



B. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Balance Statement

	Unit: NTD	
	2011	2012
Revenue		
Donation Revenue	125,444,509	120,985,983
Interest Revenue	605,408	751,372
Other Revenue	<u>150,000</u>	-
Total Revenue	<u>126,199,917</u>	<u>121,737,355</u>
Operating Expenses		
Grant Expenses	64,974,850	63,108,242
Payroll Expenses	15,685,667	15,543,390
Travel Expenses	8,695,208	13,779,146
Conference Expenses	12,873,906	9,374,074
Various Depreciation and Amortization	2,142,102	2,674,784
Professional Service Expenses	2,479,741	2,563,132
Part-time Compensation	2,394,000	2,494,000
Rental Expenses	1,889,026	1,876,370
Postage and Telecommunications	1,736,654	1,761,864
Insurance Expenses	1,748,528	1,526,328
Temporary Staff Compensation	1,940,435	1,292,170
Repairs and Maintenance Expenses	2,577,085	1,248,802
Fees Paid to Contributing Authors	979,764	1,161,337
Printing Expenses	1,600,032	1,057,144
Retirement Funds	1,065,949	982,092
Protocol and Dining Expenses	328,311	519,133
Utilities Expenses	449,471	397,143
Review Expenses	298,540	318,075
Outsourced Programs Expenses	288,000	288,000
Office Supplies	198,408	145,000
Activity Expenses	1,169,504	92,267
Employee Benefits	72,490	77,600
Shipping Expenses	51,124	69,676
Compensation Payable to Trustees and Supervisors	48,000	44,000
Advertising Expenses	4,200	4,200
Gifts	188,100	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>1,845,589</u>	<u>1,261,444</u>
Subtotal	<u>127,724,684</u>	<u>123,659,413</u>
Non-Operating Revenue		
Currency Exchange Gains	<u>1,720</u>	<u>3,787</u>
Non-Operating Expenses		
Currency Exchange Losses	<u>13,647</u>	<u>5,141</u>
Balance	<u>(1,536,694)</u>	<u>(1,923,412)</u>



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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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