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### Content:

The Council of Indigenous Peoples (hereinafter referred to as CIP) has established the Directions herein to promote global participation of Indigenous peoples from Taiwan, raise awareness on contemporary issues that the Indigenous peoples face, contribute and share development experiences, increase the visibility of Taiwan Indigenous peoples on the global stage, and expand Taiwan's roles in the international community.

Use of grants received under the Directions shall be limited to international conventions, conferences, forums, workshops of the following topics:

Human rights, land rights, right to self-government, educational and cultural rights, intellectual property rights, social rights, and other rights of Indigenous peoples.

Traditional medicine, social welfare and development, and health advocacy and development for Indigenous peoples.

Ecological diversity.

International events hosted by the United Nations and related Indigenous peoples.

Traveling to countries that have signed a memorandum of understanding on Indigenous affairs with CIP for exchanges and discussions.

International events related to the industries, economy and trade, and technologies of Indigenous peoples.

Exchanges between NGOs or other events in line with CIP's mission, supports policy objectives or that is otherwise approved by CIP.

Either local or foreign institutions, organizations or groups may also receive grants for hosting aforementioned events.

Eligibility and Requirement:

Taiwan individuals: Must have relevant domestic or international field experience or related publications (evidence required); priority consideration will be given to Indigenous people.

Taiwan institutions, organizations or groups must be one of the following:

Legally registered Indigenous organizations or groups.

Legally registered schools and academic research institutes (including religious schools with strong relationships with the Indigenous community).

Other institutions, organizations or groups with experience hosting international exchanges among Indigenous peoples.

International Applicants (ally or friendly nations):

- 1. Overseas institutions, organizations, groups or individuals:
- (1) Schools of all levels.
- (2) Academic institutions, organizations and think tanks.
- (3) Non-governmental Organizations (hereinafter referred to as NGOs).
- (4) Media.
- (5) Politicians, scholars, and important figures in the society.
- 2. Other applicants approved by CIP as beneficial to the international

exchange of

Taiwan Indigenous peoples.

Taiwan institutions, organizations or groups applying for the grant in Item 2 of the preceding paragraph must have at least 5 members travelling abroad, of which over half must be Indigenous people.

Ally international applicants in Item 3 of the preceding paragraph refer to nations with official diplomatic relationships with Taiwan (R.O.C.); friendly nations refer to nations without official diplomatic relationships but intend to jointly pursue economic development or improve substantive bilateral relationships with Taiwan (R.O.C.).

Required Documents:

Applicants shall submit the following documents (including electronic files) to CIP 30 days before the event begins. The postmark date will be deemed as the date received; for on-site applications, the received date will be logged in as the submitted date; the documents should arrive between 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on CIP's working days; late applications will not be processed. Applicants with missing documents shall submit them to CIP before the designated time (please refer to the above for definitions of date received), late documents will not be processed:

Taiwanese individuals:

Copy of invitation issued by the organizer and, if necessary, the original one may be required, which will be returned after verification.

Grant Application Form (Annex 1).

Personal Information Form (Annex 2).

Event plans, e.g., to publish articles, reports, and slides.

Public servants and related persons' identity and relationship disclosure form (Annex 3).

Taiwan institutions, organizations or groups:

Copy of invitation issued by the organizer and, if necessary, the original one may be required, which will be returned after verification.

Copy of business license or articles of incorporation and documents of proof, including meeting minutes of member/delegate meetings or board of directors meetings within a year or meeting minutes of term expire re-election meetings.

Grant Application Form (Annex 1).

Institutions, organization or group information Form (Annex 4).

Event plans.

Application letter.

Public servants and related persons' identity and relationship disclosure form of the person in charge (Annex 3).

International institutions, organizations, and groups or foreign persons:

Grant Application Form (Annex 1).

Foreign individuals shall submit a copy of the invitation issued by the organizer and, if necessary, the original one may be required, which will be returned after verification. Foreign individuals must also submit their Personal Information Form (Annex 2).

Foreign institutions, organizations or groups shall submit a copy of their business license or articles of incorporation as well as a General Information Form (Annex 4).

Event plans.

Public servants and related persons' identity and relationship disclosure form of the person in charge (Annex 3).

Download application documents listed in the Directions from CIP's official website (www.cip.gov.tw).

Applications are processed in two periods, the first and second halfyear, and late applications will not be accepted:

First half-year: Events occurring between December 6 of the previous year and June 30 of the current year must be applied for between November 6 of the previous year and May 31 of the current year and at least 30 days before the event.

Second half-Year: Events occurring between July 1 and December 5 of

the current year must be applied for between June 1 and November 5 of the current year and at least 30 days before the event.

Review Procedure and Criteria:

Relevent function units at CIP will review applications based on the following criteria within 15 days of receipt:

The event corresponds to the Direction's mission and objectives.

Relevance to CIP's work.

Applicants designated and invited by the organizer, e.g., appointed moderator or invited as keynote speaker.

Experiences in relevant events or activities in Taiwan and overseas.

Events scale and participation of other countries.

Plans for advocating for related issues after return.

Foreign language capabilities.

Funding request and sponsorship from other agencies.

Usage rate of Indigenous languages.

When three or more individuals OR two or more institutions, organizations or groups apply for grants for the same event, CIP may select no more than 5 persons to form a group and participate in the event.

Once grant is approved, should changes to the original plan be necessary, applicants shall submit related documentation or the Change Request Form (Annex 5) to CIP for approval.

### Grant Criteria:

According to the review opinion and the financial status of CIP at the time of application, there will be a maximum grant per person based on where the event is located (refer to the annex). Expenses covered by the grant include flight fare (including visa fees), living stipend, registration fees, other expenses, attendance fees, service fees, travel and freight expenses, etc. Applicants shall not apply to CIP for the same funding that has already been granted by the organizer or other agencies in Taiwan.

The grant limit (maximum) for non-Indigenous individuals may be 50% of the limit listed in the first item.

For applicants with severe disabilities (documents of proof required), CIP will offer 50% of the grant limit (maximum) as listed in the first item for the travel expenses of a caretaker if necessary.

Institutions, organizations or groups that apply under Article II Item II shall receive a maximum of NT\$ 500,000 in grants.

Applications meeting the provisions of Article III, Paragraph II of the Indigenous Language Development Grants Regulations, the grant maximum may be increased by 50% according to the maximum amount in the previous item based on the proportion of Indigenous language use.

Any international events recognized by CIP to improve the status of Taiwan Indigenous peoples, to be of diplomatic significance, to support policy objectives, and to bid for the hosting rights of significant international events are excluded by the limitation of the grants mentioned in the previous item.

# Payment Procedure:

The approved applicants shall submit or send (please refer to Article IV for definitions of date received) the following documents to CIP within 30 days of the event ending for disbursement; CIP may cancel grants in the event of late submissions.

Receipts (Annex 6).

Funding Status Sheet and Expense Sheet (listing actual expenses and other sponsored amounts and account titles) (Annex 7).

Original invoices and receipts; For example, to reimburse flights, please provide ticket stubs (or e-ticket), proof of payment (for international flights, please submit receipts from the airline, invoices from the travel agency, or other documentary payment proof), and proof of departure (such as boarding pass stubs or passport copies with exit stamps or airline-issued travel confirmation).

Currency Exchange Receipt; exchange rate for those that did not settle foreign exchange transactions will be the spot selling rate for USD as listed by the Bank of Taiwan one day prior to departure (the date will be traced back to the last working day during holidays).

Final Report (including photos, published papers, slides, benefits, etc.) in duplicate and an authorization letter for the report (Annex 8).

Copy of Bank Account.

If the total expense is less than the amount applied for, CIP will assess and reduce according to the proportion.

Approved applicants shall act in good faith and be responsible for the authenticity of payment documents. CIP may withdraw grants, recover grants, and terminate grants for 1 to 5 years based on the severity of the situation given any falsehoods or fraudulent behavior. Similarly, any violation of regulations pertaining to sexual harassment prevention and gender equity is also applicable.

Approved applicants that are foreign institutions, organizations, groups or individuals shall submit invoices, original documents, and final reports for settlement. Applicants meeting one of the following criteria may settle using only the receipt issued by the grant applicant:

Applicants that are academic research, exchange programs or events by foreign agencies, organizations, groups or persons, shall submit project outcome reports or a description of the events at project closing.

Given special circumstances where the applicant is unable to obtain original documents or the documents are illegible, CIP may assess the importance and benefits of the project with causes for the special circumstances explained.

NGOs or individuals who meet any of the following conditions will not be approved for the grant; if grants have already been approved, the issuing agency may revoke or terminate the grant and recover part or all of the funds:

The applicant has violated laws or public policy doctrine, and the violation has been verified within the past two years.

The project executed significantly deviates from the original plan, or changes were made without required approval.

The required reimbursement documents are not submitted within 30 days after the event conclusion and are not provided by the re-submission deadline after notification.

## Supplementary Provisions:

For the attendance of international Indigenous peoples exchange events outside of Taiwan, individuals are eligible for 2 approved grants each year; each institution, organization or group is eligible for 1 approved grant, capped at NT\$150,000, each year. Exceptions will be granted to those applying under CIP's policy needs.

After the event, applicants shall submit the slides, speech materials, and related documents to CIP. Applicants shall authorize CIP the right to fair use of the final report in non-profit situations, and to ensure no copyright infringement to any third-party; should any infringement occur and damage the rights of CIP, the applicant shall be liable for all damages.

CIP may evaluate the benefits gained by the applicant participating in the international event; those that are deemed excellent will be given priority when applying for grants to attend the same event next year and will be listed as a consulting agency, organization or group to CIP.

Applicants shall not engage in any activities that will jeopardize national security or interest during the duration of the event; violators will be subject to grant revocation and further applications will not be processed.

Should the annual grant budget be exhausted, CIP may announce the termination of grants or an early deadline for applications on its official website.

The Directions and subsequent amendments will be announced and promulgated upon review by CIP.
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