

Liberal Trend in Asia: Taiwan's New Progress

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Progress in 3 aspects

1. LGBTI Rights
2. Immigrant Rights
3. Free Environment for Innovation-based Economy

LGBTI Rights

Appoints the First Transgender Minister without Portfolio in the World

- Ms Audrey Tang, aged 35, the youngest minister of Taiwan and the first transgender minister in the world, appointed by the DPP government in Aug, 2016
- Established her technology company when 19 years old, well-known civil hacker in the world, supported live broadcasting during the Sunflower Movement
- Her task in government: improving government strategy in digital economy, digital innovation, and advocating open government.
- In Taiwan, a citizen can contribute his talents regardless one's gender identity.

Audrey Tang, une «hacktiviste» transgenre pour digitaliser Taïwan

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DPP Legislators Proposes Amendment of the Civil Code for Legalizing Same-sex Marriage

- DPP legislator and LI HRC Member Dr. Lin Ching-yi, chairs the Press Conference on the week of Taiwan Pride Parade.
- Leading by the DPP, 51 among 113 cross-party legislators have countersigned the proposal. The most among Taiwan's his



DPP HQ Extends the Staff Rights and Welfare to Their Same-sex Couple

- From Nov., for any DPP staff and their same-sex partner who have registered as “ same-sex couple” to their city government, rights for the party staff in regards “spouses,” “marriage,” and “family” shall apply.
- Such as familial care leave, marriage leave, maternity/ paternity leave, bereavement leave and allowance, and death compensation....etc.
- What CALD member parties can start from!



Rights

Immigrants

DPP Legislators' Amendment to Abolish Exploit Regulations to Immigrants Workers passes in the LY.

- According to the past *Employment Service Act*, Blue-collar immigrant workers have to leave Taiwan every 3-year working duration, and repay expensive agency fee each time of entry, which is actually an act of exploitation.
- DPP legislators propose to abolish the provision of the Act, and the amendment was passed on Oct. 21
- One of the central elements of the New Southbound Policy.

Yesterday, it was announced by the President



DPP Legislators Propose and Facilitate the Refugee Bill

- Former CALD Secretary-General Bi-khim Shaw and other DPP legislators proposed the Draft of Refugee Bill together.
- On July 14, the Internal Administration Committee of the Legislative Yuan has passed the second reading of the Draft.
- According to the Draft, foreigners or stateless persons can apply refugee status if they are forced to leave their countries due to religion, political beliefs, race difference, wars and disasters.
- Require further review in the Legislative Yuan.

**Free Environment
for Innovation-based New
Economy**

Perfect Taiwan's Environment for Retaining Foreign Talent

- National Development Council (NDC) starts 27 reform strategies from 7 dimensions, including visa, work, residence, finance, tax, insurance, and international living environment, to attract foreign talent to Taiwan.



Reduce Unnecessary Regulation Limitation to Entrepreneurship

- The current *Company Act*, established from the perspective of large-scale manufacturing companies, limits the energy of Taiwanese Entrepreneurship
- DPP will amend the Act, make it more friendly to Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and to new start-ups in Internet Of Things, Information Technology, Cultural and Creative Industry, and all kinds of industries.
- Easier for fundraising, flexible regulations on company organization.