

Press Release

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International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9 marks the date in 2003 when the United Nations Convention against Corruption became a global anti-corruption legal document. To observe the occasion, the Ministry of Justice's Agency Against Corruption (AAC) is holding a series of activities including a forum on clean governance and an exhibition on Taiwan's anti-corruption efforts. In line with the Convention's provision to promote the "participation of society," the ACC is organizing these events with Transparency International Chinese Taipei on this year's International Anti-Corruption Day. Vice President Vincent C. Siew, Minister of Education Wu Ching-ji, Minister of Transportation and Communications Mao Chi-kuo and Minister of Justice Tseng Yung-fu will be on hand to give opening remarks and award volunteers who have helped in the government's drive to combat corruption.

The activities will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall (CKSMH). A small outdoor fair will feature interactive games to communicate the importance of ethical behavior in a fun and educational way. A multimedia presentation will be shown in the memorial hall's gallery to spread the message of clean governance and further public understanding of the government's efforts.

A forum titled Clean Government and Management will take place concurrently in the CKSMH Lecture Hall. Officials, academics and representatives from Transparency International have been invited to speak on administrative accountability, anti-corruption networks and global governance among other topics.

AAC Director-General Chou Chih-jung said International Anti-Corruption Day is significant in that it symbolizes the convergence of worldwide efforts to combat government corruption. The damage and threat brought about by corruption have led people in many countries to rise up against their governments, the prime example of which is the Arab Spring movement in North Africa and the Middle East this year.

The ROC government, Chou said, will work toward building social mores based on zero tolerance for corruption and the AAC will continue to encourage the participation of society by partnering with local administrations, nongovernmental organizations and communities in order to realize the goal of clean government throughout Taiwan.