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**President Chen Shui-bian's Hopes for the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy**

In November 2000, during a videoconference in the Second Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Sao Paulo, Brazil, President Chen Shui-bian declared to the world the initiative to found the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD).

In September 2002, President Chen hosted the San-chih Conference and announced the first of ten conclusions: "We must work quickly to establish the TFD and continuously advance the development of domestic democracy, as well as cooperate with related organizations in developed countries."

On 17 January 2003, President Chen delivered an inaugural speech at the International Parliamentary Asia-Pacific Security Conference. He indicated that "Taiwan has been a real democratic country since the peaceful exchange of political power in 2000. The democracy in Taiwan proves that traditional Chinese culture and the worldwide values of democracy and human rights are not contradictory, and it serves as a beacon for all the souls in the region who seek democracy. I pronounce that the TFD will be established in the middle of this year. In this way, we can cooperate with international friends and nations and strive for world democratization."

**President Chen's Remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the International Conference "Towards a Global Forum on New Democracies"**

Beginning in the 1970s, dozens of countries, including the six nations participating in today's conference, one by one transformed themselves into democracies, ushering in the so-called "third wave" of democratization. If we compare these new democracies with older, advanced democracies, we find that they share many things in common. However, most advanced democracies evolved through an incremental process, whereas new democracies have progressed by leaps and bounds. For new democracies, the arrival of democracy was like the fall of the Berlin Wall, taking place almost in an instant, amidst the passionate cry of the people.

Although the arrival of democracy in these countries brought down old, authoritarian regimes, it has not completely replaced them with a new order. Instead, all kinds of contradictions that had been covered up by past authoritarian governments have rapidly emerged. As a result, for many countries, democratization often brings with it more confrontations, protests, and conflicts, and people's high expectations for democracy turn into doubt or even disappointment. Such developments not only bring about setbacks for democracy, but also give deposed authoritarian regimes the opportunity to regain power. These are difficulties and challenges all new democracies face.

We, nevertheless, firmly believe that these difficulties and challenges for democracy can only be resolved through the further consolidating and strengthening of democracy. Returning to past practices or backtracking on democracy is by no means an acceptable solution.



History has shown us that the road of democratic development is not a straight one, and that other nations' methods of democratic development cannot be directly transplanted. The developmental processes used by established, advanced democracies can serve as an important reference for us, the new democracies. Each era, however, has its own issues and challenges. All new democracies are still experimenting and learning, and there are no absolute, clear answers to the problems they are facing. As such, the experiences of each new democracy, and particularly the personal experiences and observations of the leaders who guide their nations toward democratization, are the most important assets in consolidating and strengthening democracy.

It is my earnest hope that today's conference, as well as the establishment of the Global Forum on New Democracies, will spur the development of democracies the world over.



*Vision for the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy:  
Establishing a Quality Democracy, Actively Defending  
Human Rights*

**Chairman Wang Jin-pyng**

Time certainly flies, and it has now been over four years since the TFD was established. Over the past four years, I have served as the TFD's chairman, and through the efforts of our staff, we have successfully completed many tasks, which we hope are concrete contributions to Taiwan's democratic deepening and consolidation. Among the most significant examples of international work include establishing bilateral cooperation and partnership with various national democracy assistance foundations and participating in the emerging global and regional democracy mechanisms; organizing the conference "Towards a Global Forum on New Democracies"; establishing the World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) and the Initiative & Referendum Institute-Asia (IRI-Asia); and, on 28 January 2007, awarding the first Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award to Reporters sans frontières (RSF), whose founder and Secretary-General Robert Ménard personally received the Award. Domestically, we are publishing democracy and human rights periodicals, giving grants to domestic organizations for events related to democracy and human rights, attending important international meetings, cultivating future democratic leaders among Taiwan's youth, and organizing election observation missions and conferences.

Upon the solid foundation we have built, I believe that the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy should continue to work towards the following three major goals, which will enhance the TFD's ability to both deepen and consolidate democracy.



• **Pursuing the implementation of a “quality democracy” and correcting the existing disorders caused by wrong ideas**

I have long served in the Legislative Yuan (Parliament) and therefore have had more opportunities than other people to engage in and understand democracy and democratization. Countries in the process of democratization sometimes encounter costs and difficulties due to the transformation or replacement of the old systems. The newfound benefits of a transfer of political power may also bring illegal actions, even corruption, thus falling short of the people’s expectations.

I believe that, as Taiwan is in the process of implementing democracy, two conditions are necessary for realizing a “quality democracy” and for gradually moving towards democratic consolidation and a mature democracy. First, political leaders should directly empathize with the suffering of the people. Second, the people should rationally face the rights and wrongs of politics, eschewing irrational standards for making such judgments.

• **Using Taiwan’s experience as a model of democracy in a Chinese society to create positive conditions for democratization and protection of human rights in China**

China’s rise is certainly having an enormous impact on the world. However, in terms of democratization, Taiwan has advanced more quickly and has achieved great results. Given the similarities in language and culture across the Taiwan Strait, and especially given the complexity of political relations, Taiwan’s experience can help to

stimulate China’s democratization. I believe that Taiwan’s democratic experience is an important landmark for all Chinese people, and that only when China begins to move in the direction of democracy can there be a positive and stable path for the future of cross-strait relations.

• **Deepening Taiwan’s democratization experience and connecting with the international community**

Democratic politics and human rights have become mainstream concerns worldwide; the 21st century is indisputably the century of democracy and human rights. As a part of the international community, Taiwan cannot avoid the responsibility, but rather must participate with active contributions. Therefore, I believe that Taiwan’s next democratic mission should be to establish a “democratic values alliance” with the United States, Japan, and other international friends, under the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights, and peace. In this way, the 23 million people of Taiwan will have the opportunity to exercise their rights and responsibilities as global citizens. This is the most important principle and mandate for the TFD in the future.

The TFD has a difficult mission to accomplish, but it has already made achievements since its establishment over four years ago worthy of praise by our citizens. I expect that countries and peoples the world over who love peace, freedom, and democracy will not only recognize Taiwan’s democratic achievements over the years, but will also stand with us, hand in hand, to help Taiwan overcome its current diplomatic difficulties and more effectively fulfill its responsibilities as a member of the international community. Thus, the TFD will realize its founding vision of working for a brighter future for all mankind!



*Significance of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy*  
**Vice Chairman James Huang**

Since its founding in 2003, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy has made significant contributions to fostering networks between Taiwan and the international community, consolidating Taiwan's democracy, and supporting China's democratization. Thanks to the Chairman's leadership and the staff's hard work, the TFD has not only enlivened the work of democracy promotion, but also served as a window into Taiwan's democracy. Even more important is the demonstration of the Taiwanese people's strong commitment to democracy and freedom, as well as the continued efforts of domestic and foreign NGOs alike, without which the TFD's work would not be possible.

Today, most countries in the world are democratic states, and that number continues to increase, as noted by scholar Peter Berkowitz of Stanford University's Hoover Institution. Since the end of World War II, and especially in the last three decades, the waves of democratization around the globe have been astonishing. In 1950, only 20 out of 80 sovereign states in the world were democracies. In 1974, out of 150 countries, approximately 40 could be characterized as democratic. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, the peaceful dissolution of the Soviet Union, and the triumph of the United States at the end of the Cold War, democracy spread across Eastern Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa. Over the past 30 years, the number of democracies in the world has grown threefold. According to Freedom House, currently there exist 120 democratic countries in the world, which is close to two-thirds of the world's 193 countries.

An even greater number of countries are democracies in name – after all, which country nowadays would not prefer to call itself a democracy? However, there are many

issues regarding the actual practice in many new and nominal democracies, and there are ever more diverse experiences of democracy in today's globalized world, and ever more controversies about democratization. Simply put, those who support democracy must ensure that democracy can withstand both old and new challenges.

All democracies, not only in Asia but around the world, need to work together in order to deepen and consolidate their countries' democracies, as well as to convey a strong message to the remaining anti-democratic regimes, notably China, that our belief in democracy will never be shaken. The TFD promotes cooperation among democracies as well as the democratization of China by sponsoring international forums and conferences like the Global Forum on New Democracies, the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, the Asia Pacific Democracy Resource Center, the World Forum for Democratization in Asia, and the Initiative and Referendum Institute-Asia, as well as the Taiwan Youth for Democracy in Asia network.

In the long run, we hope that we can help the construction of a solid foundation for a global democratic society, and that all people everywhere will eventually be allowed to express their different political opinions. Lastly, I wish the TFD every success in its work, so that the dream of global democracy may soon come true.



*Mission of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy*  
**President Lin Wen-cheng**

Democracy and human rights have become universal values. According to Freedom House, Taiwan is one of the most democratic countries in the world. Taiwan's successful transition to democracy has also been regarded as a political miracle. Thus, as a member of the international community, Taiwan should share its experiences with other countries and fulfill its duty to promote democracy and human rights around the world. At the same time, we know that many aspects of Taiwan's democratic politics still need to be improved, and the people of Taiwan are continually striving to raise the quality of our democracy.

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy was established based on a consensus between the ruling party and the opposition parties. The mission of the TFD is to support the further strengthening of democracy in Taiwan as well as to promote democracy and human rights worldwide. In order to reach these goals, the TFD must have a deep understanding of the theories of democratic development and the practical difficulties we are facing. To do this, we work with both Taiwanese and international scholars, NGOs, and individuals who are willing to devote time and effort to democracy. We hope that all these efforts will be as raindrops that steadily accumulate into a mighty river.

The TFD has done commendable work throughout 2007. We have actively participated in the Community of Democracies, the World Movement for Democracy, and the World Forum for Democratization in Asia, and we have presented the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award for two consecutive years. We also continue to work with domestic and foreign NGOs to promote democracy and human rights around

the world. While the TFD's efforts have been recognized and praised both in Taiwan and abroad, we are humbled by the enormity of our mission. Many people around the world still live under authoritarian regimes and do not enjoy basic human rights. Burma, North Korea, and China are obvious examples near at hand. These authoritarian regimes obstruct or even retaliate against efforts to promote democracy and human rights, thus underscoring the serious challenges that lay ahead.

All my colleagues at the TFD have a deep appreciation of the value of democracy and human rights, and are dedicated to our work in this field. I hope that with enthusiasm, professionalism, and optimism, we will be able to contribute to our common task of building a free and democratic world.



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## 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 analysis compiled from the opinions of those in academia, enterprise, government, and civil society, it proposed a budget, which the Legislative Yuan passed 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 the Supervisory 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 2004: President Chen hosting the dedication of the new TFD office



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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 formulating 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 2004: President Chen hosting the dedication ceremony



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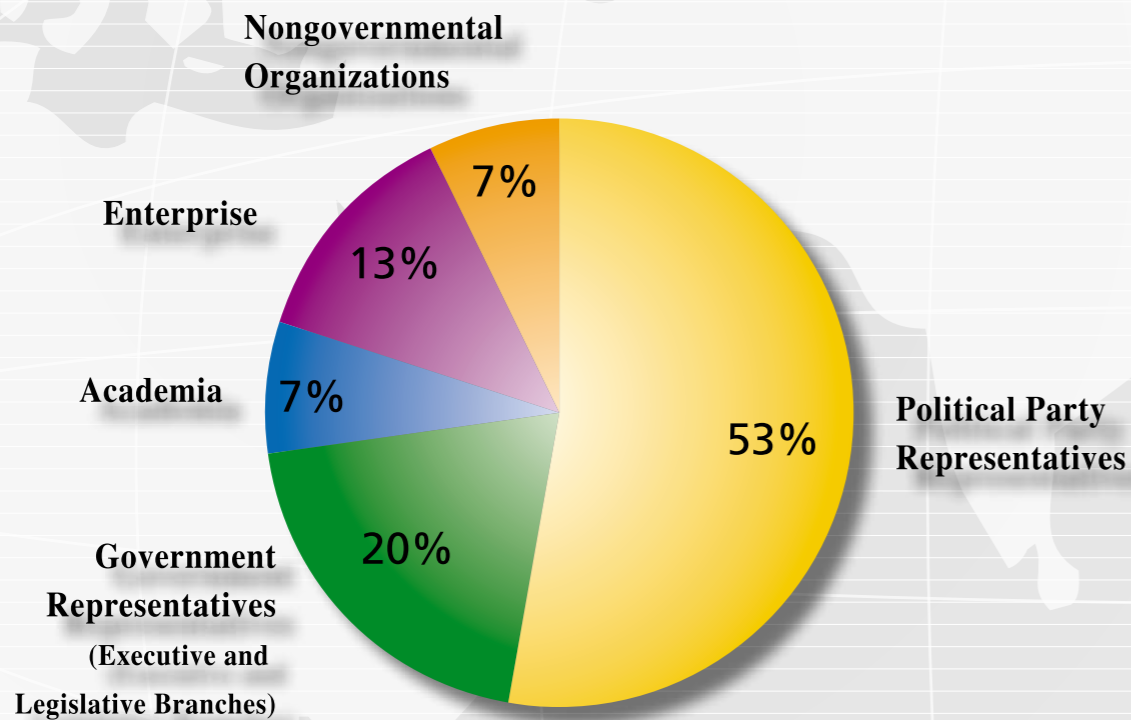


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### Governance

According to the TFD's By-laws, the structure of the TFD is as follows: the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 to 15 members, who serve a term of three years. The Board of Trustees should include representatives from political parties, government, enterprise, academic circles, and nongovernmental organizations. Over half of its membership consists of representatives from those political parties that have at least 5% of the seats in the Legislative Yuan, distributed according to the proportion of their seats. The Supervisory Board is composed of three to five members, with the same term of service as the trustees, one of whom is designated as the managing supervisor. Neither the trustees nor the supervisors receive pay. The current term of service lasts until 17 June 2009.

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



#### ◆ Organizational Chart of the TFD



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◆ Board of Trustees (as of 31 December 2007)

	Title	Name
Trustees	Chairman	Wang, Jin-pyng
	Vice Chairman	Huang, James
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		Cho, Jung-tai
		Chuang, Suo-hang
		Feng, Ting-kuo
		Hsiao, Bi-khim
		Kao, Yu-jen
		Lee, Hung-chun
	Lee, Shang-ren	
	Academia	Tsai, Cheng-wen
	Enterprise	Huang, Theodore M.H.
		Yen, Ching-chang
Nongovernmental Organizations	Yu, Dagmar	

◆ Board of Supervisors

Title	Name
Supervisors	Chan, Tsai-hung
	Chen, Chi-sheng
	Hsiao, Hsin-huang Michael
	Kuo, Yi-tung
	Tsai, Ming-hua

◆ Management

Title	Name
President	Lin, Wen-cheng
Vice Presidents	Yang, Maysing
	Tsai, Chang-yen
	Tung, Li-wen

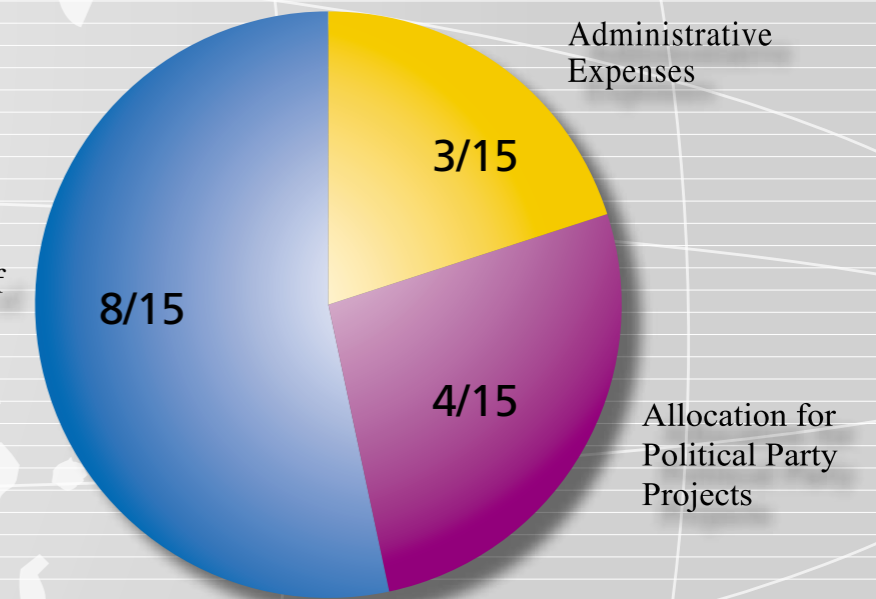
**Budget Principles**

According to its By-laws and by resolution of the Board of Trustees, the TFD reserves one-third of its operating budget for grants to political parties that maintain at least 5% of the seats in the Legislative Yuan, in order to support their democracy and human rights programs.

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.



April 2007: Third joint session of the second-term Boards of Trustees and Supervisors



## Goals and Plans

The TFD's goals and plans are divided into four major program categories.

### (1) International Programs

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

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



January 2007: International Conference "Towards a Global Forum on New Democracies"



August 2007: Seminar in honor of the 100th birthday of Taiwan democracy forerunner Kuo Yu-hsin

### (2) Domestic Programs

To 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.
- 4) Promote other activities to sustain domestic democratic development.

### (3) China Democracy and Human Rights Programs

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

### (4) Political Party Programs

To assist major domestic political parties' projects and activities that promote democracy and human rights, the TFD reserves one-third of its operating budget 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.

## International Programs

### A. International Conference “Towards a Global Forum on New Democracies”

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy organized the international conference “Towards a Global Forum on New Democracies” on 26 January. H.E. Chen Shui-bian, President of Taiwan; H.E. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, former president of the Republic of El Salvador; H.E. Kim Young-sam, former president of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Punsalmaa Ochirbat, former president of Mongolia; H.E. Lech Walesa, former president of Poland; and H.E. Frederik Willem de Klerk, former president of South Africa, participated in the forum. The former heads of state discussed issues faced by new democracies, such as “Transitional Justice,” “Choosing a Constitutional System,” “Division of National and Ethnic Identities,” and “Mass Media and Democratic Development.” At the end of the conference, they they signed a joint declaration, which included the decision to hold the first “Global Forum on New Democracies” in Taipei, Taiwan in 2008.

In order to better understand developments in new democracies, on 25 January the TFD organized an international seminar, “Transitions in New Democracies,” to discuss the challenges of new democracies during transition periods.

### B. Second World Forum for Democratization in Asia Biennial Conference

The Second World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) Biennial Conference was held at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel in Manila from 19-21 September. The conference was organized by the WFDA Steering Committee and hosted by Initiatives for International Dialogue. Over one hundred political and civil society representatives from over twenty Asian countries participated in the Biennial. Through two days of ongoing dialogue, WFDA adopted two documents – the “Framework for Action 2007-2009” and the “Manila Declaration on Democracy and Peace” – in order to express its determination to strive for democracy and peace throughout the region.

The Biennial received significant international attention. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia Anwar Ibrahim gave the keynote speech at the conference, and a number of important figures in the Philippines attended the conference as well – Secretary Jesus Dureza, Presidential Advisor on the Peace Process, delivered welcome remarks at the opening ceremony, and Senator Benigno Aquino, III spoke at the closing ceremony. The conference’s activities included an interfaith prayer for peace and democracy on 21 September, the International Day of Peace, led by Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu religious leaders from a variety of Asian countries.



September 2007: Second WFDA Biennial Conference

In addition, in order to facilitate cooperation between the TFD and other democracy assistance organizations around the world, the TFD invited representatives from eight such organizations to participate in a closed-door meeting after the conclusion of the WFDA Biennial on 21 September, chaired by TFD President Dr. Wen-cheng Lin. Through extensive discussion, all participants in the meeting came to better understand one another’s work, creating a basis for future cooperation.

### C. Second Annual Asia Democracy & Human Rights Award

The TFD created the Asia Democracy & Human Rights Award (ADHRA) in 2006 in order to support democratic development and promote human rights in the Asian region. The Award is conferred on individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to advancing democracy or advocating human rights through peaceful means in the Asian region. The TFD also hopes to build partnerships with the Award recipients for future cooperation.

The Award procedures were approved by the Board of the TFD and announced in April 2006, and thirty-four nominees met the criteria for review in 2007. The recipient of the second annual ADHRA, for the year 2007, is Dr. Cynthia Maung, founder and director of the Mae Tao Clinic, located on the Thai-Burmese border. Dr. Cynthia flew to Taipei to attend the award ceremony on 13 December, in which President Chen Shui-bian conferred the Award sculpture and Chairman Wang Jin-pyng conferred the award of US\$100,000.



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December 2007: President Chen presenting the 2007 ADHRA to Dr. Cynthia Maung

Nominees for the ADHRA must go through a rigorous, two-stage review process. This year's Final Review Board, which includes the Chairman and President of the TFD as permanent members, also included Mr. Robert Ménard, founder and Secretary General of Reporters sans frontières and winner of the inaugural ADHRA; Dr. Alex Boraine, Chairperson of the International Center for Transitional Justice; Dr. Nisuke Ando, current member and former Chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Committee; Mr. Carl Gershman, current President of the National Endowment for Democracy; and Ms. Asma Jahangir, Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and Special Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council on Freedom of Religion or Belief.



December 2007: Dr. Cynthia Maung with members of the TFD management

#### D. Inviting International Guests to Taiwan

(1) Nobel Peace Prize Laureate **Betty Williams** visited Taiwan from 27 February – 4 March to participate in the 60th anniversary of the February 28th Incident. On 2 March, Ms. Williams gave a speech at National Chengchi University on “The Politics of Nonviolence,” sharing her experience in promoting peace in Ireland and around the world.

(2) Archbishop Emeritus **Desmond Mpilo Tutu**, the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and the former Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, accompanied by Mrs. Tutu, Dr. Alex Boraine, chairperson of the International Center for Transitional Justice, and Mrs. Boraine, was invited to visit Taiwan from 18-25 April. During his visit, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy organized the international symposium “Transitional Justice and National Reconciliation,” featuring a keynote speech by Archbishop Tutu. The keynote speech was followed by an expert panel addressing the specific experiences and challenges of South Africa and Taiwan. Besides the international symposium, the TFD also arranged other programs for Archbishop Tutu to understand Taiwan’s politics, religions, academics, history, and economics.



April 2007: Keynote Speech of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

International Programs

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July 2007: Lecture by Dr. Zhelyu Mitev Zhelev, former president of Bulgaria

(3) Dr. **Zhelyu Mitev Zhelev**, former president of the Republic of Bulgaria, was invited by the TFD to Taiwan to launch the Chinese edition of *Fascism*, Dr. Zhelev's seminal work. At the launch event on 25 July, Dr. Zhelev delivered a keynote speech, "Fascism and Communism: Fraternal but not Identical Twins."

(4) Ambassador **John Bolton**, former US Permanent Representative to the United Nations, was invited by the TFD to deliver a speech "US Global Democracy Strategy and Cooperation with Taiwan," on 14 August, sharing his understandings of US global democracy strategy and his experience in foreign policy.

(5) Ambassador **Joergen Oerstroem Moeller**, former Danish Ambassador to Singapore, was invited to deliver a keynote speech in the international seminar, "European Integration as a Possible Template for Asian Integration," on 12 October at National Chengchi University. The European Languages Study Center of National Chengchi University was the co-sponsor for this event.

(6) Hon. **Petr Pithart**, First Vice President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, was invited to deliver a keynote speech in the seminar, "The Czech Constitution since 1993," on 15 October, exchanging the experience of constitutional reform in new democracies.



October 2007: Speech by Hon. Petr Pithart, First Vice President of the Czech Senate

## E. Participation in Democracy Networks and International Conferences

Active participation in democracy networks and relevant conferences on democracy and human rights is an important component of the TFD's efforts to build international bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Participating in international conferences allows the TFD to share its experience in democracy promotion, as well as Taiwan's democratization experience in general. In addition to facilitating Taiwanese representation at these international conferences and workshops, the TFD also tries to facilitate participation from other Asian countries. Major conferences and activities in 2007 included:

- ◆ 22-24 January: Community of Democracies Taipei Roundtable on Democracy in Asia  
The TFD held two Community of Democracies (CD) Nongovernmental Process events in Taipei: the fourth International Steering Committee (ISC) meeting and the Taipei Roundtable on Democracy in Asia. Vice President of Taiwan Annette Lu was invited to speak at the opening ceremony of the roundtable. A total of over thirty representatives from twenty-five countries participated in these events.
- ◆ 31 January-1 February: Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization Presidency Meeting  
Three months after the election of the current Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) Presidency, the TFD participated in the first meeting of the Presidency in Brussels in order to discuss the future work of UNPO.



- ◆ 23-26 March: Project Civil Referendum 2007 Observation Mission  
In accordance with the TFD's objective of promoting direct democracy, the TFD and IRI-Asia sent the Chairman of IRI-Asia to observe Project Civil Referendum's 2007 civil referendum in Hong Kong.
- ◆ 17-18 April: Community of Democracies New Delhi Roundtable on Democracy in Asia  
In light of the theme of the 2007 CD Ministerial meeting, "Poverty, Development, and Democracy," the TFD, the Institute of Social Sciences, the India Habitat Centre, and the Council for a Community of Democracies co-organized the roundtable "Poverty, Development, and Democracy in the Asian Region" in New Delhi in order to discuss these issues. Over fifty representatives from twenty-five countries attended the meeting, and Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Anand Sharma spoke at the opening ceremony.
- ◆ 3-6 May: Fourteenth ASEAN-ISIS Colloquium on Human Rights  
The Fourteenth ASEAN-ISIS Colloquium on Human Rights (AICOHR) was convened in Manila with the theme, "Regional Human Rights Mechanisms and the Establishment of an ASEAN Security Community." The conference was aimed at promoting and guaranteeing human rights at the regional policy level, as well as putting such policy formally into the ASEAN Charter.
- ◆ 14-19 May: 2007 Gwangju International Peace Forum  
The Gwangju Incident occurred from 18-27 May 1980, as the people of South Korea called for democracy in their country but were suppressed by the military with large-scale civilian casualties. In remembrance of the 18 May Gwangju Incident, the May 18 Memorial Foundation held the Gwangju International Peace Forum, which adopted the theme "Democracy Movements in Asia" to encourage regional democracy and human rights cooperation.
- ◆ 23-27 May: CIVICUS 7th World Assembly  
The CIVICUS 7th World Assembly, held in Glasgow, attracted over one thousand participants from civil society organizations around the world. By participating in exhibitions, speeches, and workshops, the TFD expanded its international network and learned about the work of other civil society organizations.
- ◆ 31 May-1 June: New Efforts to Promote Democracy  
New Efforts to Promote Democracy, an international conference held by Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, is part of a series of conferences designed to promote discussion on topics in democracy.
- ◆ 31 May-4 June: Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization Presidency Meeting  
The TFD participated in the second meeting of the UNPO Presidency, held in Pitsunda, Abkhazia.



May 2007: Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization presidency meeting in Abkhazia

- ◆ 16-18 June: Asia Democracy and Youth Power: Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the June Korean Democracy Movement  
The highlight of this conference, held in Seoul by Open Radio for North Korea and Korea University, was the "Dialogue between Democracy Activists in Burma and North Korea," which offered a comparative discussion of the human rights movements in Burma and North Korea.
- ◆ 25 June-2 July: Timor Leste Parliamentary Election Observation Mission  
On 30 June, Timor Leste held its first parliamentary elections since independence. Both the people of Timor Leste and the international community hoped that, through these elections, Timor Leste could end a period of political turmoil and economic stagnation. WFDA, in partnership with other organizations in the region, sent a delegation of seven members to Timor Leste to observe the elections. In addition to visiting President José Ramos-Horta, political party leaders, and election-related government agencies, members of the mission were deployed to three different electoral districts to observe the polling and counting processes in those areas, ultimately issuing a joint statement.
- ◆ 18-19 July: World Movement for Democracy Asian Regional Meeting  
In 2006, the World Movement for Democracy (WMD) initiated the project "Defending Civil Society," for which WMD organized a series of regional conferences in 2007. The TFD participated in the Asian regional conference in Bangkok.
- ◆ 25-26 September: Community of Democracies International Steering Committee Meeting  
The fifth CD Nongovernmental Process ISC Meeting was convened at the headquarters of the Open Society Institute in New York in order to discuss preparations for the CD Ministerial Meeting in Mali.



- ◆ 2 November: IRI-Asia 2007 International Steering Committee Meeting and Launch of the Chinese Version of the *Guidebook to Direct Democracy: In Switzerland and Beyond – 2007 Edition*

The TFD invited the IRI-Asia International Steering Committee (ISC), consisting of members from Bangladesh, Thailand, Korea, Japan, India, and the Philippines, as well as observers from Palau, Timor Leste, and Switzerland, to attend the ISC meeting. ISC members discussed the state of direct democracy in Asia, IRI-Asia's participation in the 2008 World Conference on Direct Democracy, and the future establishment of IRI-Asia. Before the meeting, the TFD hosted a press conference to announce the launch of the Chinese version of the *Guidebook to Direct Democracy: In Switzerland and Beyond – 2007 Edition*. In order to help the Chinese-speaking community understand issues of direct democracy, the TFD was authorized by the Swiss government and IRI-Europe to translate and publish the first Chinese edition of the *Guidebook to Direct Democracy* series.



November 2007: Launch of the Chinese Version of the *Guidebook to Direct Democracy*

- ◆ 14-17 November: Fourth Community of Democracies Ministerial Meeting
- The TFD sent a WFDA delegation to participate in the fourth CD Ministerial Meeting in Bamako, Mali. Through the coordination of the CD Nongovernmental Process ISC, TFD President Dr. Wen-cheng Lin and TFD Senior Advisor and Taiwanese Deputy Foreign Minister Dr. Tzu-pao Yang were invited to attend the meeting. However, under pressure from the People's Republic of China, the government of Mali did not issue visas to either of these two representatives; thus, Director of International Cooperation Bo Tedards was the sole representative from the TFD. In response to these events, the ISC released a statement that was endorsed by all participants in the Nongovernmental Process. In addition, all the Asian representatives, in their capacity as members of WFDA, convened a press conference in order to protest this issue.



- ◆ 30 November-1 December: Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization Presidency Meeting

The TFD participated in the third meeting of the UNPO Presidency, held at UNPO headquarters in The Hague.

- ◆ 17 December: "Can Democracy Survive Globalization? Lessons from Taiwan" International Conference

The Formosa Foundation and George Washington University's Sigur Center for Asian Studies held the international conference, "Can Democracy Survive Globalization? Lessons from Taiwan," in Washington, D.C. on 17 December. Discussion at the conference centered on the challenges that democracy faces in the age of globalization, as well as Taiwan's own experience and difficulties.

## F. 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, the TFD's newest category, 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 2007, the TFD's Fellows were:

### *International Visiting Fellows*

#### **Mr. Anuj Desai (USA) – "An Analysis of American Influences on Taiwan's Free Speech and Press Jurisprudence"**

Mr. Desai, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Law School, studied the influence of American free speech and press jurisprudence on jurisprudence in Taiwan.

#### **Mr. Tatewaki Miura (Japan) – "Taiwan, China, and Japan: Triangular Relations"**

Mr. Miura, formerly employed at the Japan Interchange Association in Taiwan, was co-hosted by National Chengchi University and compiled a detailed chronology of important events in modern Taiwan-China-Japan relations.

#### **Mr. Charles Abbey (Ghana) – "Human Rights and Democracy: A Preliminary Assessment of the Contributions and Challenges of Civil Society Organizations in Taiwan"**

Mr. Charles Abbey, currently the Executive Director of the African Development Programme,



conducted a comparative analysis of the relationship between civil society and government in Ghana and Taiwan.

#### *Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellows*

##### **Ms. Naranzul Bayasgalan (Mongolia) – “The Process of Legislation Making in Taiwan and Mongolia: A Comparative Study”**

Ms. Bayasgalan, Program Director at the Zorig Foundation and the inaugural TFD Democracy and Human Rights Service Fellow, conducted a comparative analysis of legislation making procedures in Mongolia’s State Great Hural and Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan.

#### *Postdoctoral Fellows*

##### **Dr. Benson Wong (Hong Kong) – “Teachers, Social Movements, and Democracy: The Cases of Hong Kong and Taiwan”**

Dr. Wong, who holds a PhD from the Hong Kong Institute of Education, conducted a comparative study of the role of teachers in politics in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

#### *Dissertation Fellows*

##### **Ms. Netina Tan (Singapore/Canada) – “Political Leadership and Party-Building Mechanisms: Explaining Authoritarian Durability and Democratic Change in Taiwan and Singapore”**

Ms. Tan, formerly a Research Officer with the Singapore Ministry of Defence, is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Science from the University of British Columbia. Her thesis is entitled, “Inducements and Constraints: A Mechanism-Based Explanation of Authoritarian Durability in Asia” (including case studies of Singapore, Vietnam, Burma, South Korea, and Taiwan).

##### **Mr. Kharis Templeman (USA) – “Opposition Party Success in Dominant Party Regimes: Taiwan’s Democratic Progressive Party in Comparative Perspective”**

Mr. Templeman is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Science at the University of Michigan. His dissertation topic is “Opposition Success and Failure in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes.”

#### **G. International Grants**

The TFD provides funding to organizations overseas that are active in promoting democracy and human rights. Recipients of the TFD’s international grants include civil society organizations, think tanks, and academic institutions. The following were the international grants made by the TFD in 2007, organized by type of activity supported.



#### 1. Conferences

- “Towards Strengthening Cross-Border NGO Partnership to Combat Trafficking in Women & Children in South Asia,” Manav Seva Sansthan (India)
- “Taiwan’s Democratic Culture: A Symposium on Taiwan’s Political and Social Development,” Austin College (USA)
- “Conference of the Asia-Pacific Indigenous Youth Network Cum Youth Leadership Training on Democratic Governance,” Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network (Philippines)
- “228 60th Anniversary Activities,” Association of Taiwanese Organizations in Toronto (Canada)
- “14th ASEAN-ISIS Colloquium on Human Rights,” Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (Philippines)
- “Fiesta Feminista,” Women’s Development Collective (Malaysia)
- “Asia Democracy and Youth Power: Commemorating the June Korea Democracy Movement,” Korea University (South Korea)
- “International Conference on Taiwan, China, and Democratization in East Asia,” Missouri State University (USA)
- “Taiwan Forum ‘Democracy and Security’ Seminar Series,” George Washington University (USA)
- “Young Leaders Program in Taiwan,” Pacific Forum CSIS (USA)
- “Homeland Democratization and Transnational Political Participation of the Overseas Taiwanese and Chinese in the US,” University of California at Santa Barbara (USA)
- “Freedom Forum,” International Young Democrat Union (UK)
- “2007 Meeting: Re-constituting East Asia,” East Asian Council of the Canadian Asian Studies Association (Canada)
- “The 6th GADP Global Conference,” Global Alliance for Democracy and Peace (USA)
- “Taiwanese Democracy: Regional Implications and Comparative Perspectives,” University of British Columbia (Canada)
- “Joint Conference of the Taiwanese Associations in South America for Promoting Taiwanese Democracy,” Taiwanese Association in Brazil (Brazil)
- “Can Democracy Survive Globalization? Lessons from Taiwan,” Formosa Foundation (USA)

#### 2. Research and Publication Projects

- “Democratization in Taiwan and Vietnam: A Comparative Study,” Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (Vietnam)



- “Divided Memories and Reconciliation: A Comparative Study of the Formation of Historical Perception in Northeast Asia,” Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University (USA)
- “The Dilemma of One China,” American Association of Chinese Studies (USA)
- “China’s and Taiwan’s Foreign Diplomacy: Comparing Relations in Africa and the Implications for Africa’s Nascent Democratic Renaissance,” University of St. Andrews (UK)
- “Research on Causes of Low Voter Registration in Balochistan,” Center for Peace and Development (Pakistan)
- “Nationalism vs. International Politics: Taiwan’s Foreign Relations since the 1970s,” Georgetown University Department of History (USA)
- “Membership for Taiwan in the United Nations: Achieving Justice and Universality,” New Century Institute (USA)
- “Human Rights Publications,” Speaker International (India)
- “Democratization and Economic Growth: The Significance of Taiwan’s Experience,” Center for Pacific Asia Studies, Stockholm University (Sweden)

### 3. Other Projects

- “Internships with People in Need for Burmese and Taiwanese Interns,” People in Need (Czech Republic)
- “Regional and International Advocacy: South Asian Litigation Project and Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,” International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (Malaysia)
- “Alternative Media and Education for Burmese Refugees and Thai Grassroots,” Friends Without Borders (Thailand)
- “Democratic Legislative Research Center,” Zorig Foundation (Mongolia)
- “Women’s Votes, Women Rights,” Blue Veins (Pakistan)
- “Hotline Asia – A Service for Justice and Peace,” Asia Center for the Progress of Peoples (ACPP) (Hong Kong)
- “Empowerment for a Community Rights-based Approach,” Children Development Program (Liberia)
- “Consolidating and Expanding the Middle Forces in the Philippines: Sustaining Social Mobilization and Advocacy for Democratic Renewal and Consolidation,” National Institute for Policy Studies (Philippines)
- “Human Rights Education and Consciousness Raising Program for Group Leaders



- and Volunteers,” Development of Health & Agriculture Rehabilitation Advancement (Bangladesh)
- “Democracy Watch,” Kodaio Productions (Philippines)
- “Awareness Raising on Democracy and Human Rights through Folk Song,” Protishruti-Jessore (Bangladesh)
- “Protection to the Victims of Violence against Women,” Sahabat Perempuan (Indonesia)
- “Democracy and Human Rights Education for Grassroots Rural Journalists in Zamfara State,” Connecting Gender for Development (Nigeria)
- “Women Political Empowerment for Peace,” The Aurat Association (Pakistan)
- “Human Rights Education and Protective Action for the Liberation of Tribals in Kodaikanal Taluk,” Action for Community Transformation India Foundation (India)
- “Human Rights Education for Kayan People,” Kayan New Generation Youth (Thailand)
- “Dedication of the Victims of Communism Memorial,” The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (USA)
- “Economic Literacy Training and Security Literacy Training,” Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (Thailand)
- “Cuban Workers’ Democratic Education Initiative,” Cuban Democratic Directorate (USA)
- “Youth Radio Program,” Open Radio for North Korea (South Korea)
- “Radio 1812 / 2007 Edition,” December 18 (Belgium)
- “Human Rights Education and Advocacy,” ANEKAL Rehabilitation Education and Development (READ) Center (India)

### ◆ International Grants, 2007 (New Taiwan Dollars)

Category	Number	Amount	Cases Retained	Amount Retained	Total
Conferences	14	3,545,522	2	1,195,000	4,740,522
Research and Publications	9	2,333,136	7	1,603,082	3,936,218
Fellowships	7	1,933,811	1	140,000	2,073,811
Other	33	9,382,128	1	120,000	9,502,128
Total	63	17,194,597	11	3,058,082	20,252,679

Note: Includes some projects described under China Democracy and Human Rights Programs



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January 2007: Visit of Parliamentary Delegation from Canada



February 2007: Visit of Mehmet Ülkümen, Chief of Protocol of the UN in Geneva



February 2007: Visit of Hon. Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake, First Deputy Speaker of Congress of Honduras



April 2007: Visit of Hon. Jaime Salinas, chairman of the National Justice Party of Peru

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April 2007: Visit of Parliamentary Delegation from Indonesia



August 2007: Visit by Robert Arsenault, Jr., president of the International League of Human Rights, and Jacqueline Shapiro, Co-chair of the NGO Committee for UNICEF



May 2007: Visit of former US Ambassador to the UN Commission on Human Rights Richard Williamson



September 2007: Visit by Freedom House Senior Researchers Karin Karlekar and Aili Piano

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## Domestic Programs

### A. Activities executed or contracted by the TFD

- 28 February: In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the February 28th Incident and to promote ethnic reconciliation and the democratic concept of majority rule together with respect for minorities, the TFD held an academic symposium on “Ethnic Relations and Taiwan’s Democratic Politics.”



February 2007: Symposium “Ethnic Relations and Taiwan’s Democratic Politics”

- 25 March: The Taiwan Youth for Democracy in Asia (TYDA), a TFD youth project, held its General Assembly meeting and elected a Steering Committee to promote TYDA activities and strengthen communication amongst members.
- 25 March - 30 June: TYDA member Tsung-li Yang interned for People in Need, a Czech humanitarian and development organization. Along with four other interns from Burma, Yang carried out projects on “Transition Experience and Democracy Promotion in Current Authoritarian Countries” and “NGOs and Their Role in Democratic Society.”
- 17 June: TYDA, Taiwan Labor Front, and Taiwan Friends of Tibet established the “Taiwan Aung San Suu Kyi Network” in order to continue and strengthen the participation of Taiwanese NGOs in international movements supporting democracy in Burma. The network organized the “Free Bird: Support Aung San Suu Kyi” concert, using music to support democracy in Burma and calling on the Burmese military junta to immediately release Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners.

- 24 June - 18 August: As part of the National Science Council’s (NSC) “2007 Taiwan Tech Trek” project, the TFD arranged internships in Taiwan for five overseas Taiwanese youths to help them learn about the country’s democratization and human rights developments. After briefings and lectures organized by the NSC and the TFD, each intern was assigned to a six-week internship in an NGO working on human rights, women’s rights, democracy development, constitutional reform, or international affairs.



July 2007: Briefing for participants in the “2007 Taiwan Tech Trek”

- 15 July: On the 20th anniversary of the lifting of martial law in Taiwan, the TFD held a symposium to discuss the factors and decision-making processes that led to the end of martial law, as well as the problems and challenges of democratization over the past twenty years.



July 2007: Symposium on the 20th anniversary of the lifting of martial law



- 17 August: In anticipation of the 100th birthday of Taiwan democracy forerunner Kuo Yu-hsin (1908-1985), the TFD invited many of Taiwan's senior democracy activists to a discussion on the historical significance of Kuo's contribution to democracy and human rights movements in Taiwan, in order to facilitate the public's understanding of Taiwan's democratic development and promote diverse views on the contemporary challenges and prospects of Taiwan's democracy.
- 19-21 September: TYDA attended the Second Biennial Conference of the World Forum for Democracy in Asia (WFDA) in Manila. As part of TYDA's ongoing efforts to forge cooperative relationships with other Asian youth organizations involved in democracy promotion, TYDA also pushed for the formation of a Youth Caucus under the WFDA.
- 8 October: The TFD invited scholars and NGO representatives to a seminar on the human rights situation in Burma in light of the country's September 2007 military crackdown. Moderated by TFD Supervisor Michael Hsin-huang Hsiao, the event underscored the TFD's concern for democracy and human rights in Asia.



October 2007: Seminar on the human rights situation in Burma

- November - December: In order to raise awareness of Burma and recruit new members for TYDA, the TFD showed a series of films on Burma in universities across Taiwan, including National Taiwan Normal University, National Taiwan University, National Chiao Tung University, Tunghai University, National Chi Nan University, and Kaohsiung Medical University.



December 2007: Seminar "New Election System, New Legislature"



B. Domestic Grants

1. Conferences

- Taiwanese Society of International Law, for "National Human Rights Institutions and Constitutional Reform."
- Department of Political Science, Tunghai University, for "Local Governance and Democratic Development: The Taiwan Experience."
- Asia-Pacific Elite Interchange Association, for "Deliberative Democracy: Draft Constitution for the Second Republic of China."
- Preparatory Office of the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, for "Measuring Irrationality: Facing the Challenge of Global Politics."
- Social Sciences College, National Chengchi University, for "Economic Development and Democratic Transitions in Taiwan and East Asia."
- Taiwan Think Tank, for "Challenges and Prospects of New Democratic Systems."
- Chinese Association of Political Science, for its 2007 annual meeting and joint academic symposium on "Systems, Governance, and Order."
- Taiwan Environmental Protection Union, for the "2007 Taiwan-Japan Civic Forum."
- Association of Taiwan Journalists, for its participation in the annual meeting of the International Federation of Journalists, held in Moscow.
- Taiwan Think Tank, for "Referenda and Comparative Experiences."



June 2007: "2007 Taiwan-Japan Civic Forum"



- Taiwan Law Society, for “Constitutional Change and Reform.”
  - College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University, for the annual meeting of the Taiwanese Political Science Association and the academic conference on “Taiwan’s Democracy in Practice: Responsibility, Systems, and Behaviors.”
  - Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, National Sun Yat-sen University, for “Cultural Memory and Societal Innovation: Asia’s Dialogue with the World.”
  - Election Study Center, National Chengchi University, for “Mixed Electoral Systems in East Asia.”
  - Ketagalan Foundation, for “Implementation and Prospects of Political Party Transitions.”
  - Taiwan Gender Equity Education Association, for “Realizing Women’s Civic Education: A Dialogue between Taiwan and Sweden.”
  - Awakening Foundation, for “Border Controls and Empowering New Immigrant Women.”
  - Taipei Women’s Rescue Foundation, for its participation in the “Anti-Trafficking Conference” organized by Liberal International and held in the United States.
  - Citizen Congress Watch, for “A New Legislature: Monitoring and Reforming the Legislature.”
2. Research Projects
- Preparatory Office of the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, for “The Logic of Civil Society in New Democracies: The Taiwan Case.”
  - Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica, for “The Development of Taiwanese Ethnic Thought, Part II: A Compilation and Analysis of the Literature on Confucian Movements and Social Movements during the Japanese Era.”



September 2007: “Border Controls and Empowering New Immigrant Women” conference



- Graduate Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan Normal University, for “Economic Rights During the Jiang Zemin Era: An Analysis of the State Economy.”
  - Chinese Association for Human Rights, for the “2007 Study of Cultural and Educational Rights Indicators in Taiwan.”
  - Foundation of Taiwan Organizations for Philanthropic Education, for “Love for Taiwan: The Contributions of Foreigners to Taiwan’s Culture and Education.”
3. Publication Projects
- Chen Wen-chen Memorial Foundation, for the Japanese version of *The Road to Freedom: Taiwan’s Postwar Human Rights Movement*.
  - Academia Historica, for the *Taiwan’s Democratic Development* book series.
  - NGOs Association for International Affairs, for the *Compilation of Documents from the 62nd Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights*.
4. Other Projects
- Radio Taiwan International, for the “Voice of Taiwan” program series and “China and Democracy” program series.
  - National Taiwan University Hospital, for the “Taiwan-Vietnam Medical Exchange and Cooperation” program.
  - Friends of Hong Kong and Macau Association, for “The Third Workshop on Taiwan’s Elections.”
  - End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism, for the documentary on trafficked girls in Taiwan and a film festival on transnational human trafficking.



2007: “Taiwan-Vietnam Medical Exchange and Cooperation”

- Peacetime Foundation of Taiwan, for “Civic Forum: Plans for Advancing Democracy.”
- Foundation of Women Rights Promotion and Development, for its participation in the 51st Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and a meeting of civic women’s groups.
- Taiwan Women’s Film Association, for the “14th Annual Women’s Film Festival.”
- Taiwan Secondary Education Association, for the “2007 Cross-Strait High School Debate Tournament.”
- Association of Taiwan Indigenous Peoples College, for their participation in the 6th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- Foundation for Excellent Journalism Award, for its awards ceremony for the 6th Annual Excellent Journalism Award and the 2nd Annual Social Justice Instrument Award.
- Kinmen Culture Development and Promotion Association, for the exhibit “Human Rights During the Martial Law Era: 15 years after the lifting of martial law in Kinmen.”
- Institute for National Policy Research, for its “2nd Training Camp in Diplomatic Affairs for Youth Leaders.”
- International Association for Volunteer Effort in Taiwan, for organizing the 11th IAVE Asia-Pacific Regional Volunteer Conference.
- Taiwan Advanced Telecommunications Technology and Management Association, for the “Cross-Strait Youth Forum.”
- International Association for Volunteer Effort in Taiwan, for its participation in the 19th IAVE World Volunteer Conference.
- Children Rights Association of Taiwan, for the “2007 Cross-Strait Children’s Forum.”
- Taipei Association for the Promotion of Women’s Rights, for the “2007 Taipei V-Day” project.
- Gender/Sexuality Rights Association Taiwan, for exchange activities on “Let Taiwan Be Seen: Gay Rights and Chinese People.”



November 2007: Visit of members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Legislative Yuan

## China Democracy and Human Rights Programs

### A. Activities executed or outsourced by the TFD

- January - December: Building upon the TFD’s previous work in promoting democracy and human rights in China, the *China Human Rights Report 2007* project invited Taiwan scholars to assess the human rights situation in China and to publish their findings in monthly and quarterly reports. The project also created a China Human Rights Database ([www.chrod.org.tw](http://www.chrod.org.tw)) for public research use.
- 28 March - 2 April: Participated in the first “Forum for a Democratic China: The Prospects for Chinese Democracy” in Melbourne, Australia. TFD Vice President Li-wen Tung and Research Fellow Wen-ying Hsu were invited by Forum co-chairs, Australian Federal MP Michael Danby and former Victoria State MP Victor Perton. They met with Australian MPs and other political figures and discussed strategies to promote democratization in China.
- 14 - 16 May: Co-organized the “2007 Brussels Conference on Global Support for Democratization in China and Asia” with the Forum for a Democratic China and Asia (FDCA), an organization headquartered in Germany. The conference featured an opening speech by former German Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defense, Dr. Klaus Rose, and the participation of over 200 delegates from 20 countries. TFD Trustee Cheng-wen Tsai, Vice President Li-wen Tung, and Research Fellow Wen-ying Hsu, along with other representatives from Taiwan, attended the conference and delivered keynote speeches,

### ◆ Domestic Grants, 2007 (New Taiwan Dollars)

Category	Number	Amount	Cases Retained	Amount Retained	Total
Conferences	54	7,881,631	4	482,400	8,364,031
Research	6	1,499,495	1	500,000	1,999,495
Publications	4	809,240	0	0	809,240
Other	47	10,274,744	7	1,234,490	11,509,234
Total	111	20,465,110	12	2,216,890	22,682,000

Note: Includes some projects described under China Democracy and Human Rights Programs



moderated discussions and presented papers. Together with members of the European Parliament, scholars, politicians, and human rights advocates from around the world, they discussed strategies for promoting democratization in China and Asia.

The conference passed four resolutions: a) calling for the European Union's human rights dialogue with China to be transparent, engage nongovernmental organizations, and involve the media; b) urging China to release Wang Bingzhang; c) demanding that information and technology corporations stop assisting China's censorship of the internet and issue an apology to the people of China; and d) expressing respect to the Dalai Lama for his efforts in advocating democracy and human rights for Tibet. The proceedings of this conference were published in a book and compact disc.

- 3 - 6 June: Attended the First Congress of the China Democracy Party United Headquarters - Overseas Division, held in Providence, Rhode Island, USA. TFD Vice President Maysing Yang delivered a keynote speech at the event.
- 9 and 12 December: Released the *China Human Rights Report 2007* and hosted a discussion panel of scholars and experts, including Klaus Walter and Renate Müller-Wollermann of Amnesty International, and Reporters sans frontières founder Robert Ménard. The panel commented on the *Report's* assessment of China's political rights, judicial rights, social rights, economic rights, and educational and cultural rights.

December 2007: Release of the *China Human Rights Report 2007*December 2007: Release of the *China Human Rights Report 2007*

#### B. Grants

- Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy (Hong Kong), for the project "Investigating and Revealing to the International Community China's Violations of Human Rights."
- Beijing Spring (USA), to maintain the publication of *Beijing Spring* magazine.
- Federation for a Democratic China - Australian Branch, for the launch ceremony of the Forum for a Democratic China.
- Asia Democracy Foundation (USA), for the project "Information Flows Assist Democratization of China."
- Foundation for China in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (USA), for the publication of *Historical Truth and Collective Memory: Collection of Essays to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Cultural Revolution*.
- Sino-Tibet Study Center (USA), for the Third International Symposium for Sino-Tibet Dialogue.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Culture and Communications Association (Australia), for the publication of *Collection of June 4<sup>th</sup> Poetry* and related international publicity.



- Foundation for China in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (USA), for the project “Voice of China: Radio Broadcasts to China.”
- Students for a Free Tibet (USA), for the project “Olympics Activist Training.”
- Department of Political Studies, Queens University (Canada), for the research project “Electoral Breakthroughs in China: The Case of Honghe.”
- China Information Center (Hong Kong), for the project “Observe China: A website for collecting and disseminating news, original essays and important information.”
- Sound of Hope Radio Network Inc. (USA), for the project “China Issues Tracking Down.”
- China Tianwang Human Rights Service (China), for the project “Protecting the Human Rights of China’s Citizens in order to Promote Democracy in China.”
- Foundation Voice of Tibet (Norway), for the project “Silenced - China’s Great Wall of Censorship.”
- Human Rights Without Frontiers (Belgium), for the project “Human Rights In China: No Olympic Medal.”
- Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center (Taiwan), for the project “Broadcasting the Voice of Tibet through Radio Taiwan International for the Year 2007.”

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June 2007: Visit of delegation of Chinese scholars



July 2007: Visit of the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the US

- Taipei Cross-Strait Economic and Cultural Exchange Association (Taiwan), for the symposium on “Local Governance and the Selection of Political Elites for the 17th Congress of the Communist Party of China.”
- Hsin-San-Tsai Culture Association (Taiwan), for the symposium on “Examining the 10th Anniversary of Hong Kong’s Return to China.”

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December 2007: “Human Rights In China: No Olympic Medal”



### Political Party Programs

The TFD assisted Taiwan's four major political parties in programs and activities related to human rights and democracy. In 2007, highlights included:

Democratic Progressive Party (DPP): organized the "Seminar Series on the Reality and Prospects of Taiwan's Democratization," hosted the Liberal International Conference on Human Rights, and hosted the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats General Assembly meeting and chairman turnover ceremony.

Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT): sent a delegation to the International Democrat Union meeting in Croatia and organized a "Cross-strait Relations and Democratic Development Training Camp for Young Elites."

People First Party (PFP): carried out the "Human Rights Indicators Research Project" and the "Think Tank for Raising Political Participation and Political Efficacy Project."

Taiwan Solidarity Union (TSU): organized a delegation to visit the United States.

#### Allocation of Grants to Political Parties, 2007 (New Taiwan Dollars)

Political Party	2007 Quota	2007 Quota Proportion	2007 Actual Grants Total	Cases	Amount Retained into 2007	Cases Retained	Total Amount Approved	Total Cases
KMT	17,308,000	43.27%	9,545,482	22	7,487,800	12	17,033,282	34
DPP	16,344,000	40.86%	7,248,211	26	9,095,789	11	16,344,000	37
PFP	4,040,000	10.10%	1,134,100	2	2,905,900	3	4,040,000	5
TSU	2,308,000	5.77%	1,075,613	1	1,199,432	1	2,275,045	2
Total	40,000,000	100%	19,003,406	51	20,688,921	27	39,692,327	78



### Publications

The TFD's original flagship publication is the *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly*, which is a leading Chinese-language academic journal of issues related to democracy and human rights, especially in Taiwan. In 2007, the following issues were published:

- 22 March: Volume 4, No. 1
- 23 June: Volume 4, No. 2
- 25 September: Volume 4, No. 3
- 25 December: Volume 4, No. 4



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Publications



In 2005, the TFD launched a second academic journal, the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, published in English and edited by an international editorial board, covering global issues of democracy and human rights. In 2007, the following issues were published:

- 28 July: Volume 3, No. 1
- 31 December: Volume 3, No. 2



In addition, the TFD publishes various other books and reports. In 2007, these included:

- 15 May: *Human Rights Practices in Taiwan and China: A Compilation of the U.S. Department of State Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2006, News Reports, and Analyses* (English and Chinese) Volume 3, No. 2
- 15 October: *Guidebook to Direct Democracy-2007 Edition* (Chinese)
- 25 December: *China Human Rights Report 2007* (English and Chinese)

Full texts of all of these publications are available on the TFD's website, [www.tfd.org.tw](http://www.tfd.org.tw).



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### Information Department

The Information Department's main functions include the following:

1. Research and develop applied information technology (IT) to support the TFD's programs, research, and activities.
2. Support the TFD's distribution of electronic information through the websites of various TFD programs.
3. Plan, install, and maintain the TFD's internet system and infrastructure.
4. Strengthen and maintain IT security systems.
5. Stay updated on the latest IT trends to provide a state-of-the-art IT environment.
6. Organize IT training workshops for all TFD departments.
7. Maintain a standardized and high-efficiency IT control room.
8. Maintain a digital-content management system and an electronic newsletter system to promote the visibility of the TFD.



Asia Pacific Democracy Resource Center website  
<http://www.apdrc.org.tw/>



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



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



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



China Human Rights Database  
<http://www.chrod.org.tw/>



## Financial Report

From 1 January to 31 December 2007

### A. Assets and Liabilities, Funds, and Balance

#### 1) Assets

At the end of 2007, total assets were 115,038,131 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Current assets: 57,313,305 NTD (53,664,840 NTD in cash and bank deposits, 690,696 NTD in loans and 2,957,769 NTD in advancements)
- (b) Funds: 40,000,000 NTD
- (c) Fixed assets: 14,704,958 NTD
- (d) Other assets 3,019,868 NTD

#### 2) Liabilities

At the end of 2007, total liabilities were 54,195,195 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Notes payable: 23,330,626 NTD
- (b) Accrued expenses: 87,618 NTD
- (c) Receipts payable: 3,136,804 NTD
- (d) Receipts under custody: 38,094 NTD
- (e) Advance receipts: 27,600,053 NTD
- (f) Temporary receipts: 2,000 NTD

#### 3) Funds and Balance

At the end of 2007, the total balance was 60,842,936 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Establishment fund: 30,000,000 NTD
- (b) Other funds: 14,511,264 NTD
- (c) Accumulated surplus: 16,331,672 NTD

### B. Revenue and Expenses

#### 1) Revenue

At the end of 2007, total revenue was 131,941,340 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Donation revenue: 131,116,893 NTD
- (b) Interest revenue: 824,447 NTD

#### 2) Expenses

At the end of 2007, total expenses were 134,175,323 NTD, comprised of:

- (a) Grant expenses: 66,646,709 NTD, of which 23,843,987 NTD was for political party grants, and 42,802,722 NTD was for all other grants.
- (b) Outsourced programs: 3,377,573 NTD
- (c) Programs: 38,269,977 NTD
- (d) *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly*: 2,750,128 NTD
- (e) Information technology expenses: 2,760,499 NTD
- (f) Administrative expenses: 20,370,437 NTD

### C. Balance

At the end of 2007, the total revenue of 131,941,340 NTD minus the total expenses of 134,175,323 NTD equaled -2,233,983 NTD. Combined with the 18,565,655 NTD surplus from the previous year, the accumulated surplus was 16,331,672 NTD.



## Conclusion

Since its founding in 2003, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy has maintained the principle of establishing partnerships with domestic and international NGOs to engage in exchange and cooperation. In 2007, the TFD vastly improved its democracy and human rights promotion through cooperation with other relevant organizations. Internationally, the TFD and its regional partners jointly organized the Second World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) Biennial Conference in Manila, which adopted the Manila Declaration on Democracy and Peace, as well as the WFDA 2007-2009 Framework for Action. Furthermore, the TFD, together with the Institute of Social Sciences, the India Habitat Centre, and the Council for a Community of Democracies, organized the roundtable "Poverty, Development, and Democracy in the Asian Region" in New Delhi, playing an active role in developing international democracy networks. Domestically, the TFD supported the democracy and human rights work of organizations such as the Taiwan Society of International Law, Taiwan Think Tank, Taiwan Gender Equity Education Association, the Awakening Foundation, and Citizens Congress Watch, and it commissioned research on related topics from institutions such as Academia Sinica and National Taiwan Normal University.

As a result of globalization, which is causing country-to-country exchange and the flow 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 China. Only a democratic Taiwan and democratic China can 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.



**Appendix I: Chronology**

Y/M/D	
2007/01/10	Visit of Hon. Sairaan Kader, Member of Parliament of Mongolia
2007/01/16	Visit of Parliamentary Delegation from Canada
2007/01/26	International Conference "Towards a Global Forum on New Democracies"
2007/02/01	Visit of Delegation led by Hon. Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake, First Deputy Speaker of Congress of Honduras
2007/02/06	Visit of Mehmet Ülkümen, Chief of Protocol of the UN in Geneva
2007/02/07	Visit of 40 <sup>th</sup> Class of Trainee Diplomats
2007/02/27-03/04	Visit and Lecture by Nobel Peace Laureate Betty Williams
2007/02/28	Symposium "Ethnic Relations and Taiwan's Democratic Politics"
2007/04/04	Visit of Hon. Jaime Salinas, chairman of the National Justice Party of Peru
2007/04/17	Visit of Parliamentary Delegation from of Indonesia
2007/04/17-18	Community of Democracies Roundtable "Poverty, Development, and Democracy in the Asian Region" held in New Delhi
2007/04/18-25	Visit and Lecture by Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu
2007/05/14-16	"2007 Brussels Conference on Global Support for Democratization in China and Asia"
2007/05/18	Visit of Amb. Richard Williamson, former US Ambassador to the UN Commission on Human Rights
2007/05/22	Visit of multi-party delegation from Australia
2007/06/24-08/18	Participation in the "2007 Taiwan Tech Trek" organized by the National Science Council
2007/07/04	Visit of delegation from permanent missions of allied countries to the United Nations
2007/07/25	Book launch and lecture by Dr. Zhelyu Mitev Zhelev, former president of the Republic of Bulgaria
2007/08/14	Speech by Amb. John Bolton, former US Permanent Representative to the United Nations
2007/08/16	Visit by Robert Arsenaunt, Jr., president of the International League of Human Rights and Jacqueline Shapiro, Co-chair of the NGO Committee for UNICEF
2007/08/17	Seminar in honor of the 100th birthday of Taiwan democracy forerunner Kuo Yu-hsin
2007/09/11	Visit by Freedom House Senior Researchers Karin Karlekar and Aili Piano
2007/09/19-21	Second WFDA Biennial Conference (Manila, Philippines)
2007/10/08	Seminar on the "Saffron Revolution"
2007/10/12	Speech by Amb. Joergen Oerstroem Moeller, former Danish Ambassador to Singapore
2007/10/15	Speech by Hon. Petr Pithart, First Vice President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
2007/11/02	IRI-Asia 2007 International Steering Committee Meeting and Launch of the Chinese Version of the <i>Guidebook to Direct Democracy: In Switzerland and Beyond – 2007 Edition</i>
2007/12/05	Visit of Parliamentary Delegation from Portugal
2007/12/09, 12	Release of the <i>China Human Rights Report 2007</i> and panel discussion
2007/12/13	Award ceremony for the 2007 Asia Democracy & Human Rights Award

**Appendix 2: Financial Statements**

The following financial statements are a translation of the original statements as audited and certified on 27 February 2008 by Solomon & Co., CPAs (No. 70, Ning Po W. St. Taipei, Taiwan, [www.slmcpas.com.tw](http://www.slmcpas.com.tw)).

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Statement of Financial Position  
1 January to 31 December, 2006 and 2007

	Unit: NTD	
	2006	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	58,123,976	53,664,840
Notes Receivable	35,500	-
Other Receivables	328,552	690,696
Prepayments	1,607,241	2,957,769
Total Current Assets	60,095,269	57,313,305
Funds	35,000,000	40,000,000
Property, Plant, and Equipment	15,748,182	14,704,958
Other Assets		
Depletable Assets	1,038,130	722,924
Office Furnishings	2,296,944	2,296,944
Total Other Assets	3,335,074	3,019,868
Total Assets	114,178,525	115,038,131
<b>LIABILITIES, FUNDS, AND BALANCE</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Notes Payable	35,024,747	23,330,626
Accrued Expenses	163,054	87,618
Receipts Payable	4,060,833	3,136,804
Receipts under Custody	27,559	38,094
Advance receipts	18,525,413	27,600,053
Temporary Receipts	-	2,000
Total Liabilities	57,801,606	54,195,195
Funds and Balance		
Establishment Fund	30,000,000	30,000,000
Other Funds	7,811,264	14,511,264
Accumulated Surplus	18,565,655	16,331,672
Total Funds and Balance	56,376,919	60,842,936
Total Liabilities, Funds, and Balance	114,178,525	115,038,131



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## Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Balance Statement

### 1 January to 31 December, 2006 and 2007

	2006	2007
Unit: NTD		
<b>Sales Revenue</b>		
Donation Revenue	130,740,537	131,116,893
Interest Revenue	609,554	824,447
Total Revenue	131,350,091	131,941,340
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Grant Expenses	87,266,772	66,646,709
Conference Expenses	2,585,526	14,160,932
Payroll Expenses	11,111,669	12,862,392
Travel Expenses	5,820,743	8,488,186
Advertising Expenses	427,000	5,438,500
Activity Expenses	2,425,191	5,133,410
Outsourced Programs	-	3,377,573
Depreciation Expenses	6,087,659	2,718,432
Professional Service Expenses	1,718,367	2,124,720
Printing Expenses	3,249,752	1,881,352
Fees Paid to Contributing Authors	1,350,165	1,846,451
Postage and Telecommunications	2,222,712	1,702,460
Repairs and Maintenance Expenses	1,348,249	1,277,943
Insurance Expenses	1,027,751	966,270
Office Supplies	553,835	798,221
Miscellaneous Expenses	469,257	785,740
Retirement Funds	513,189	525,282
Protocol and Dining Expenses	458,609	510,726
Review Expenses	451,000	489,000
Rental Expenses	1,687,452	429,000
Employee Benefits	143,131	352,402
Banking Fees	167,042	338,529
Various Amortization	424,125	315,206
Utilities Expenses	266,067	281,073
Gifts	2,904,013	214,650
Shipping Expenses	180,378	214,076
Cleaning Expenses	237,498	209,144
Compensation Payable to Trustees and Supervisors	75,000	48,000
Newspapers & Periodicals Subscriptions	78,374	33,358
Subtotal	135,250,526	134,169,737
<b>Non-Operating Expenses</b>		
Currency Exchange Expenses	1,795	5,586
Subtotal	1,795	5,586
Balance	(3,902,230)	(2,233,983)



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## Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

### Background

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

The Foundation 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 Taiwan Foundation for Democracy 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 17 June 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 Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (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 far-sighted, 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 around the world.

### 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 areas of democracy and human rights.



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