

2nd Integrity Awards Ceremony & 2024 Taiwan Transparency Forum

On December 9, coinciding with United Nations International Anti-Corruption Day, the Agency Against Corruption (AAC) hosted the 2nd Integrity Awards Ceremony alongside the Taiwan Transparency Forum. The event featured a keynote address by Vice Premier Cheng Li-Chun, with participation from leading international anti-corruption advocates, reaffirming Taiwan's commitment to transparent and clean governance.

The ceremony commenced with the signing of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) Review Transparency Pledge by Minister of Justice Cheng Ming-Chien and AAC Director-General Feng Cheng. Witnessed by Vice Premier Cheng and Transparency International Chair François Valérien, the signing symbolized Taiwan's dedication to enhancing transparency in the review of UNCAC and fostering civic participation.

Vice Premier Cheng also presented trophies and certificates to representatives of the eight winning agencies (institutions). A total of 26 agencies (institutions) applied for the 2nd Integrity Awards. Under the category of "Overall Integrity Behavior", five exceptional agencies were recognized: (1) Kaohsiung City Motor Vehicles Office, Highway Bureau, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, (2) Taiwan International Ports Corporation, Ltd, (3) Department of Information Technology, Taipei City Government, (4) Land Administration Department of New Taipei City, and (5) Taitung County Environmental Protection Bureau. Three agencies were selected for the award in the "Innovative Integrity Measure" category: (1) Yunlin Prison, Agency of Corrections, Ministry of Justice, (2) Social Affairs Bureau of Kaohsiung City Government, and (3) Nantou City Office, Nantou County.

The awarded organizations demonstrated exceptional leadership, with agency heads setting an example that fostered a culture of integrity and accountability. By actively leveraging intelligent systems, these agencies enhanced anomaly detection and information disclosure capabilities, improving operational efficiency and quality while effectively managing corruption risks. These accomplishments lay the foundation to further promote and amplify the value of integrity, inspiring more leaders to guide their teams toward a brighter future for all citizens.

The event concluded with the Taiwan Transparency Forum, where anti-corruption experts from around the globe exchanged valuable insights. Discussions delved into key transparency initiatives within their respective countries, emphasizing the importance of information sharing and cross-disciplinary collaboration to bolster multilateral efforts against corruption. The forum underscored the critical role of participatory and transparent mechanisms in promoting accountability. During the Transparency Forum, distinguished international guests engaged in dynamic and multifaceted discussions, exploring the implementation of integrity and transparency practices and sharing forward-looking insights. These exchanges sparked valuable ideas and breakthroughs, providing a wealth of inspiration for future endeavors.

The event showcased Taiwan's recent strides in anti-corruption efforts, demonstrating a relentless commitment to refining internal integrity measures while simultaneously aligning with global standards. By presenting its progress on the international stage, Taiwan has solidified its international reputation: "Clean and competent government, Transparent Taiwan!"

