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## PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

### Research

#### **Adjustments to Taiwan's Legal System Under the Solidarity Against the Pandemic Movement**

The "Human Rights and Rule of Law Research Team of the Research Center for Epidemic Prevention", composed of NYCU's School of Law and the Institute of Public Health, published research results in Issue 312 of The Taiwan Law Review. From the perspectives of human rights law, resource allocation, and a comparison with the United States' legal system, the issue led readers to think about certain topics: The unprecedented emergence of Taiwan's solidarity against the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific points addressed include the question of how we can ensure that community values are not that of "the strong bullying the weak", and that unity does not benefit the elite autocracy and technological hegemony, as well as the importance of adhering to the spirit of human rights and the rule of law. Therefore, the three articles within this issue bring new perspectives to local industry, government, and academia, and discuss the insights that COVID-19 has brought regarding Taiwan's epidemic prevention policies and laws.



99 Course Units

4186 Students who chose the Course Units

## Social Impact

### Protecting Whistleblowers and Labor Rights

The "Research Center for Financial Regulation and Corporate Governance" of NYCU's School of Law is committed to promoting various human rights and justice-related campaigns. The Center's director, Professor, Chih-Chieh Lin, is one of the architects of Taiwan's "Public Interest Whistleblower Protection Act", drafting the bill from scratch to help complete Taiwan's laws regarding whistleblowers. The bill emphasizes the importance of whistleblowing in preventing major harm against public welfare and its positive significance in strengthening corporate

governance. The law thus protects the whistleblower's identity, personal safety, and job security. The NYCU School of Law also organized a series of seminars on labor rights, thereby raising labor rights awareness, promoting labor rights protection, and working with the NYCU International Institute for Cultural Studies to focus on the labor rights of migrant workers and provide suggestions for relevant policies and regulations.



### Preparedness of Rule of Law and Human Rights Protection During COVID-19

Taiwan has been lauded around the world for its use of technology to combat the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Quarantine System for Entry at airports serves as the first line of defense. After that, the National Health Insurance database is used to inform healthcare workers of people's individual travel history, which not only allows healthcare workers to be more vigilant but also enhances doctors' ability to determine an individual's possible risk of infection. The Digital Fence System that the government developed in collaboration with telecommunication companies to monitor quarantined people has also received international attention. However, behind the success in dealing with the pandemic, the collection and use of personal data is a concern that needs to be addressed. There will inevitably be a new wave of legal debates on how the government should balance information monitoring and privacy in the post-pandemic era. In response to the pandemic, the NYCU School of Law organized the "Preparedness of Rule of Law and Human Rights Protection During COVID-19 Roundtable", inviting experts from different disciplines to discuss issues such as disaster prevention gover-

nance, digital governance, resource allocation, and social solidarity in hopes that relevant policy discussions will provide a reference for legality.

### National Health Insurance Reform

The sustainable operation of Taiwan's "National Health Insurance" has always been a topic of concern across various fields. Following the "Health Insurance Limitation Symposium", a seminar titled "Health Insurance Reform Under the Pandemic – An Intergenerational Dialogue" was held by the "NYCU Research Center" for Epidemic Prevention in collaboration with the Taiwan Society of Health Economics and the Taiwan Economic Association. Scholars, experts, medical professionals, and consumer representatives from different generations were invited to speak. It was the hope that this gathering of the government, corporate, medical, and academic sectors would facilitate dialog between generations that would highlight more diverse opinions and viewpoints regarding how the "National Health Insurance" should be reformed and the changes that need to be made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The seminar covered four major topics, namely "copayment and reducing waste", "balance billing and private insurance", "reasonable growth of medical expenses and adjustment of health insurance rates", and "generational dialog regarding health insurance reform". "National Health Insurance" reform is not just a matter affecting institutions but also intergenerational equity.





## Student Cultivation

### Government-Financed Medical Education

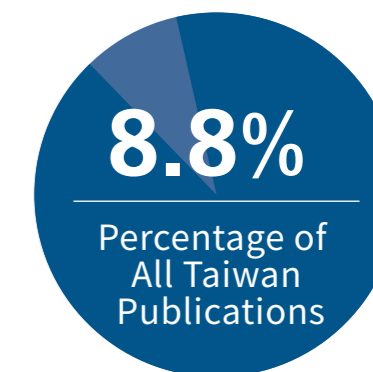
The NYCU School of Medicine signed an MOU with the Hospital and Social Welfare Organizations Administration Commission of the Ministry of Health and Welfare. Going forward, the two parties will work together to plan a comprehensive system regarding the university education, residency training, future service in rural communities, and on-the-job training of government-financed medical students, hoping to make considerable contributions towards promoting the sustainable operation of Taiwan's government-financed physician system.

### Free Legal Consultation

Students of NYCU School of Law worked together with pro bono legal counsels of the "Hsinchu Branch of the Legal Aid Foundation" to establish the NYCU Legal Clinic, providing professional legal consultation for NTHU and NYCU students and faculty as well as practical litigation learning opportunities for NYCU law students.

### "Yang-Ming Crusade" Human Rights Education Camp

Founded over 40 years ago, the "Yang-Ming Crusade" is a volunteer group consisting of mainly medical students who visit remote rural areas to volunteer their services during the summer and winter holidays. The group, which fulfills both humanistic education and social responsibilities, is currently the largest student based club on the Yang-Ming Campus and is subdivided into teams, including the community medicine/Yilan team, the "Humanity-Medicine Camp," the "Human Rights Education Camp," and the "Psychiatric Service Team." In particular, the "Human Rights Education Camp" disbanded in the summer of 2019 after completing its 21 years long scheduled milestone. With the tenet that "care for human rights is rooted in respect for human dignity and care for others", the team organized human rights education camps for junior high school students, instilling human rights concepts such as the right to life, equality, and liberty, as well as the inherent "respect" and "tolerance" behind these concepts.



## Stewardship

### Friendly Campus Information Network

NYCU established the "Friendly Campus Information Network" to create a safe, cozy, and suitable learning environment. To construct a healthy, harmonious, and friendly campus atmosphere, NYCU strengthens its outreach to at-risk students to protect them from substance abuse, campus violence and bullying, and involvement in harmful organizations. With the goal of preventing bullying on campus, substance abuse, drug use, and harmful organizations, the network provides a compilation of relevant information and organizes weekly friendly campus events that incorporate transit safety, campus safety, housing rental safety, campus disaster prevention, moral education, legal education, and tobacco hazards prevention, combining various educational campaigns and events to draw attention to the importance of establishing a friendly campus environment.