

OUTLOOK

With the merging of the ICDF and CITC, effective 1 July 1997, an intensive evaluation of all functions has been undertaken. In some areas, there was duplication of personnel and functions, which we have eliminated. Our challenge now is to integrate the staff of both organizations in the most effective way possible as we strive to accomplish our objectives to the best of our collective abilities. As noted in our management review, we are now in an excellent position to entrench project supervision and instill cost-effectiveness in everything we do.

The work that faces the ICDF is tremendously exciting. As citizens of the Republic of China, we find ourselves in the enviable position of being respected for the achievements of our government and entrepreneurs in accomplishing the 'Taiwan Economic Miracle.' That economic miracle is the subject of case studies in business schools and the dream of developing and newly industrialized countries around the world.

Who better than the entrepreneurs of the ROC to teach others about the skills and knowledge required to establish successful small- and medium-sized businesses? Who better than the scientists and specialists of the ROC to help countries with similar climatic and soil conditions to multiply the production of their arable lands and water resources manyfold? The scientists and specialists of the ROC are renowned for the contributions they have made to the science of agricultural cultivation, the creation of new seed varieties, the breeding of livestock and the establishment of hatcheries and aquaculture where none thrived before.

The citizens of the ROC are eager to contribute their talents and experience in many areas. They are genuinely altruistic but they especially want to be accorded the respect that they deserve in the international arena. As they make friends around the world in introducing the formulae that have made the Taiwan Experience possible, their hope is to be recognized for what they are.

With a global community that is becoming ever more closely interconnected, and the economic liberalization that is taking place in so many parts of the world, the ICDF is happy to have the opportunity to work side by side with friendly nations that truly want to achieve a more prosperous society for their citizens.

One of the challenges of the ICDF is to obtain larger and regular replenishments of its resources for development assistance activities. With the success that we are seeing in the countries in which our people have contributed their expertise, we believe that the provision of larger resources for development assistance is a wise investment that the ROC needs to make. Our ambition is to introduce the Taiwan Experience to every friendly country in the world where it has applicability.



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