An International Recognition!

Taiwan's National Integrity Ranks 25th on Corruption Perceptions Index, Surpassing 86% of CPI-Evaluated Countries Worldwide for the Second Year In a Row!

The 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) was released on January 31 by Transparency International, which evaluates a total of 180 countries and regions around the world. After reaching a record high rank in 2021, Taiwan continues its excellent integrity performance in 2022, ranking 25th with a score of 68, surpassing 86% of the evaluated countries worldwide. This is a great international recognition on Taiwan's overall and stable achievement in integrity.

In addition, among the 31 evaluated countries in the Asia-Pacific, Taiwan performed well by ranking 6th after New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia and Japan, continuing the good results from 2021. This demonstrates the Taiwan government's high transparency and efforts in corruption prevention.

Although Taiwan is currently not a member of the United Nations, we still independently implement the "United Nations Convention against Corruption" (UNCAC) to meet the expectations of the international community for corruption prevention work. Looking back on the past, Taiwan promulgated the Act to Implement United Nations Convention against Corruption in 2015 to domestically legalize the Convention. In 2018, Taiwan held the international review conference on the first

national report to review the implementation of various government units and agencies. In 2022, we took the lead ahead of the world to hold the international review conference on the second national report to re-examine the results of Taiwan's corruption prevention work, of which the specific and feasible review comments would be included in the "National Integrity Building Action Plan" of 2023 to be actively promoted and carried out, showing the world Taiwan's dedication to making our corruption prevention consistent with international integrity indicators, so as to enhance our global competitiveness.

In order to establish a clean and competent government, AAC in addition to continuing to implement the policies of the Ministry of Justice and actively promoting the above-mentioned specific actions to deepen our link with the international community, it also continues to improve various domestic integrity policies, successively proposing to expand the "Government Procurement Integrity Platform" mechanism, promoting the "Integrity Awards", making trial runs of the "Integrity Platform for Enterprise Services" mechanism, and conducting research on the "Act on Property-Declaration by Public Servants". With the cooperation between the public and private sectors, we will jointly maintain our integrity achievements.

For the public sector, AAC assists government agencies in establishing the "Government Procurement Integrity Platform" for major public constructions. By adhering to the four major

principles respectively known as "Cross-sector Cooperation", "Public-private Partnership", "Transparent administration", and "Public supervision", we actively build communication channels between relevant government agencies (such as prosecution and ethics units), civil societies, contractors and the public, so as to prevent improper external interference and continuously improve transparency, strengthening the understanding and trust of the general public. Moreover, in order to urge government agencies to self-assess and improve their measures on elevating integrity and transparency, AAC promotes the "Integrity Awards" to exhibit the highlights of the government's clean governance and shape an overall organizational culture with positive chain effects.

For private sectors, AAC adopts the "Integrity Platform for Enterprise Services" mechanism to deepen the interaction between public and private sectors, assist corporates in solving problems such as providing convenience and compliance, promoting the sustainable operation of both the government and corporates and providing high-quality public services, so as to achieve the goals of "simplified administration and convenience for the general public", "business ethics in private sectors", "public-private collaboration" and "sustainable development".

In terms of the legal system, AAC continues to improve the Sunshine Laws, conducts research on the "Act on Property-Declaration by Public Servants", in which we added provisions requiring that legislators of municipalities and cities (counties), and candidates of such shall register and declare their property

online, so as to improve the general public's trust in the government and the integrity of public officials, and implement the concept of a "transparent government".

Taiwan's 2022 CPI performance is a significant international recognition. This is the result of continuous hard work and joint effort of government agencies at all levels, private corporations and non-governmental organizations. In the future, under the leadership of the MOJ, AAC will continue to outline the vision of good national governance based on the "National Integrity Building Action Plan", jointly with both public and private sectors. We will steadily promote our integrity work and implement the UNCAC, not only actively strive to elevate the integrity of the both public and private sectors domestically, but also continuously demonstrate the fruitful results to the whole world!