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Opening Ceremony of the Review Meeting of the ROC's Third Report under the United Nations Convention against Corruption International Experts Invited to Conduct On-Site Review, Highlighting Taiwan's Achievements in Integrity Governance

The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) organized the Review Meeting of the ROC's Third Report under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), which is being held on August 25 and 26 at the Conference Room of Civil Service Development of DGPA. The Ministry extended its sincere welcome to the five international review experts who had traveled to Taiwan to participate in the meeting. In response to the public's expectations for a clean and effective government and to align with international trends in systematic anti-corruption policies, Taiwan has published a national report on its implementation of the UNCAC every four years since 2018, proactively inviting international anti-corruption experts to Taiwan to conduct a review. Through cross-agency and cross-sector integrity governance initiatives, Taiwan continues to strengthen its democratic resilience and foster public trust.

The government delegation participating in this international review is led by Minister without Portfolio Lin Ming-Hsin of the Executive Yuan. In his remarks, Minister Lin noted that Taiwan's achievements in integrity governance have continued to earn international recognition in recent years. According to Transparency International's 2025 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), Taiwan scored 68 points, ranking 24th among 182 countries and territories worldwide and outperforming 86% of those assessed—a

record-high result. Minister Lin observed that the global governance landscape has changed rapidly over the past four years, with rising geopolitical risks, the rapid development of artificial intelligence and digital technologies, and increasingly complex cross-border crime and illicit financial flows. Faced with these emerging challenges, governments must not only enhance government effectiveness but also build national competitiveness on the foundations of integrity, transparency, and the rule of law. In April 2026, the government published the Third Report, providing concrete responses to the concluding observations from the second international review while highlighting Taiwan's major anti-corruption achievements over the past four years. These include voluntarily signing the UNCAC Review Transparency Pledge; strengthening legal frameworks for technological investigation and offenses of obstruction of justice; enacting and implementing the Public Interest Whistleblower Protection Act; and continuing to refine anti-money laundering measures in line with international standards. Minister Lin emphasized that these achievements are not attributable to any single agency; rather, they represent the cumulative result of long-term collaboration among all levels of government and civil society. He stressed that confidence in democracy comes from a willingness to accept scrutiny and expressed hope that the Review Meeting would draw on the perspectives of international experts and scholars, together with participation from all sectors of society, so that the international community can once again see Taiwan's efforts and progress in combating corruption.

Minister of Justice Cheng Ming-Chien and Minister of Foreign Affairs Lin Chia-Lung also attended the opening ceremony, underscoring the importance the government places on this international review. In his remarks, Minister Cheng stated that fighting corruption is not a one-time task. As technology continues to evolve, anti-corruption systems must also keep pace with the times. International review serves as an important mechanism for assessing policy effectiveness, identifying institutional shortcomings, and setting directions for reform. Minister of Foreign Affairs Lin Chia-Lung also emphasized that a core principle of democracy is that governments must be accountable to the people, while integrity governance further strengthens public trust in democracy. He noted that the international review is not only an examination of Taiwan's progress in combating corruption, but also a demonstration of Taiwan's openness and transparency and its firm determination to continue participating in the international community.

The five international review experts invited to participate in the meeting are Mr. José Ugaz from Peru, former Chair of Transparency International; Ms. Gillian Dell from the United States; Mr. Duncan Hames from the United Kingdom; Ms. Julie Haggie from New Zealand; and Mr. Peter Ritchie from Australia. All five are international experts with extensive experience in advancing anti-corruption efforts through international or regional non-governmental organizations. Mr. José Ugaz, who is serving as Chair of the International Review Committee for the third consecutive time, stated in his remarks that he once again commended Taiwan for voluntarily implementing the UNCAC despite not being a member of the United Nations and for achieving outstanding anti-corruption results that surpass those of many States Parties to the Convention. He attributed these achievements to the government's determination and to the interaction among government, academia, and civil society, and encouraged Taiwan to continue pursuing excellence toward the goal of becoming a society of even greater integrity.

During the review, the five international review experts will engage in comprehensive and substantive face-to-face exchanges with representatives from Taiwan's government agencies and civil society organizations on Taiwan's anti-corruption policies, legal frameworks, and measures.

For information and updates on the Review Meeting, please visit the event's dedicated website (<https://3rduncac.tw/>).







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Group photo (from left): Peter Ritchie; Julie Haggie; Duncan Hames; Gillian Dell; José Ugaz, Chair of the International Review Committee; Minister without Portfolio Lin Ming-Hsin; Minister of Justice Cheng Ming-Chien; Minister of Foreign Affairs Lin Chia-Lung; Political Deputy Minister Huang Mou-Hsin; and Director-General Hsieh Ming-Kuan of the Agency Against Corruption.

