



**2015 Global Councils Forum (GCF) and
Annual Meeting of Taiwan Local Councils
Representatives Community Forum (TCF)
in Taipei, Taiwan
*August 28 - 29, 2015***

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The Purpose of Meeting

Under the support of government agencies, academic and other related institutions, the 2014 Annual Meeting of Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum (TCF) was successfully held in June in Taipei, Taiwan. In the event, there was an International Forum session which was specially designed for the invited foreign speakers who respectively represented and were the Chairman/ Chairwoman of global parliamentary alliances like CALRE of the European Union, NCSL of the USA, and the Japanese Local Councilors Alliance. The dynamic session involved the participants having the opportunity to reflect and interact with each of the invited guests. The achievement of the event has won recognition, nationally and internationally.

Given the successful achievement of the International Forum session in 2014, the 2015 TCF Annual Meeting will in continuation, schedule an International Forum, or as named Global Councils Forum (GCF), in the upcoming event. Considering Taiwan's current diplomatic predicament, hosting through the private sectors such an International Forum session to garner international communication and good practice in democratic politics is one of the important significant goals that we are looking forward to reaching and enhancing. Furthermore, in the light of the environmental change of the local democracy, another goal of the event is to help the elected local government officials grasp the international trends to strengthen their democratic literacy and the interpellation abilities.

Over the past year, the Taiwan government has encountered various challenges from the middle class and young people who strongly demanded "more democracy in politics and more transparency in policy" on the occasion of demonstrations. As the frontline councilors in the local governments, the issues including how to respond to the people's appeal in citizen participation, how to strengthen the capability of local democracy, and how to fulfill the public value from seeking similarities over differences have become critical and in deep need of attention.

The key theme of the 2015 event is ***Local Councils and Citizen Participation***, by which we divide it into the four sub-themes for each panel session's discussion: ***Freedom of Local Government's Information; Logistics and Assistant Supports for the Councilors; Parliamentary Politics and Social Networks;*** and ***Parliamentary Politics and Citizen Participation in Taiwan***. This year the International Forum (or Global Councils Forum) will be held with a large scope aiming at two targets – one is

to deepen the roots of local representative democracy, and the other is to strengthen international exchanges among the attending organizations.

In terms of deepening the roots of local representative democracy, all invited elected local government officials, including councilors, representatives and council staffs nationwide, will jointly participate in the Panel Sessions listening to the salient issues presented by both local and international distinguished scholars. Furthermore, to encourage young people to get involved in the democratic politics activities, we are going to recruit and encourage college students who study in the related field of political science to assist with the event planning and take part in the event and activities.

From the perspective of international exchanges, we will expand the invitation scope from an assortment of countries. In addition to the invited representatives from the global parliamentary alliances, globally prestigious scholars from France, Mainland China and South Korea will also be our special guests to lecture in the 2015 event. We hope that learning the experience of local democracy from the global organizations and academic departments, practically or theoretically, could align Taiwan's democracy with international trends, texture a global network for local elites and increase Taiwan's international visibility, and create a second channel for Taiwan diplomacy.

In addition to the four sub-theme Panel Sessions, there are also two sub-theme panel sessions, ***Global Experience Sharing on Local Parliamentary Politics and Citizen Participation*** and ***Local Councils in the Face of Expanding Regional Economic Integration***, which are specially adopted for foreign guests' sharing the pragmatic experience with the live attendees in the panel discussion. By hosting the 2015 event, we do hope that the immediate goal of the meeting could reflect the real issues of democratic innovation; the medium-term goal is to develop capabilities to establish and deepen democratic values, and in the long term, the goal is to bring the elected local government officials' systematic learning manner in line with the international trends.

Meeting Information

Event

2015 Global Councils Forum (GCF) and Annual Meeting of Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum (TCF) in Taipei City, Taiwan

Dates

August 28 - 29, 2015

Venue

August 28 (Friday), 2015

The Grand Hotel

(No.1, Sec. 4, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei 104, Taiwan, R.O.C.)

August 29 (Saturday), 2015

Taipei City Council

(9F, No. 507, Sec. 4, Jen-ai Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan, R.O.C.)

Invited Guests

Foreign Invited Guests:

Foreign Chairmen/Chairwomen of Regional/National Local Government

Associations (Listed by registration order)

- Raffaele Cattaneo
President of Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE, EUROPEAN UNION)
- Yoshiaki Matsuda
President of Japanese Local Councilors Alliance (日本會議(全國)地方議員連盟, JAPAN)
- Maybelyn Rose De la Cruz Fernandez
National President of Philippine Councilors League (PCL, PHILIPPINES)

Foreign Scholars

- Gérard Marcou (FRANCE)
Professor of University of Paris 1, FRANCE
Director of Groupement de Recherche sur L'administration Locale en Europe (GRALE)
- Lee Jae-kwang 李在光 (SOUTH KOREA)
Professor of Dept. of Chinese Language and Culture, Inha University, S. KOREA
- Yang Long 楊龍 (CHINA)
Professor of Zhou En-lai School of Government, Nankai University, CHINA

Panel Members:

- Domestic and International Scholars
- Invited foreign Chairman/chairwoman and Local Councilors

Invited Guests:

- Isabella Molina, CALRE General Secretary (ITALY)
- Valentina Bolis, spokeswoman of President Cattaneo (ITALY)
- Donato Scioscioli, Representative of Italian Economic, Trade and Cultural Promotion Office (IETCPO) (ITALY)
- Chiara Petro', Director of Trade Office of IETCPO (ITALY)
- Kuriyama Yoshiyuki (栗山欽行), Tokyo City Councilor (JAPAN)
- Mikio Numata (沼田幹夫), Chief Representative of Interchange Association (Japan), Taipei Office (JAPAN)
- Takashi Hamada (浜田隆), General Secretary of Interchange Association (Japan), Taipei Office (JAPAN)
- Takano Myoga (明賀崇伸), Director of Interchange Association (Japan), Taipei Office (JAPAN)
- Michael Fernandez, former Dagupan City Councilor (PHILIPPINES)
- Antonio I. Basilio, Resident Representative of Manila Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei (PHILIPPINES)
- Around 100 Local Councilors and Officials

Meeting Organizers

- Instructor: Ministry of the Interior (MOI); Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- Main Organizer: Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum (TCF)
- Associate Organizer: Taipei City Council; Taipei City Government; Department of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University; Department of Political Sciences, Soochow University; Global Councils Forum; Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Program

Except Sessions A-1, A-2 and B-1, B-2, simultaneous interpretation services will be provided throughout the August 29 meeting

Date	Time	Events
PRE-MEETING DAY		
AUGUST 28 Friday	19:00 ~ 21:00	Welcome Reception at the Grand Hotel
1st DAY		
AUGUST 29 Saturday	09:20 ~ 09:50	Registration and Information
	09:50 ~ 10:20	Opening Ceremony & TCF Chairman's Remarks
	10:20 ~ 10:50	Scholar Lectures (Invited Presentation) - Gérard Marcou (FRANCE)
	10:50 ~ 11:10	Coffee Break
	11:10 ~ 12:20	Global Councils Forum (GCF)
	12:20 ~ 13:40	Luncheon
	13:40 ~ 15:10	Panel Session A
		Session A-1: Freedom of Local Government's Information (3 rd Floor)
		Session A-2: Logistics and Assistant Supports for the Councilors (3 rd Floor)
		Session A-3: Global Experience Sharing on Local Parliamentary Politics and Citizen Participation (9 th Floor)
	15:10 ~ 15:30	Coffee Break
	15:30 ~ 17:00	Panel Session B
		Session B-1: Parliamentary Politics and Social Networks (3 rd Floor)
		Session B-2: Parliamentary Politics and Citizen Participation in Taiwan (3 rd Floor)
Session B-3: Local Councils in the Face of Expanding Regional Economic Integration (9 th Floor)		
17:10 ~ 17:50	Panel Discussion and Conclusion	
17:50 ~ 18:00	Closing Forum & TCF Chairman's Remarks	
18:30 ~ 20:30	Dinner	

2nd DAY		
AUGUST 30 Sunday	09:00 ~ 12:00	Round-Table Meeting (By invitation only)
	12:10 ~ 13:30	Luncheon
	15:00 ~ 17:00	Half-day Excursion Tour: National Palace Museum
	18:00 ~ 19:30	Dinner
3rd DAY		
AUGUST 31 Monday	08:30 ~ 09:30	Visiting the President's Office
	09:30 ~ 12:00	City Tour
	12:00 ~ 14:00	Luncheon
	15:00 ~ 17:00	Half-day City Explorer: Taipei 101 Tour
	18:00 ~ 19:30	Dinner
4th DAY		
SEPTEMBER 1 Tuesday	~ 12:00	Check-out Hotel before 12:00 noon time and departure

Program at a Glance

Except Sessions A-1, A-2 and B-1, B-2, simultaneous interpretation services will be provided throughout the August 29 meeting

Friday, August 28 (PRE-MEETING DAY)

- Location: The Grand Hotel (No.1, Sec. 4, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei 104, Taiwan, R.O.C.)
- Room V105
- Tel: +886-2-2886-8888 Fax: +886-2-2885-2885
- Dress Code: Smart Casual or Lounge Suit

19:00 ~ 21:00

Welcome Reception at the Grand Hotel

- All invited chairmen/chairwoman, the accompanying family person, registered participants, foreign scholars, and government officials

Saturday, August 29 (1st DAY)

- Location: Taipei City Council Hall (9F, No. 507, Sec. 4, Jen-ai Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan, R.O.C.)
- Dress Code: Formal
- Simultaneous interpretation services will be provided throughout the meeting, except the Sessions A-1, A-2 and B-1, B-2.

09:20 ~ 09:50

Registration and Information

Meeting materials including final program booklet

09:50 ~ 10:20

Opening Ceremony & Chairman's Remarks

Moderated by

- Lin Chin-chang 林晉章

President and Founder of Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum

Address by

- Wu Bi-chu 吳碧珠

Speaker of Taipei City Council

10:20 ~ 10:50

Scholar Lecture (Invited Presentation)

Title: Big Paris' Experience (L'expérience du Grand Paris)

Moderated by

- Chao Yung-mau 趙永茂
Professor of Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Director of Preparatory Committee of TCF

Invited Speakers:

- Gérard Marcou (FRANCE)
Professor of University of Paris 1
Law, Administration and Public Sector

10:50 ~ 11:10

Coffee Break

11:10 ~ 12:20

Global Councils Forum

Each speaker will deliver a formal speech to introduce or give an overview of his own organization to the attendees.

* Each speaker has **6-8 minutes** to deliver a formal speech in this session.

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- Maybelyn Rose De la Cruz Fernandez National President of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL, PHILIPPINES)
- Lin Chin-chang 林晉章 (TAIWAN)
President and Founder of TCF
- Lee Jae-kwang 李在光 (SOUTH KOREA)
Professor of Dept. of Chinese Language and Culture, Inha University, S. KOREA
Presentation: Local Councils in South Korea
- Yang Long 楊龍 (CHINA)

Professor of Zhou En-lai School of Government, Nankai University, CHINA

12:20 ~ 13:40

Luncheon

13:40 ~ 15:10

Panel Session A

Session A-1: Freedom of Local Government's Information

Moderated by

- Chiu Rong-jeo 邱榮舉

Professor of Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Keynote Speakers:

- Chen Chun-ming 陳俊明

Associate Professor of Dept. of Public Policy and Management, Shih-hsin University, Taiwan

Discussants:

- Hsieh Chen-yu 謝政諭

Dean of School Of Liberal Arts And Social Sciences, Soochow University, Taiwan

- Two local councilor

Session A-2: Logistics and Assistant Supports for the Councilors

Moderated by

- Chi Chun-chen 紀俊臣

Professor of Dept. of Public Affairs, Ming Chuan University, Taiwan

Keynote Speakers:

- Fang Kai-hung 方凱弘

Assistant Professor of Dept. of Administrative Management, Shih-hsin University, Taiwan

Discussants:

- Wang Hong-wei 王鴻薇

Councilor of Taipei City

Session A-3: Global Experience Sharing on Local Parliamentary Politics and Citizen Participation

* Each invited foreign chairman/chairwoman and foreign professor is invited to partake

as a Discussant during this session.

* Each Discussant shall give a brief report for 7-9 minutes on this topic at this session.

Moderated by

- Chen Li-kanz 陳立剛

Dean of Dept. of Political Sciences, Soochow University, Taiwan

Discussants:

- Raffaele Cattaneo

President of Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE, EUROPEAN UNION)

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Professor of Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University, CHINA

15:10 ~ 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 ~ 17:00

Panel Session B

Session B-1: Parliamentary Politics and Social Networks

Moderated by

- Hsieh Chen-yu 謝政諭

Dean of School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Soochow University, Taiwan

Keynote Speakers:

- Wang Pao-chien 王保鍵

Research Fellow, Center for Hakka Studies, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Discussants:

- Yang Yung-nane 楊永年

Professor of Dept. of Political Sciences, National Cheng-kung University, Taiwan

- Two local councilor

Session B-2: Parliamentary Politics and Citizen Participation in Taiwan

Moderated by

- Sun Way 孫煒

Professor of Graduate Institute of Law and Government, National Central University, Taiwan

Keynote Speakers:

- Chi Chun-chen 紀俊臣

Professor of Dept. of Public Affairs, Ming Chuan University, Taiwan

Discussants:

- Chen Chiu-cheng 陳秋政

Associate Professor of Dept. of Public Management & Policy, Tunghai University, Taiwan

- Chen Yi-jun 陳儀君

Councilor of New Taipei City

Session B-3: Local Councils in the Face of Expanding Regional Economic Integration

* Each invited foreign chairman/chairwoman is invited to observe the meeting.

* Invited guests are not obligated to make presentation, but his/her point of view on the topic for discussion is welcome.

Moderated by

- Lee Hsien-feng 李顯峰

Professor of Dept. of Economics, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Keynote Speakers:

- Lee, Roy Chun 李 淳

Deputy Director, Taiwan WTO and RTA Center, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER)

- Yen Huai-shing 顏慧欣

Associate Research Fellow, Taiwan WTO and RTA Center, Chung-Hua Institution for

Economic Research (CIER)

Observers:

- Raffaele Cattaneo

President of Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE, EUROPEAN UNION)

- Yoshiaki Matsuda

President of Japanese Local Councilors Alliance (日本會議(全國)地方議員連盟, JAPAN)

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National President of Philippine Councilors League (PCL, PHILIPPINES)

17:10 ~ 17:50

Panel Discussion and Conclusion

Moderated by

- Chao Yung-mau 趙永茂

Professor of Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Panel Reports

- Each moderator in Sessions A and B has 5 minutes for a conclusion report on the session which he/she moderates.

17:50 ~ 18:00

Closing Forum & Chairman's Remarks

Address by

- Lin Chin-chang 林晉章

President and Founder of Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum (TCF)

18:30 ~ 20:00

Dinner

- The Peng's 彭園會館
- 5th Fl, 297, Sec. 5, Zhongxiao East Road, Taipei City, Taiwan
- A dinner invitation by the Speaker of Taipei City Council, Wu Bi-chu (吳碧珠), to all of the invited foreign chairmen/chairwoman, local councilors, domestic and foreign scholars, moderators and speakers.

After-meeting Activities

Sunday, August 30 (2nd DAY)

- Dress Code: Casual

09:00 ~ 12:00	Round-Table Meeting Topic: The Future Collaboration Model among the Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Invited Foreign Chairmen/Chairwomen• Location: Meeting room (VIP 2, 4th Floor) in Regent Taipei Hotel• Moderated by Lin Chin-chang, President and Founder of TCF• This is an open discussion meeting. Each member could bring up his/her opinions in connection with the further cooperation model among the organizations.
12:10 ~ 13:30	Luncheon The lunch will be served at the 2 nd Floor, Robin's Grill in Regent Taipei Hotel.
15:00 ~ 17:00	Half-day Excursion Tour: National Palace Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://www.npm.edu.tw/en/• Location: No.221, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Taipei 111, Taiwan, R.O.C.• Tel: +886-2-2881-2021, +886-2-6610-3600
18:00 ~ 19:30	Dinner

Monday, August 31 (3rd DAY)

- Dress Code: Formal

08:30 ~ 09:30	Visiting the President's Office
09:30 ~ 12:00	Lungshan Temple (艋舺龍山寺) and Taiwan Handicraft Promotion Center (台灣手工業推廣中心)
12:30 ~ 13:30	Luncheon

15:00 ~ 17:00

Half-day City Explorer: Taipei 101 Tour

- A highlight tour of Taipei 101, the iconic landmark of Taipei City (visit <http://www.taipei-101.com.tw/en/index.aspx>)

18:00 ~ 19:30

Dinner

Tuesday, September 1 (4th DAY)

Departure

General Information and Recommendations

Accommodation (through August 28 to September 1)

The Regent Taipei (5 stars)

August 28, Friday (check-in)

September 1, Tuesday (Check-out)

No 3, Lane 39, Section 2, ZhongShan N, Rd., Taipei 104, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Check-in time: after 15:00 pm

Check-out time: before 12:00 am

Breakfast (6:30 am- 10:00 am): 1st Floor, Brasserie

Tel: +886 2-2523-8000

Fax: +886-2-2523-2828

Climate

Summer is from June to August and Autumn is from September to November. So the time during the event is somewhere between Summer and Autumn. The weather is usually hot and humid. The average temperature will between 30°C (86°F) and 35°C (95F).

Language

Mandarin is the spoken language. In most of the touristic places, such as hotels, restaurants and museums, English is understood and spoken.

Currency / Credit Cards

New Taiwan Dollars (NTD) is the official currency.

All major credit cards (VISA, American Express and Master Card) are accepted in most shops and touristic places. It is advisable to carry an ID card or some forms of photo identifications.

Power Connection

110 Volts

Tipping

Tipping is not customary, whether in taxis, at hotels or in restaurants.