



尤美女 Mei-Nu Yu

Lawyer Expertise : Gender equality, Human rights

Award :

- The National Order of Merit by France (2020).
- Outstanding Legislator by Citizen Congress Watch (2012-2020)
- Outstanding Lawyer Award by Taiwan Bar Association (2003)



Education

- Dr.Candidate : Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Germany (1987)
- L.L.M : National Taiwan University (1985)
- L.L.B : National Taiwan University (1977)

Experience

- President , Taiwan Bar Association (2023 - 2024)
- Board Member , Legal Aid Foundation (2020 - 2023)
- Commissioner , Transitional Justice Commission , Executive Yuan (2020 - 2021)
- Legislator (2012 - 2020)
- Convener, Judiciary and Organic Laws and Statutes Committee of Legislative Yuan (2012 - 2017)
- Chair, Parliamentary Cross-Party Group on International Human Rights (2012 - 2020)
- Chair, Taiwan-United Kingdom Inter-parliamentary Amity Association (2016 - 2020)
- Chair, Taiwan- Germany Inter-parliamentary Amity Association (2016 - 2020)
- Deputy Chair, Taiwan-Europe Inter-parliamentary Amity Association (2016 - 2020)
- President, Federation of Business & Professional Women, Taiwan(2012 - 2014)
- President, Taipei Bar Association (2011 - 2012)
- Emeritus Advisor, College of Law, National Taiwan University (2009 - present)
- Committee Member, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan (2003 - 2009)
- Founding President, National Alliance of Taiwan Women Association (2001 - 2005)
- Committee Member, The Presidential Office Human Rights Consultative Group (2000 - 2005)
- President, Awakening foundation (1993 - 1997)

Biography

Lawyer Yu, Mei-Nu (尤美女) has been the champion for gender issues, democracy, human rights and judicial reform throughout her distinguished career for decades. She was Legislator-at-large from 2012 to 2020 with the membership of Democratic Progressive Party.

The improvements of feminist/gender equality, judicial reform, human rights protection and legal aids are always her main tasks. She endeavors to make achievements through the incorporation with advocacies by numerous social movements, legalists and scholars. The promotion of the legalization of same-sex marriage was her major task during her tenure of office at the Legislature and Taiwan was the first Asian country legalizing same-sex marriage in 2019.

Lawyer Yu has also been working on issues relevant to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Her approaches include promoting the domestication and implementation of the abovementioned international conventions, which became parts of Taiwan's domestic laws since 2009.

Meanwhile, Lawyer Yu is the proponent of the establishment of National Human Rights Institution and transitional justice in Taiwan. Due to her efforts on promoting human rights and gender equality, she was conferred the National Order of Merit by France in 2020.

After her position of Legislator-at-large, she is now the President of Taiwan Bar Association.