

Integrity Platform for the Taipei Post Office

Urban Renewal Project

I. Origin of the Plan

Strategically situated near the six-rail integration hub of Taipei Station, the Taipei Post Office serves as a pivotal center for transportation, transit, commerce, education, and tourism within the Taipei Metropolitan Area. In light of the evolving nature of postal services and the need for the reutilization of national and public lands, the Executive Yuan convened a collaborative meeting on August 5, 2016. This meeting brought together key stakeholders, including the National Property Administration, Taipei City Government, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, and Chunghwa Post Co., Ltd. (hereafter referred to as the Company), to advocate for effective land reuse through a public-led urban renewal process. Consequently, the Company was designated in 2020 as the executor, tasked with advancing this crucial national policy initiative.

The project encompasses an investment of approximately 27.8 billion New Taiwan Dollars. It is aligned with the Taipei City Government's West District Gateway Project, aiming to integrate nearby historical structures into a cohesive City Museum Park. This initiative includes restoring and adaptively reusing the Taipei Beimen Post Office, transforming it into a national Postal Museum. In accordance with the National Development Council's industrial development strategy, the project involves a collaborative effort with the National Property Administration, Taipei City Government, and the Company. This supports the national industrial policy under the ASVDP 2.0, with the intention to establish a national center for

innovation, creativity, and finance. The vision is to develop the area into a central hub for the Postal Museum, significant international smart industries, and financial services, effectively revitalizing historical sites for contemporary use and aiming to be a cornerstone in Asia's digital innovation and economic landscape.

To ensure the project proceeds smoothly, the Company has developed a Government Procurement Integrity Platform (GPIP) for the "Taipei Post Office Urban Renewal Project." This platform is designed to integrate cross-sector insights from relevant public and private entities, proactively addressing potential risks and disputes. It seeks to protect the legal rights and interests of the Company and its contractors, mitigate undue external pressures, and enable staff to perform their duties with confidence, thereby ensuring the successful completion of the project.

II. Establishment Basis

1. The Executive Yuan has issued a directive pertaining to the "National Integrity Building Action Plan."
2. The Ministry of Justice, in its correspondence (Letter No. 11105006120 dated November 25, 2022), has announced the revised "Action Plan for the Government Procurement Integrity Platform" and, through another correspondence (Letter No. 11105001890 dated April 29, 2022), has established the "Principles for the Tiered Implementation of the Government Procurement Integrity Platform."

III. Purpose of Establishment

The primary goal of establishing the integrity platform is to mitigate risks of misconduct and undue external influences on the Taipei Post Office Urban Renewal Project. By fostering a clean and transparent operational environment, we aim to support the successful execution of significant national infrastructure initiatives. The platform will facilitate cross-domain communication and integrate contributions from relevant stakeholders, including experts and scholars. Their insights on regulatory, institutional, and operational matters will provide valuable guidance for the Company in executing procurement projects. Ultimately, this initiative seeks to enhance government supervisory mechanisms while safeguarding the legitimate rights and interests of contractors.

IV. Responsible Units

1. Guiding Authorities: Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice

2. Main and Executive Authority: Chunghwa Post Co., Ltd.

3. Task Coordination:

- (1) **Convener:** The General Manager of the Company, who will oversee and coordinate all activities related to the integrity platform.
- (2) **Vice Convener:** The Deputy General Manager or an equivalent senior official, who will assist the convener with the integrity platform's operations.

(3) **Executive Secretary:** The Commissioner of the Company's Department of Civil Service Ethics Section, responsible for administrative support.

(4) **Secretariat:** The Department of Civil Service Ethics Section, in conjunction with the Department of Property Operations and the Taipei Post Office's Department of Civil Service Ethics Office, will serve as the secretariat. They will plan and coordinate all phases of the integrity platform operations, and secure approval from the convener or vice convener for the composition of task force members for each phase.

V. Executive Period

From the year 2024 to the year 2034 (in accordance with the project timeline, extensions may be granted if necessary).

VI. Projects to be Executed

1. Hold Regular Coordination Meetings

Regular coordination meetings will be held (at least once a year, with additional meetings scheduled as needed). During these meetings, the Department of Property Operations of the Company will provide project updates regarding the planning of bids and the current status of the construction site. Progress and execution status will be tracked regularly. Additionally, relevant regulatory agencies (such as local government, Public Construction Commission, Executive Yuan, prosecution, integrity, investigation, labor safety, or police departments) may be invited to

participate in discussions and provide feedback, ensuring the effective execution of the project.

2. Conduct Integrity Legislation Promotion

Workshops will be organized to educate agency personnel and vendors about relevant legal standards and important considerations in order to mitigate concerns regarding integrity risks.

3. Encourage Reporting of Illegal Activities

The integrity platform will employ a dual strategy of "prevention" and "elimination" of misconduct. During procurement and investment processes, the public will be encouraged to report concrete evidence of corruption or illegal activities. The platform will promote the integrity reporting hotline and channels to ensure that corruption is transparently exposed.

4. Timely Participation in Procurement and Investment Procedures

Stakeholders will participate in relevant procedures in alignment with the procurement and investment timelines to gain a comprehensive understanding of project progress and related information. Professional advice will be provided in a timely manner. Stakeholders, experts, and scholars will be invited to participate, offering insights into the project and the establishment of the Government Procurement Integrity Platform. Diverse opinions will be collected to facilitate smooth procurement and investment operations, thereby publicly affirming the commitment to eliminate corruption.

5. Assist in Resolving Procurement and Investment Disputes

In cases where vendors express differing opinions on procurement and investment procedures, the integrity platform mechanism will be

employed to mediate and guide them through the legal remedies established by law, thereby preventing private lobbying. This approach will assist in identifying the core issues of the disputes and related evidence, ensuring reasonable contract terms, enhancing procurement and investment efficiency, and safeguarding the legitimate rights of vendors.

6. Establish a Dedicated Section and Website for the Integrity Platform

A dedicated area and webpage will be created to disclose public procurement documents, project progress, clarifications on cases, and information concerning integrity-related ethical incidents.

VII. Expected Benefits

1. Enhancing Administrative Transparency and Fostering Public Oversight

The Company aims to establish a Government Procurement Integrity Platform that creates a transparent and accountable procurement and investment system. Through this platform, feedback from a wide range of stakeholders will be collected and discussed to prevent delays in processes. It will also provide accessible reporting channels that encourage the public to actively supervise the project's execution process. This initiative will safeguard both employees and contractors from undue outside interference while cultivating a supportive work environment that empowers staff to fulfill their duties confidently.

2. Creating a Collaborative Communication Platform for Quality Engagement

The Company will convene forums that invite vendors, experts, scholars, and relevant personnel to discuss community sentiments and propose reforms. These forums will address public petitions and concerns, allowing for the identification of improvement opportunities within the procurement and investment projects associated with this initiative. Timely resolution of potential risks and disputes will be prioritized to ensure the smooth execution of these projects.

3. Strengthening Procurement Integrity and Improving Service Efficiency

By taking robust transparency measures and promoting external oversight, the Company seeks to encourage all stakeholders to uphold integrity and comply with legal standards. This proactive approach will effectively eliminate inappropriate external pressures and ensure thorough monitoring of project progress, ultimately contributing to the successful completion of the initiative while enhancing overall service efficiency.

VIII. Funding

The funding required for the execution of this project will be allocated from the budget designated for the "Taipei Post Office Urban Renewal Project."

IX. Miscellaneous

This project will be executed upon approval from the General Manager, and the same procedure will apply for any amendments.