



Over a decade ago, several Taiwanese Americans and the Human Rights Action Center worked together for several years¹ to free Chen Shui-Bian, former President of Taiwan from 2000 to 2008, from his jail cell, then from his prison hospital bed, and finally he got his freedom to go home in 2015, after six years in prison. He did not receive fair trials and many Taiwanese think that the cases against him were political motivated, orchestrated by the Ma administration of the KMT (Chinese Nationalist Party) government from 2008 to 2016.

Before voted into power in 2016, President Tsai Ing-Wen of DPP promised to wash clean his records in many campaign rallies⁶. However, that has not happened during her eight years of presidency. I wonder why and that is the reason I wrote Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland a letter³, asking him to call on President-elect Lai Ching-Te, also DPP, to take actions.

On the website of Human Rights Action Center, the case of Chen Shui-Bian is still listed as an on-going project⁷ because until he is fully pardoned, our mission is not accomplished.

I cannot figure out why the DPP has not taken this necessary step for Mr. Chen. President Tsai, stepping down after May 2024, as well as President-elect Lai and Vice-President-elect Hsiao all called for President Chen's human rights^{4,5} when the government was led by President Ma of KMT.

Making hard decisions and taking decisive actions are traits of a great leader. Ironically, it seems to be easier to call on people with power to take actions. The same people once given the power could be unwilling to do the thing which they had called on others to do. Is this the case with President Tsai?

President Tsai will go out of office in May of 2024. Washing Chen's record would be a nice gift to Mr. Chen as well as the nation, as well as to DPP that the DPP keeps its word with the party and the nation. Taking no action, President Tsai could be remembered as a leader with fake campaign promises and moral courage, among the allegations of corruptions and silencing critics. Is this how she wants to be remembered for her eight years of presidency? Will President-elect Lai fulfill his campaign promise if President Tsai fails hers?

Congratulations to Janice Chen who won her seat in the Congress and she was the leader of the medical team to free Chen Shui-Bian. Ms. Chen aided our human rights team when they visited Taiwan for the Save-Chen mission in September of 2012². We look forward to her active role to lead a new push in the new congress to pardon President Chen.

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Supporting the Equal Rights and Freedoms of All People

十多年前，幾位台裔美國人和人權行動中心共同努力了幾年，將2000年至2008年的台灣前總統陳水扁從牢房中釋放出來，然後從監獄病床上釋放出來，最終他在服刑六年後於2015年釋放回家。他沒有受到公正的審判，許多台灣人認為他的案件是出於政治動機，是2008年至2016年期間馬英九國民黨政府精心策劃的。

民進黨總統蔡英文在2016年大選上台前，在多次競選集會中承諾洗清陳水扁的記錄。然而，在她擔任總統的八年裡，這種承諾並沒有發生。我想知道為什麼，這就是我寫信給馬裡蘭州參議員本·卡丁的原因，我請他呼籲也是民進黨當選總統賴清德採取行動。

在人權行動中心的網站上，陳水扁案仍然被列為正在進行的項目，因為在他得到完全赦免之前，我們的使命就沒有完成。

我不明白為什麼民進黨沒有為陳先生採取這一必要的步驟。將於2024年5月後下台的蔡英文總統以及當選總統賴清德和當選副總統蕭都曾呼籲國民黨馬英九政府維護陳總統的人權。

做出艱難的決定並採取果斷的行動是偉大領導者的特質。諷刺的是，呼籲有權力的人採取行動似乎更容易。這些人一旦被賦予權力，可能就不願意做他們呼籲其他人做的事情。蔡總統也是這樣嗎？

蔡總統將於2024年5月下台。洗清陳先生的記錄將是給陳先生和國家的一份很好的禮物，也是對民進黨的一份很好的禮物，是對民進黨和國家信守諾言。如果她不採取任何行動，蔡總統可能會被視為一位擁有虛假競選承諾和道德勇敢的領導人，再加上對她腐敗和壓制批評者的指控。這就是她希望人們記得她八年總統任期的方式嗎？如果蔡總統未能兌現承諾，當選總統賴清德是否會履行競選承諾？

恭喜陳昭姿女士贏得國會席位。她是營救陳水扁的醫療隊隊長。2012年9月，當我們的人權團隊前往台灣執行「拯救陳總統」任務時，陳女士為他們提供了協助。我們期待她發揮積極作用，在新的國會中領導新的赦免陳總統的行動。

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