

# Honorary Probation Officers

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## I. Service Regulations

To expand adult probation services, the Ministry of Justice promulgated the “Implementation Regulations for the Appointment of Honorary Pro-

bation Officers by the Prosecuting Authority” on November 6, 1985. The regulations stipulate that all District Prosecutors Offices may appoint those who are moral, credible, and enthusi-

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astic as Honorary Probation Officers or as members of Honorary Probation Groups to handle probation cases and related matters consigned by the office. In 1987, our office recruited prestigious citizens, including Mr. Wang Ying-Jie, Mr. Xue Feng-Zhi, Mr. Zeng Zhao-Song, Mr. Xu Rong-Yao, and Mr. Chan Ming-Huang, as honorary probation officers to assist with probation/parole supervision and the promotion of legal awareness.

Honorary probation officers shall only handle no more than four probation cases at the same time, maintain confidentiality regarding the cases, and remain under the guidance and assistance of the probation officers.

## **II.Training**

Honorary probation officers shall fulfill the mandatory training hours regulated by the "Implementation Regulations for the Appointment of Honorary Probation Officers by the Prosecuting Authority." That includes participation in yearly seminars on working experience and skills, familiarization of probation rules and regulations, and training in psychology, education, probation,

counseling, social work, and criminology and so on to promote the positive effects of probation. The Probation Office collaborates with the Honorary Probation Officer Association to host yearly training courses. These courses not only feature probation officers, prosecutors, clinical psychologists, and social workers as guest lecturers, but also focus on specific case studies such as sexual assault and drug abuse with the aim to continuously enhance professional knowledge and ability of the honorary probation officers. The participants observe and learn through group discussions as well as sharing and exchanging experiences.

With regards to international exchange, the honorary probation officers hosted the "Joint Visiting Delegation of the Republic of China Honorary Probation Officer Association" in October 1988 to visit South Korea and Japan for nine days. The Delegation observed the probation and after-care systems in these countries, learned from the strengths of their systems, and strengthened the friendship between related associations. In May 1990, the Delegation visited Japan to discuss the establish-



ment of sisterhood with the Tokyo Rehabilitation Aid Association, as well as to observe their probation services. In 1999, the Delegation visited numerous facilities in Singapore including the Singapore Prison Service, the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association, and the

Breakthrough Missions – Drug Rehab Halfway House. These exchanges of experience with different countries broaden the Honorary Probation Officers' view on various treatment approaches and probation systems to encompass a more international perspective.

### The training content by the honorary probation officer

#### STAGE 1 Basic Training

Significance of volunteer service, ethics of volunteer service, self-understanding and recognition, sharing of volunteer service experience, knowledge on laws and regulations on volunteer service, development trends in volunteer service

**12hrs.**

#### STAGE 2 Special Training

Guidance, consulting techniques, role and positioning of volunteers, probation officer system and community intervention, practical drill for probation officers (practical ethics and limitations), relevant writing (guidance bulletin, visit report), introduction of relevant laws and regulations, case studies.

**12hrs.**

#### STAGE 3 Development Training

**12hrs.**

*Guidance Group:* techniques and drills on interview and visit, utilization of group guidance in probation system, recognition of non-verbal information, problem-solving skills and risk management models, non-voluntary case guidance, empathy training

*Legal and Ethical Group:* introduction of related laws and criminal practice, criminology, legal education and promotion planning and executive capacity building, legal promotion techniques

*Social Group:* consolidation and coordination of volunteer team, integration and utilization of social resources (case referral techniques), high-risk family assessment and guidance strategy.

*Project Group:* unique case studies such as batterers, sex offenders, and abusers of substances and alcohol, practical drill for probation officer, legal protection work (explanation and promotion of current policies), visit of and seminars for relevant agencies

*Development Group:* experiential class (musical therapy, dancing therapy, painting therapy, game therapy), emotion management and skills to cope with stress, practical work ethics and dilemma research.

## Education and Training



Upper left: 1 Jul., 2009, Leadership Training and Cultural Trip—visit to Sanyo

Upper right: Honorary Probation Officers Development Training in 2013

Lower left: 16 Sep., 2015, Honorary Probation Officers Case Studies

Lower right: 3-4 Nov., 2017, Advanced Training for Three Associations

Lowest: 17 Aug., 2016, Honorary Probation Officers Development Training



### **III. Number of Clients Served and Recognition**

Since 2006, the Honorary Probation Officers of our office have assisted in the interviews of a total of 11,355 cases; a total of 1,250 cases have been interviewed by the Officers, and 8,801 cases under probation have been consigned to the Officers, bringing the total hours of assistance to 39,246 hours. The Honorary Probation Officers contributed tremendously to our probation services. Due to restrictions on the number of the Probation Officers, it would not have been possible to successfully expand our probation services without the help from our Honorary Probation Officers, especially in the face of the increasing variety and number of cases.

To recognize outstanding Honorary Probation Officers and facilitate participation of the community in the adult probation services, the Ministry of Justice promulgated the "Reward Regulations for Honorary Probation Officer Volunteer Services" on May 19, 2006. When the services of Honorary Probation Officers meet certain criteria, they will be publicly recognized by the Ministry of Justice, the Taiwan High Prosecu-

tors Office, and the District Prosecutors Office. In 2016, Honorary Probation Officers of our Office were awarded recognition certificates for a year of hard work from Chief Prosecutor Wang Tian-Sheng of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office and Chief Prosecutor Shing Tai-Chao of our Office. All Honorary Probation Officers are expected to learn from these role models and to encourage each other in their continuous improvement.

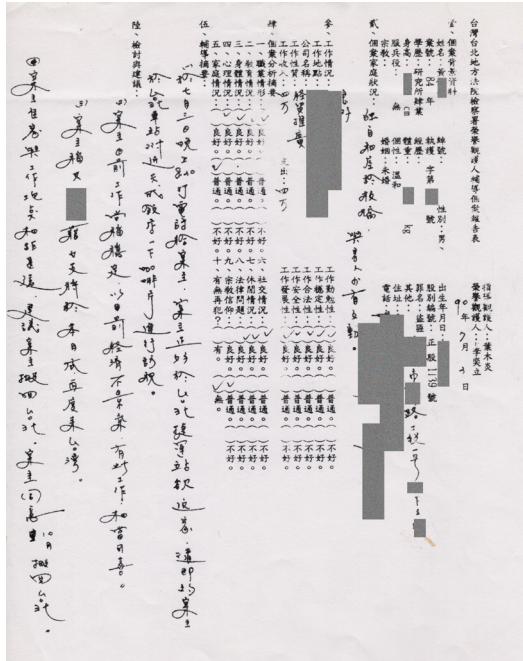
### **IV. Milestones of the Taipei Honorary Probation Officer Association**

To utilize social power and resources, assist the government in expanding adult probation services, promote legal awareness, and maintain order and peace of the society, the Honorary Probation Officers of our office established the Taipei Honorary Probation Officer Association on December 5, 1987. The founding ceremony was held in the auditorium on the fifth floor of the Ministry of Justice. The Association is under the supervision of Taipei District Prosecutors Office and the Shi-Lin District Prosecutors Office. Mr. Wang Ying-Jie was elected as the first president of

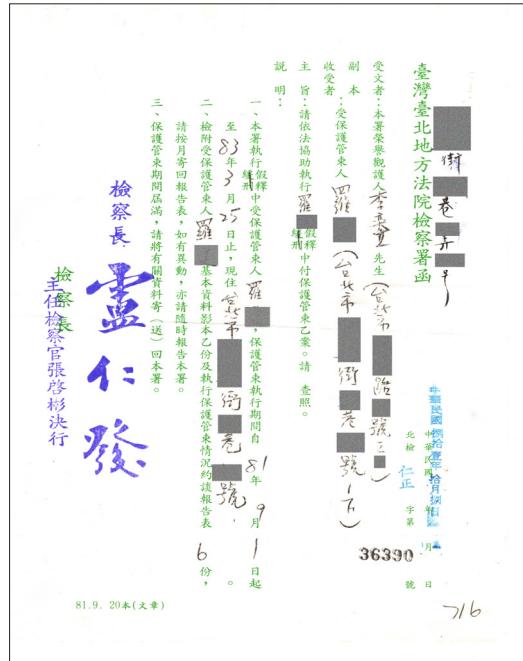
Taipei Honorary Probation Officers Association Achievements in 2006-2016

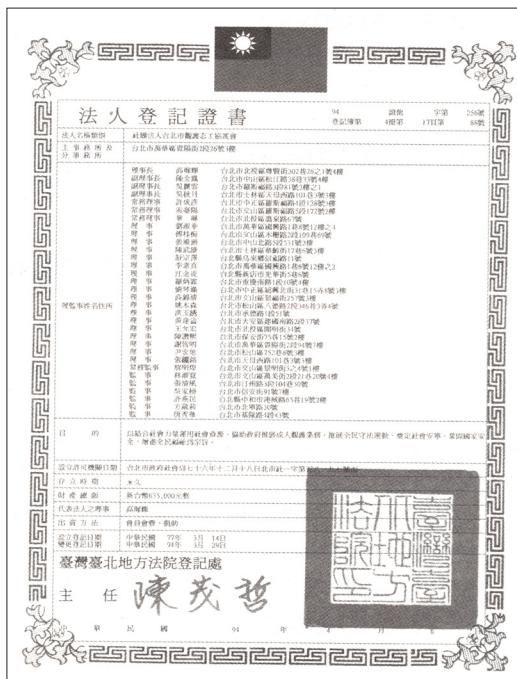


## Case Guidance Report by Honorary Probation Officer in 2001



Letter Issued to Honorary Probation Officer to Handle Probation Case in 1992

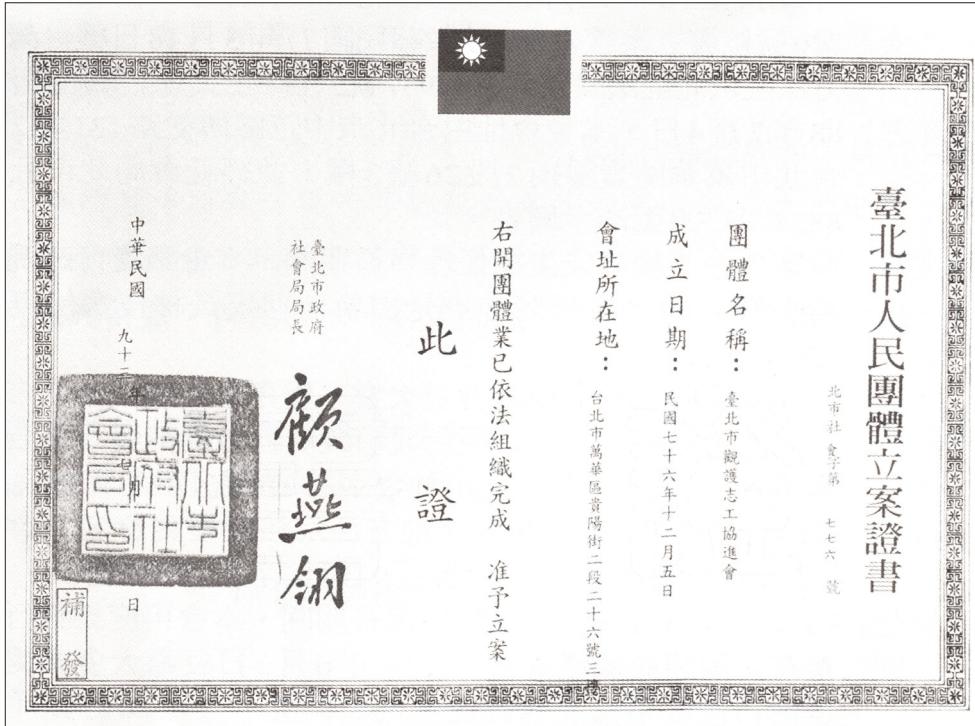




5 Dec., 1987, Exchanged the memorabilia with sister associations in the founding ceremony



5 Dec., 1987, The founding ceremony





17 Dec., 1987: Chief Prosecutor Liu Jing-Yi grants Mid-Autumn Festival subsidy for celebration of the Association's anniversary



Chief Prosecutor Liu Jing-Yi delivers his remarks at celebration of the Association's second anniversary in 1990



8 Jan., 1992: Chairperson Hsueh Feng-Zhi presents a gift of appreciation to Chief Prosecutor Huang Qin-Zhen in celebration of the Association's fourth anniversary

the Association. On December 19, 1987, the registered certificate of the Association was issued by the Department of Social Welfare, Taipei City Government in accordance with the Taipei City Social Regulations No. 776. On March 18, 1988, the Association was officially registered as an incorporated entity, as announced by the Taipei District Court in accordance with the Taipei District

Court Registration Regulations No. 04937.

On December 29, 2011, the Ministry of Justice issued an amendment to the "Implementation Regulations for the Appointment of Honorary Probation Officers by the Prosecuting Authority". In the amendment, "Probation Volunteers" was renamed to "Honorary Pro-



bation Officers". Accordingly, the Association was renamed "Taipei Honorary Probation Officer Association" after an amendment of the corporate charter. Currently, the Association has 73 individual members. The office is located in Taipei District Prosecutors Office Building #2, and the phone number for the Association is 02-23817836 #8614.

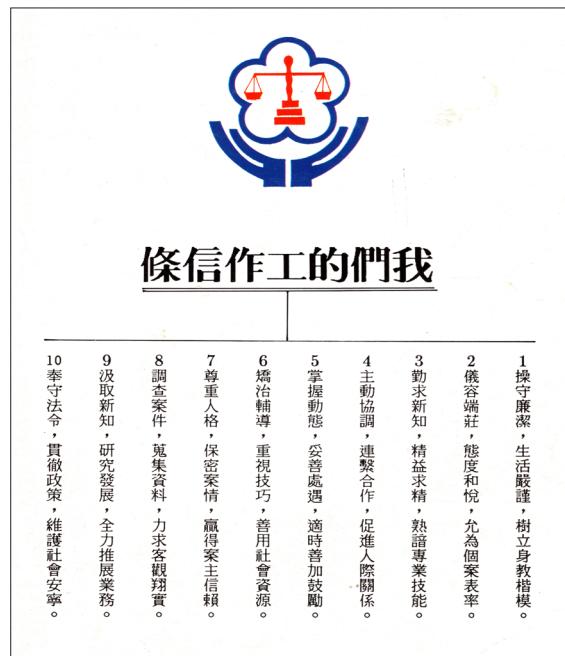
The past presidents of the Association are Wang Ying-Jie, Xue Feng-Zhi, Zeng Zhao-Song, Cai Chong-Ji, Li Wen-De, Li Yi-Li, Lin Zhi-Xiang, Li Fu-Chang, Liu Gonog-Pu, Cai You-Cheng, Gao Xi-Hui, Zhan Ming-Huang, Li Yi-Li, Xu Cheng-Yan, Zhang Zhong-Tai, Xue Feng-Zhi, Huang Feng-yi.

## V.Promotion of legal education

All members of the Association are required to be appointed as Honorary Probation Officers by the Taipei Prosecutors Office and reported to the Ministry of Justice. Our primary missions are to unite social powers, utilize social resources, and assist with the expansion of adult probation services. Since the establishment of the Association, every member has been earnest

and responsible in assisting the Taipei District Prosecutors Office to coach and guide persons under probation to attend school and work and access medical care and government disability subsidies. In addition, they also cooperate with the Ministry of Justice in organizing crime prevention, anti-drug, and legal advocacy campaigns.

The legal advocacy posters designed over the years have featured a variety of themes. The first posters were printed in 1989 with the theme of dissuading Mark Six Lottery and other gambling-related crimes. Subsequent activities are diverse and include anti-amphetamines posters, crime prevention essay contest, anti-drug essay competition, cherish life campaign on campus, anti-drug and anti-smoke campaign on the June 3rd anti-smoking day, teenager legal awareness concert, anti-drug comic contest, legal awareness hike, march against bribery, anti-drug legal awareness campaign on campus, three-on-three basketball games, summer crime prevention quiz contest, election candidate anti-bribery convention, crime prevention calligra-



8th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of Honorary Probation Officer Association: the honorary probation officer's service belief in 1995.

phy competition, etc. Honorary Probation Officers participated actively and enthusiastically in each of the activities, promoting proper legal concepts to the public to implement first-line crime prevention.

The Taipei Honorary Probation Officer Association has always been the greatest force and the strongest support behind probation services. They organize seasonal greeting events during special occasions and deliver urgent

relief funds or goods and materials for persons under probation. They provide considerable social resources so that those who are in difficulty or in need of help can ease their burden and stress and avoid being caught in the cycle of crime. Many a little makes a mickle; the Association's work will never stop and will continue to make a difference in society.