

ICDF Vision

During 2001, the first year of the new millennium, the ICDF supported and promoted ROC diplomatic interests, while hewing to its core organizational principles of professionalism and transparency. The ICDF in 2001 aligned itself yet more closely with important global trends—democracy, human rights, poverty relief, environmental protection and humanitarian aid—while resolutely executing its own mission to “strengthen international cooperation and enhance foreign relations by promoting economic development, social progress and the welfare of the people in partner nations around the world.” To fulfill this mission, the ICDF continued its efforts in technical cooperation, investment and lending, education and training, and international humanitarian aid, helping allied and friendly developing nations realize substantial social and economic gains.

Looking back on the past and ahead to the future, the ICDF—in addition to maintaining its ongoing international commitments and supporting ROC diplomatic policy—looks forward to knitting into all of its work the goals and values of democracy, human rights, mutual prosperity, peace and humanitarian assistance. In democracy and human rights, the ICDF will provide allied and friendly developing nations the hardware and software needed to build strong and effective democratic institutions, and continue to share the nation’s experience and achievements in these areas. In terms of mutual prosperity, the ICDF has long relied on technical cooperation, lending, and education and training to share the “Taiwan Experience” with allied and friendly developing nations around the world. In the future, the ICDF will address even more holistic economic development needs, convey new attributes of ROC economic development, and strengthen bilateral trade relations, which will be used to promote diplomatic ties and encourage nations to become “partners in progress.” In the area of peace, the ICDF will actively participate in humanitarian aid and cooperative projects with local, regional, national and international institutions and organizations. The ICDF hopes that its cooperation with all of these entities will enable them to gain a better understanding of the ROC, and contribute to a more cooperative, unified world society. Finally, in upcoming years the ICDF will strengthen cooperation projects involving disaster relief, medical assistance and environmental protection. This work will repair damage in those unfortunate times during or after disasters—whether natural disasters, refugee crises, or the suffering of disadvantaged or oppressed groups—and create safer and healthier living environments in interim periods.

In addition to the above points, and in conjunction with the new ROC cabinet’s administrative principles, future implementation of ICDF international cooperation projects will emphasize patient pragmatism and efforts to achieve new international cooperation breakthroughs. Key elements will include utilization of the ROC’s highly qualified human resources, expansion of assistance projects involving knowledge-based economy issues, and increased attention to training high-level personnel. The ICDF will also continue to show deep respect and concern for citizens of the allied and friendly developing nations in which it works.

In conclusion, the ICDF looks forward to embarking on a continuing program of institutional re-engineering. We will constantly place our performance under a microscope or in the glare of public scrutiny, strive to improve our operations, and endeavor to employ the highest professional standards in our cooperative international development work.

