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Suggestions to Taiwan Government Based on 「To Establish Domestic Regional Environment Sustainable Indicators」

As a non-profit institution, CTCI Foundation conducted studies with regards “To Establish Domestic Regional Environment Sustainable Indicators”. The establishment of regional environmental sustainability indicator system would be the basis for sustainable development and indicators; it should be established as soon as possible. It can serve as standard indicators and a tool for self-assessment exhibiting regional characteristic and performance indicators. It can also function to provide common performance or crucial indicators when compared with national and international level indicators of sustainable development. CTCI Foundation and the Economic Daily co-organized a forum on “Establishing Regional Environment Sustainable Indicators” regarding discussions and views of appropriate ways for integration of environmental sustainability indicators with local government policy plans and local sustainable development on Jan. 25th, 2007. The summarized suggestions are listed below:

1. To establish regional environmental sustainability indicators according to international standards

The Executive Yuan should act early in establishing regional environmental sustainable indicators in accordance with international standards of national environmental sustainable indicators. Regional environmental sustainable indicators should be based on international environmental issues first, and then focused on individual regional characteristics for secondary regional environmental indicators.

2. The establishment of regional environmental sustainability indicators should involve local participation

The establishment of regional environmental sustainability indicators requires the involvement of local participation. This will match issues and factors of local consensus, local environmental development, economic development, and social characteristics. Meanwhile, this will need to be in line with international indicators.

3. Regional environmental sustainable indicators should be quantifiable, easily assessable and easy to understand.

Each county and city, particular those chosen by the Council for Economic and Development (CEPD) to promote sustainable development plan, should establish its regional environmental sustainability system according to its regional characteristics. The principles of establishing regional environmental sustainability indicator system include: regional visions, goals, strategies and measurable performance.

4. To publish regional environmental sustainability indicator handbook as a reference for cities and counties of Taiwan

Regional environmental sustainability indicator handbook by CEPD provides information on principles of outlining and establishing indicators as a modeling manual for cities and counties of Taiwan.