

A growing and prospective NHRC, Taiwan

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Requirements for a promising NHRI

- The establishment of a NHRI is cultural-context in which the strength of the existing culture of human rights and the level of political will could have a significant impact on the success of the institution.

Cultural aspects

- Take legal education as an example, law schools in Taiwan hardly include human rights as a compulsory course.
- One may ask: Do we have a right to human rights education?
- Do we have sufficient and strong political will to respond fairly to the situations of human rights abuse?

The attitude of the judicial system

- One may ask: Is the judicial system enthusiastic about the implementation of human rights norms and standards in the decisions and judgement?
- Whether human rights norms override any conflicting rules of law?
- What is the methodology in constitutional interpretation involving the application of human rights norm and standards?

Method of operation

- Strategic planning of action is helpful to scoping priority activities, especially for a newly established NHRC.
- Strategic plan of action should be treated as an instrumentality for constructing a healthy human rights environment.

Learning and training

- The specialized nature of NHRI entails that professional training for the members and staff is a major requisite for their new missions and challenges.
- Members and staff are expected to be experts as regards the theory and methods of how to do the best it can to promote and protect human rights.