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### Human Rights Marching on. The New Milestone of Prison Policy.

#### - The Ceremony of the Affiliate Women's Open Prison and Inauguration of the Expansion Project of Yilan Prison -

In order to implement the current criminal-correction policies and alleviate the dilemma of excess containment, Yilan Prison held the Ceremony of the Affiliate Women's Open Prison and Inauguration of the Expansion Project on December 30. At the same time, inmates demonstrated the concrete results of skills training and arts education, which fully show the "humanized prison administration" in our country and follow the trend of international executions.

Yilan prison has supervised the inmates to accept staged treatment and set up "Affiliate Women's Open Prison", instructed by the Ministry of Justice. The Director of Minister of Justice Tsai, Ching-xiang started the Opening ceremony, inviting Undersecretary of Government Chen, Ming-tan, the Director of Agency of Corrections Huang, Jun-tang, and the Warden of Yilan Prison Huang, Jian-yu to unveil the title with honor VIP guests at 10 am in the administration building. The Affiliate Women's Open Prison will be used for female inmates from the westside and eastside of Taiwan who have willing options and meet the selection conditions of Women's Open Prisons. Providing farming skill practices and employment counseling of future rehabilitation assist inmates gradually adapting social life, meet their family members nearby, and also reduce the possibility of recidivism.

The Director of Ministry of Justice Tsai invited the officers at all levels and honor VIP guests to proceed the ribbon-cutting ceremony which was held at the new lecture hall. The heads of Yilan Judiciary, elected Public Representatives, famous local people, Taiwan After-care Association, and Probation Association, there were

nearly 100 honor VIP guests invited to join the opening ceremony. At the venue, Yilan Prison arranged their inmates to perform arts shows to provide a feast of strength and beauty for all officers and guests. At first, the Lion Dance Troupe performed Lucky Lions to congratulate the expansion building has been completed and show a symbol of good luck . Next, the Jazz Band performed the relaxing music to present that this prison has been promoting the effectiveness of music therapy. At Last, the Uklili Class performed wonderful music to give a positive spirit to the inmates, but also let the guests understand a better specific correction value of life education from the prison.

Subsequently along the moving line of the inauguration ceremony, the warden of Yilan Prison Huang led everyone to appreciate the straw-crafts masterpieces of skills training and arts education in the "Exhibition Area of Inmates' Craftworks". Art-craftworks of straw installation geniusly combined the traditional lantern making to show the concrete results of skills training and arts education for the inmates. The "Farmhouse" full of nostalgic atmosphere was the most eye-catching, including farmers engaging in the cultivation, tractors operated by labor force, all kinds of poultry and livestock, straw piles of harvest. All of them are lifelike and childlike which arouse the common memories of everyone' s happy childhood. It is believed that the superb artworks full of rural features of Sun-Hsin Viliage can positively market the craftsmanship inheritance and rehabilitational effect of criminal-correction institutions.

After entering the new lecture hall, Director Tsai of Minister of Justice and Leader Lin of Yilan County gave speeches for the meeting. After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, all guests entered the new construction area and Warden Huang of Yilan Prison explained the characteristics of new construction buildings in details. In order to achieve new prison policy and improve the quality of containment, the Ministry of Justice selected the priority case for the medium-long-range expansion (reformation) plan in this prison. Since May in 2016, the expansion project of the new parish had been designed as a four-story building structure on the ground. Considering environmental condition and energy saving, the building project includes document file storage, new meeting rooms, multi-purpose teaching areas, workshop factories, cooking yards, new central-control stations, re-inspection stations, sewage treatment plants, and remodeling of old meeting rooms and cooking yards. In addition to considering the configuration of barrier-free space, two additional facilities such as elevators and wind-and-rain corridors are added.

"After the completion of the new parish, the maximum capacity will increase to 1,080 inmates, which are designed with the goal of one inmate for one bed, which can effectively relieve the pressure of excess accommodation, represent the humane treatment function, and improve the current living environment. This determination will make the public feel the government's judicial reformance and enhance the image of international human rights effectively. Hereby, I also hope that the inmates can return to society well after leaving our prison and let's create a more peaceful society together." said Warden Huang.