

## **Integrity, Diligence, Openness, and Transparency**

### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Integrity Awards: Making Integrity a Driving Force for Progress in Government Agencies**

The award ceremony for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Integrity Awards was held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the International Conference Hall of the National Central Library. President Lai, Ching-Te sent his sincere commendations to all winners through a congratulatory message, and expressed his hope that the Integrity Awards would help encourage the public sector to improve its integrity and innovation, thereby creating benchmarks for others to learn from. This, in turn, would drive the implementation of good governance, thus collectively enhancing Taiwan's competitiveness. Minister of Justice Cheng, Ming-Chien also delivered remarks at the award ceremony, and presented the trophies and certificates to the 6 award-winning organizations. Director-General Feng, Cheng of the Agency Against Corruption (AAC) also presented certificates of appreciation to the members of the selection committee. Through this warm yet solemn award ceremony, the Ministry of Justice expressed its recognition and gratitude to all award-winning organizations as well as the members of the selection committee.

Minister Cheng noted in his remarks that, since 2018, the ROC has published national reports on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) every 4 years. Furthermore, the international review conference for the ROC's Third Report will take place in 2026, inviting leading international experts and scholars in the fight against corruption to

Taiwan to assist in reviewing the national report as well as provide recommendations for clean governance. The establishment of the Integrity Awards is a response to the suggestions from members of the previous international review conference as well as a concrete demonstration of Taiwan's commitment to the UNCAC. Over the long term, Minister Cheng hopes that more administrative teams will participate in the Integrity Awards in the future, and will continue to showcase the positive energy of clean governance. This will ensure that integrity will become a driving force for progress in government agencies. A total of 22 agencies registered for the Integrity Awards this year, with each agency conducting a comprehensive review of their operations in preparation for the awards, as well as strengthening the ability of their staff to identify business risks during their participation. Following a two-stage evaluation process involving written reviews and on-site visits, 5 organizations were selected as having excellent performance in the "Overall Integrity Behavior" category: Taipei Customs, Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance; National Health Insurance Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare; Department of Rapid Transit Systems, Taipei City Government; Economic Development Department, New Taipei City Government; and Local Tax Bureau, Changhua County. Furthermore, 1 organization was selected as having excellent performance in the "Innovative Integrity Measure" category: Northern Region New Construction Branch Office, Highway Bureau, Ministry of Transportation and Communications. In addition to having created standard operating procedures for their internal administrative processes, the award-winning agencies have also integrated artificial intelligence (AI) technology and leveraged cross-domain integration to effectively manage agency risks, and in doing so they have

achieved open and transparent administrative procedures as well as spread the benefits of integrity and efficiency far and wide.

It is hoped that the Integrity Awards will provide benchmarks for more public sector organizations to learn from, and that more agencies will actively engage in clean and efficient governance, thereby achieving the goals of “Integrity, Diligence, Openness, and Transparency.”



