Factsheet: Taiwan

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Taiwan’s 2007 Youth Policy Launching and Promotion Act defines youth as between 12-24 years old.

**CANDIDACY AGE**

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**LITERACY RATES**

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**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

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**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Minimum Age

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

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**TOBACCO USE**

Consumed any smokable or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

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**POLICY & LEGISLATION**

The objective of Taiwan’s national youth policy centres around developing the potential of youth, supporting career development, encouraging an understanding of Taiwan and involvement in public affairs. The strategy seeks to mainstream youth, and some implementation principles to do this include:

- Encouraging youth to participate in public affairs and hold forums to allow youth to participate in decision-making;
- Establishing integrative mechanisms for youth policies, such as seeking collaboration with non-governmental affairs to develop youth;
- Reinforcing inter-departmental collaboration and the development of youth organisations.

The Protection of Children and Youths Welfare and Rights Act (2011) relates to regulations on welfare and health for children and adolescents 18 years and younger.
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Youth Development Administration (YDA) (previously the National Youth Commission (NYC)) is within the Ministry of Education and is the main agency responsible for youth. The overall policy of the YDA is to establish “multiple learning platforms” and encourage youth to generate “innovation and reform”. It has three main tasks: (1) Promote career counseling and enhance employability; (2) Encourage participation in volunteer services and involvement in public affairs; and; (3) Reinforce diverse learning and extend international perspectives of young people.

Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Taiwan does not have a national youth council, but rather government-initiated activities that encourage participation of youth. The Youth Policy Union (part of the Youth Development Administration) organises events such as the Youth Policy Forum held in September 2013. According to an Executive Yuan website press release, the forum joins researchers and youth with government to discuss policy recommendations. When speaking about the forum in 2012, Premier Jiang Yi-huah claimed that “[o]ver 80 percent of the policy recommendations proposed [...] were adopted”.

Does the country have a national youth organisation / association (council, platform, body)?

NO

BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the General Budget of Central Government (by Agency), the Ministry of Education was allocated TWD 197.7 billion (USD 6.5 billion) in 2013, however does not list what portion was specifically allocated to the Youth Development Administration. The World Bank does not calculate spending on education as a percentage of government expenditure or GDP for Taiwan for the last ten years.

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or youth programming?

UNCLEAR

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

Source: INYA

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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Source: INYA