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**DPP Chair Lai on Legislative Reform in the Central
Standing Committee Meeting**



Photo: President Lai's Facebook Page

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The following are President Lai's remarks:

We thank and appreciate Distinguished Professor of Law Dr. Chih-chieh Lin (林志潔) from National Yang-Ming Chiao Tung University for her special report on the DPP's proposed legislative reforms. Professor Chih-chieh Lin has long advocated for progressive legislative reforms and is well-versed in related issues. She actively participates in discussions regarding the proposed bills for legislative reforms and their enactment.

Since 1992, while calling for a fully elected legislature and ending the "Forever Parliament," the DPP has consistently advocated for legislative reform. From the 3rd Legislature, these efforts have led to the enactment of five acts regarding legislative powers and sunshine laws in the legislature, eliminating the long-standing public negative

perception of the legislature as a “black box.”

After the DPP’s return to power in 2016, we renewed our commitment to build a parliament of the people—open and professional. During the 9th and 10th Legislatures, the action plans for an open parliament were gradually completed through the efforts of Legislative Yuan Presidents Su Jia-Chuan (蘇嘉全) and You Si-kun (游錫堃), with 17 of the 20 promised reforms achieved. These accomplishments include:

1. Improvements made to the “Parliamentary TV Channel” to increase transparency
2. Releasing legislative documents to the public to increase openness
3. Creating accessible legislative spaces for those with disabilities
4. Digitizing legislative documents and information
5. Popularizing public awareness and understanding of the legislature.

Unfortunately, the DPP's current efforts to hold the legislature accountable and enhance the quality of legislative hearings are being blocked by the KMT and TPP collectively. These proposals remain stalled in committees without any chance for discussion. We hope the opposition parties will heed the people's call for procedural justice and allow all versions of the proposed legislative reform bills to be discussed in the reconsideration of the bills this Friday.

Democracy needs to be defended, requires dialogue, and must be deepened. Past legislative reforms have laid the foundation for Taiwan’s democratic development. Now is the time for Taiwan to align itself with the world. The DPP will not cease pushing for legislative reform, and we must build a legislature that the public can trust and rely on.

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