

MAC Forum Helps Mainland Spouses to Understand the Government's Ongoing Care for their Rights and Interests Living in Taiwan

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) issued a letter of interpretation on October 27, 2016, to highlight the government's attention to protecting the working rights of Mainland spouses in Taiwan. The letter, released after numerous consultations to collect input from related agencies, explained that all persons from mainland China residing in Taiwan as dependents or long-term residents, or who have established households in Taiwan, can be employed as temporary staff at government agencies and schools. MAC Minister Hsiao-yueh Chang explained the content of these policy measures to representatives of private organizations and local governments during a forum held by the MAC today (December 16, 2016).

Minister Chang said that the MAC has always adhered to a policy position of "accommodation in humanitarian assistance" to help Mainland spouses to quickly integrate with life in Taiwan. In conjunction with related agencies, the MAC has worked dedicatedly to protect the work, health, deposit account opening, and other rights and interests of Mainland spouses living in Taiwan. The letter of interpretation furthers protect the working rights of Mainland spouses. It also represents an important step by the government since May 20 to closely care for the rights and interests of Mainland spouses living in Taiwan.

Minister Chang also personally chaired the forum discussions and exchanged views with Mainland spouses and private organizations. At the end of the activity, she especially thanked the private sector groups working for Mainland spouses and enabling them to feel Taiwan's warmth and care. She also hoped that these groups would continue to offer suggestions to help the MAC understand and resolve issues concerning the rights and interests Mainland spouses living in Taiwan.