

Conclusions

In order to implement the national Anti-Drug campaign, the government has comprehensively declared war on narcotics marking every year from 2005 to 2008 as the "The Year of National Anti-Drug Operations;" and proposes the execution of the long term "New Anti-Drug Policies." The first priorities in severing the supply of drugs should be through active investigation, seizures and strict prosecutions. Drug enforcement depends on well-developed law enforcement systems, criminal information gathering and exchange, improved enforcement resources, and expanded international cooperation to counter the present situation of narcotic networks in their organization and internationalization. The first step in the eradication of narcotics is the continual promotion and enforcement of the drug law.

"Prevention of the Harmful Effects of Drugs, Resistance to the Temptatns of Drugs" has always been the foundation of anti-drug operations. In recent years, new age emergent narcotics have increasingly penetrated mainstream society, making anti-drug resistance a much more difficult task to achieve thus certain measures may be the only means to eliminate contact with hazardous narcotics. Measures which include: the need for effective understanding on the tendency for drug abuse, dissemination of accurate knowledge on narcotics to the public via mass media, more effective use of social resources, promotion and drug screening for various communities, wide variety of preventative measures and the encouragement of healthy leisure activities.

To promote the drug rehabilitation work, including the development of localized rehabilitation models, drug abuse flow process study, training of rehabilitation specialists, anti-drug campaigning, youth psychiatric counseling and other related research, and to strengthen the success rate, judicial , medical and counseling facilities from social groups as well as support for abusers must be reinforced. In three consecutive stages, namely physical treatment, psychological

treatment and follow up counseling with focus on preventative measures rather than punishment, the complete rehabilitation system is established. Drug addiction is a kind of gradual and high recurring psychiatric illness, its rehabilitation model includes biological, psychological and social elements and for the drug rehabilitation to be successful, it requires the integration of social resources, family and social support networks.

The war against drugs is a constant and demanding task that requires a comprehensive and integrated effort by all facets of society. The bitter and seemingly endless war is a battle of wits and labor in which there is no shortcut to victory, with no effort spared. In March this year, the US Department of State published the "2004 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report." In this report, Taiwan was not listed as a drug transshipment point, showing that our anti-drug achievements have impressed the international community. But we must not be complacent; we shall keep uprooting narcotics by developing public awareness and gathering all anti-drug resources available to our society.