



# International Exchange

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Globalization has an impact worldwide, ranging from transnational crime, natural disasters, terrorist attacks and international conflicts, testing the ability of both the governmental and private agencies to assist the victims. Taking part in an international programs is not only an opportunity to learn from the experience and research findings of international scholars and experts on crime victims, it is also a chance to share the experience and development of victims support measures in Taiwan with the world. We hope to share and to exchange knowledge with international scholars and experts on victimol-

ogy will help broaden the international perspective on criminology and increase understanding and participation of international victims support.

### **I. International Seminar on Victims support**

The 2005 Asia-Pacific International Conference on Victims support was held on October 28 in Taiwan. Experts and scholars involved in victims support in Japan, Korea and New Zealand were invited to speak at the conference. A report was also presented on the current status of victims support in Taiwan during a forum themed on

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“International Victims support Agreement”.

The “2008 International Conference on Victim Support-Let’s Care” was held again in Taiwan on November 14. Participating countries included (1) host nation Taiwan, (2) Japan, (3) Korea, (4) Thailand, (5) Canada, and (6) Germany. Issues discussed included (1) Current Status and Future Outlook of Victims support: 1. Compensation system; 2. Victims’ legal rights and litigation assistance; 3. Support measures; (2) Professional training for counseling staff: 1. Self-care; 2. Self-improvement; 3. Integration of social resources.

## **II.Conference on Victims Support**

On August 18, 2010, Deputy Executive Secretary Hong Wen-Ling from the Association for Victims Support Taipei Branch (AVS Taipei Branch) attended the “2010 Conference on Crime and Strategies” held jointly by National Taipei University and Southwest University of Political Science and Law. Four speeches were given during the conference. The first was on crime prevention and victim study. Professors Sheu Chuen-Jim and Huang Lan-Ying presented their findings on victim stud-

ies in Taiwan, showing different categories of victims in various geographical areas in Taiwan, and differences among victims in different cities. The second speech featuring categories of crime was presented by a professor from Southwest University of Political Science and Law. The speech discussed strategies against criminal offenses committed by mobsters and duty crime. The third speech was on crime investigation, police administration and juveniles, and was presented by Southwest University of Political Science and Law and University of Delaware. Specifically, the speech addressed crimes involving forensics, arrest procedures and college students’ attitudes toward police dealings on domestic violence cases in China and the U.S. The fourth speech on criminal policy and penalty was presented by Southwest University of Political Science and Law and Guangxi University School of Law. They addressed the evolution of criminal policy and penalty, and how to strike the perfect balance on the severity and leniency of penalties to meet the expectation of the society.

From August 23 to 28, 2009, AVS Taipei Branch joined the delegation and attended the Annual Conference on



Victimology in Japan. The representatives also visited the victim service center, the research institute and the police administration. The concept and practice of restorative justice had been in place in Europe and the U.S. for over half a century. After a comprehensive review of restorative justice projects from around the world, it does appear that this approach is what the victims prefer compared with the conventional criminal justice approach. However, the success of these projects lies in voluntary participation, suitable participants and leaders, as well as satisfaction with and respect for the outcome.

On October 22, 2014, AVS Taipei Branch invited representatives from Jiangxi Province Society on Criminology from China led by renowned attorney, Mr. Li Yong-Ran to discuss regulato-

ry and operational models of victims support. The exchange was held at the conference room in Taipei District Prosecutors Office. Chairman Li Fu-Qing, Deputy Executive Secretary Hong Wen-Ling and Legal Aid Xu Han-Zhi also attended as representatives from Taiwan.

### III. Visits of International Scholars

On October 15, 2009, AVS Taipei Branch held the "Conference on the Concept and Practice of Restorative Justice" at the international convention center at National Taipei University and invited Professor Cho Kyoan-Seok from Korea Peacebuilding Institute.

On September 21, 2010, Journalist Sugiyama Tadashi from Japanese newspaper agency Asahi Shimbun visited AVS



Oct., 2005, Asia-Pacific International Conference on victims Support

Taipei Branch to learn about its operation. In Japan, the abolition of death penalty was becoming a heated issue and therefore he interviewed Chairperson Chen Shu-Zhen, Professors Huang Jau-Yih and Lin Yu-Shun, and Deputy Executive Secretary Hong Wen-Ling from the Branch for their views on this issue in Taiwan.

On August 15, 2011, representatives from the Shanghai Prison Association visited Taiwan. Chairperson Chen Shu-Zhen, Committee member Li Fu-Qing and Deputy Executive Secretary Hong Wen-Ling met the delegate on behalf of AVS. Deputy Executive Secretary Hong gave a detailed presentation on services provided by AVS, the number of people served and distribution, as well as case studies. The presentation

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On March 27, 2013, representatives from the Shanghai Prison Association visited Taiwan again. Deputy Executive Secretary Hong gave a detailed presentation on services provided by AVS and case studies. The presentation also reflected the mindset and of the disadvantaged victims. The case studies allow international guests to better understand the care needed by the disadvantaged population. The warm exchange during the event left a strong impression for all guests.

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Annual Japan Victimology Conference and Delegation

Let's Care – International Conference on Victims Support in Taiwan



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Visit by Shanghai Prison Association



Visit by Division for Human Rights and Democracy of European External Action Service, European Union

Visit by Jiangxi Province Society on Criminology from China

