

On December 8-9, 2011, the Ministry of Justice held the "2011 International Convention on Human Rights Symposium " and invited internationally renowned scholars to have thematic speeches. During this symposium the scholars had in-depth discussions on the status of the international human rights development and the realization of the ICCPR&ICESCR in Taiwan so as to provide valuable suggestions for the protection of human rights. Several of them, including Professor Nisuke Ando from Japan (the former chairman of the Human Rights Committee under United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), Professor Theodoor Cornelis van Boven from Holland (the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Torture), Principal Allan Rock from Canada (the former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations and the Canadian Minister of Justice), professor 安京煥 from Korea (the former Chairman of the South Korean National Human Rights Commission), US researcher James D. Seymour (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China Research Center Senior Honorary Fellow), Malaysia's lawyer Edmund Bon (human rights lawyer) and researcher Jefferson Plantilla from Philippines (Osaka "Asian Human Rights Information Center" Principal Investigator), had served as the United Nations human rights-related duties. Vice President Vincent Siew presided over the opening of the workshop. In addition, several committee members of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Human Rights, committee members of promotion and protection of human rights group of the Executive Yuan, domestic civil society organizations which are concerned about human rights issues, scholars, experts

and public servants also participated in this event.

(Meeting Information Attached)

