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Human rights leap forward, implement human rights to build the country and integrate with international standards.

The Ministry of Justice explained that the key tasks of the human rights business this year are to propose the Mandarin and English versions of the Third National Report of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (hereinafter referred as to ICCPR) and International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (hereinafter referred as to ICESCR) and launch the preparatory work for the third international review of the National Report. MOJ has also started writing Taiwan's first National Human Rights Action Plan.

The Minister of Justice, Tsai Ching-hsiang, appreciated the cooperation of various governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations for submitting the third National Report as scheduled. The Minister also addressed that the Report is presented by a group of heroes behind the scenes. This working group composed enthusiastic members, human rights scholars and experts from the Gender Equality Committee of the Executive Yuan, the Child and Youth Welfare and Rights Promotion Group of the Executive Yuan, and the Disabled Rights Promotion Group of the Executive Yuan, etc. In limited time, they worked selflessly and intensively and participated in 31 different events. These people served as a communication bridge between governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations, assisting in drafting the direction of the Report content, and worked around-the-clock to simplify the detailed information provided by the various agencies.

After 34 re-editing and finalizing meetings, MOJ finally completed the Report on time. Next, MOJ will initiate a series of pre-work relates to international reviews. In addition, MOJ was assigned by the Executive Yuan to serve as the staff agency of the "Consultative Committee for the Development of the National Human Rights Action Plan", and has assisted in completing the preparation of the "Consultative Committee for the Development of the National Human Rights Action Plan".

The advisory committee has been in operation since February of this year. It has collected opinions from ranges of individuals and reached consensus on the content of the National Human Rights Action Plan to meet the expectations of different sectors so that our country's human rights policy will take another big step forward. Based on the integration of the government, MOJ has actively promoted the various human rights policies in order to implement the human rights protection.

After the First National Report in 2012, the Second National Report in 2016 and the completion of the international review in 2017, the pre-work for the international review of the Third National Report is now initiated. MOJ is also assisting with the planning matters set up by the National Human Rights Commission of the Control Yuan; formulating and implementing the Enforcement Act of Interpretation No. 768 of Constitutional Court to promote equal rights in marriage. In accordance with the Interpretation No. 791 of Constitution, we conduct research and revision of the crime of adultery in order to comply with Article 17 of ICCPR, prohibiting the infringement of people's right of privacy.

The "Should Taiwan develop a comprehensive Discrimination Law and Legislative Proposals" proposal has been completed and public opinions are collected to develop the draft of the relevant equality law. MOJ further considers to add the "crime of torture" to the criminal law for the purpose of satisfying the connotation of the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The determination of Taiwan government and people to comply with relevant international human rights obligations has enabled human rights to leap forward in Taiwan and to be in line with international standards.