

Guidelines for National Chiayi University to Deal with the Issue of Country Title or Participation Status When Attending International Conferences or Activities and Presenting Academic Work

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- I. In order to help staff and students be able to respond without hesitation when being faced with the issue of country title or participation status while attending international conferences or activities and presenting academic work, National Chiayi University (hereinafter referred as ‘the School’) formulated ‘Guidelines for National Chiayi University to Deal with the Issue of Country Title or Participation Status When Attending International Conferences or Activities and Presenting Academic Work’ (hereinafter referred as ‘the Guidelines’) in accordance with principles and regulations set by Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Science and Technology so as to avoid national sovereignty being degraded or participation rights being affected.
- II. The formal country name ‘Republic of China’ or ‘Republic of China (Taiwan)’ should be the first choice when attending international conferences or activities and presenting academic work. However, in considering the balance between international participation and dignity for participation, it is acceptable to use the name ‘Taiwan’ if not being able to use the formal name to participate. It is not acceptable to use names such as ‘Taiwan, Province of China’, ‘Taiwan, China’, ‘Taipei, China’, ‘Chinese Taiwan’, etc. If such negotiation is declined, suggestions can be offered to the conference organizer or host unit about omitting all country names and using city names instead, yet the spelling of our city names should conform to the conventional spelling used in Taiwan such as ‘Taipei’, ‘Taichung’ and ‘Kaohsiung’. Another suggestion is to use participants’ non-governmental titles to refer to all participating countries, teams and groups.
- III. The name ‘Chinese Taipei’ should be avoided as far as possible when attending international conferences or activities. If it has to be used for some reason, a rebuttal of distorting ‘Chinese Taipei’ as ‘Taipei of China’ should be issued. In addition, we should be listed in the group of letter ‘T’ rather than letter ‘C’ to avoid being degraded.
- IV. If our national flag is dismissed in the international conferences or activities in which national flags of participating countries are to be displayed, protests should be made immediately to the conference organizer, or requests should be made to the conference organizer that by following the principle of equality, all national flags should be removed or only flag of the host country is to be displayed.
- V. Principles for dealing with issues in relation to national sovereignty being denigrated and participation rights being affected when attending international conferences or activities:
 - (1) If participants are aware of any possible oppression in relation to the change of membership, title or national flag or being treated in a degraded manner, they should timely make protests and declare our position in written documents.
 - (2) Participants should immediately notify the School’s Office of International Affairs and diplomatic missions to help dealing with the issue, and contact and request people of

friendly and like-minded countries for voicing support for us.

- (3) The School should immediately report to related government agencies such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Science and Technology, and follow instructions to strive for the supposed rights of us.

VI. Principles for dealing with issues where our country name has been incorrectly recorded in publications:

(1) Proactive reporting

1. Make a timely report to the School's Office of Research and Development for the department to process follow-up in-school reporting.
2. For academic work with specified project numbers or entrusting/subsidized agencies, the entrusting/subsidized agencies shall be notified by the School's relevant business management units.

(2) Active request for correction:

1. Proactively send mails to ask the publisher to correct the error(s).
2. If the publisher does not respond to our request or fails to correct the error, report to the School's Office of Research and Development again for the department to coordinate active follow-up action.

(3) Ongoing follow-ups and reporting

1. Keep checking the content of the published work and get a grasp of updated information released online.
2. Keep close contact with the School's Office of Research and Development and timely provide the department with real-time information.

VII. For achievements accomplished in a condition where our national sovereignty has been denigrated and participation rights been affected when attending international conferences or activities and presenting academic work but no protest or report has been made, such achievements shall not be considered in the performance for appraisal, reward, subsidy, promotion, evaluation or project application.

VIII. For academic work published with incorrect country name recorded in publications, although request for correction and reports have been made, yet the error remains uncorrected, such work shall not be considered in the performance for appraisal, reward, subsidy, promotion, evaluation or project application.

IX. What is not fully described in the Guidelines is to be processed according to related regulations.

X. The Guidelines shall be enforced after being passed at Administration Meeting and approved by the President.