

## **27th Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group Meeting**

### **Chinese Taipei's Progress on Implementation of the UNCAC**

#### **I. Being geared to the “United Nations Convention Against Corruption”**

In 2015, Chinese Taipei formulated and enacted the Act to Implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption to incorporate rules and norms set forth in this convention into the legal system and policies of Chinese Taipei. Experts, scholars and government authorities at all levels jointly reviewed the implementation status of United Nations Convention against Corruption (hereafter referred as the “UNCAC”), as well as the formulation, amendment, or rescission of supervisory laws pursuant to the Act to Implement UNCAC. The implementation status of UNCAC had been disclosed in the government report in March 2018, and it is further planned to invite five foreign experts and scholars in August to conduct reviews and offer opinions and suggestions on how to implement UNCAC in Chinese Taipei.

#### **II. Advocacy of international exchange and sharing of anti-corruption**

(I) Chinese Taipei plays an active role in the exchanges with other designated anti-corruption agencies and institutions. In April, Chinese Taipei invited five anti-corruption institutions (Guatemala, Belize, Nicaragua, Honduras and Dominican Republic) to an anti-corruption conference. Further to the comparison of the systems in the recusal of the conflict of interest by public servants, Chinese Taipei also shared with the guests its experience in the legislation for whistleblower protection and exchanges in clean politics and governance.

(II) Chinese Taipei organized the “Anti-Corruption Exchange Between the Government and Private Sector in Asia-Pacific” to build up and connect to the cross-boundary network for the advocacy of global anti-corruption. This was the first time that Chinese Taipei engaged in sharing and

exchange with the representatives of a number of NGOs on anti-corruption.

### III. **Strengthening the Preventive Anti-corruption Policies and Methods**

#### (I) Continuing index research, grasping the pulse of public opinions and the international trends

To carry out the spirit of Article 5 of the UNCAC which stated “to develop and implement anti-corruption policies”, Chinese Taipei has established information platforms, planned and made progress on promoting administrative transparency, conducted public opinion poll and research for integrity to grasp the pulse of public opinions and international trends and to implement anti-corruption policies. According to the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) published by Transparency International (TI) in 2017, Chinese Taipei scored 63 out of 100, and was ranked 29th among the countries worldwide, up by 2 points and 2 places compared with 2016.

#### (II) Implementing the codes of conduct for public servants, building the paradigms of governments

Chinese Taipei is in the process of proposing an amendment to the “Ethics Guidelines for Civil Servants” and widely receptive to the opinions from the predecessors of legislation and experts in different areas of specializations so that the content of the amendment could be more precise, exact and feasible.

#### (III) Promoting transparency, preventing conflicts of interest

Chinese Taipei is in the process of studying for the amendment to the “Act on Property-Declaration by Public Servants” and the “Act on Recusal of Public Servants Due to Conflicts of Interest”.

#### (IV) Strengthening the accountability system for the authorities’ integrity management, carrying out risk control

Chinese Taipei has mapped out the “The Advocacy of Reform in Anti-Corruption Implementation Program” through the review of the

operation of different entities vulnerable to corruption and the case study on malfeasance and corruption over the years. In 2018, Chinese Taipei has sorted out 11 business of high risk in corruption as the theme for cross-disciplinary investigation operation.

#### **IV. Strengthening of Corruption Eradication Capabilities and Implementation of Whistleblower Protection and Incentives**

- (I) In order to promote the active participation of individuals and groups outside the public sector in the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness, Chinese Taipei granted a total of NT\$ 6,683,334 in informant rewards in 12 cases upon review pursuant to the Anti-Corruption Informant Rewards and Protection Regulation in 2018.
- (II) Chinese Taipei has already completed a draft of the Whistleblower Protection Act. Conferences on this topic were also held on 2018, attending experts and scholars jointly discussed the feasibility and solutions to merged legislation in the public and private sectors.