

World Citizen Basic Act (Revised Draft)

Chapter I: General Principles

Article 1 (Legislative Purpose)

This Act is enacted to safeguard the fundamental rights of world citizens; to cultivate world citizenship literacy among the people; to strengthen international perspectives; to respect cultural diversity; to promote global cooperation and social participation; to advance the development of Taiwan as a World Citizen Technology Island; to promote global peace, sustainable development, and the common good; to enhance Taiwan's visibility in global sustainability, cultural diplomacy, and industrial internationalization; and to foster sustainable economic and social development.

This Article establishes the legislative purpose of the Act in response to globalization and sustainable development, defining Taiwan's role in promoting world citizenship literacy and serving as a legal foundation for global governance and technological civilization.

Article 2 (Scope of Application and Definitions)

For the purposes of this Act:

1. **World Citizen** refers to a natural person or legal entity possessing a global perspective, cross-cultural competence, and actively participating in international society, economic activities, and cultural exchanges.
2. **World Citizen Technology Island** refers to a comprehensive national development model centered on technology and guided by benevolence, integrating education, industry, culture, and social innovation.
3. **World Citizenship Literacy** includes awareness of global issues, cultural understanding, cross-cultural communication, civic responsibility, and capacity for action.

This Article defines key terms to ensure clarity and prevent disputes during implementation.

Article 3 (Competent Authorities)

Matters concerning education, culture, industry, diplomacy, and finance shall be jointly handled by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of the Interior, and other relevant competent authorities.

Local competent authorities shall be municipal and county (city) governments.

This Article establishes inter-ministerial coordination to enhance policy effectiveness.

Chapter II: Education and Talent Development

Article 4 (Promotion of School Education)

The Ministry of Education shall incorporate world citizenship education and technology ethics into primary, secondary, and higher education curricula, strengthening international perspectives, sustainable technology awareness, and ethical practice.

Bilingual and multilingual education, international issue-based courses, global citizenship awareness programs, multicultural education, international exchanges, and global issue exploration activities shall be promoted.

Article 5 (Teacher Training and Resource Development)

The Ministry of Education shall promote professional development programs for teachers, establish teaching materials, modules, and curriculum support systems, and regularly conduct training and workshops.

Teacher training and educational resources shall include themes of benevolence, altruism, common good, and technology ethics.

Article 6 (International Talent Development and Employment Support)

1. The government shall establish **World Citizenship Education and Research Centers** and **Technology Island Talent Development Bases**, integrating

industry–government–academia cooperation to promote international talent mobility and employment and entrepreneurship support mechanisms, including student exchanges, internships, overseas employment matching, international startup funds, cross-border corporate partnerships, and startup accelerator programs.

2. The government shall establish a **Global Youth Volunteer and Innovation Exchange Program** to encourage student participation in international issues and sustainable practices.
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Chapter III: Industry and Digital Development

Article 7 (Industrial Internationalization and Foreign Investment Cooperation)

1. The government shall formulate industrial internationalization policies to support enterprises in expanding into international markets, attracting foreign investment, establishing international cooperation and innovation centers, and promoting strategic alliances between Taiwanese and foreign enterprises.
 2. The government shall implement the **World Citizen Technology Island Industrial Strategy**, promoting global deployment of industries such as semiconductors, artificial intelligence, green energy, and biomedicine.
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Article 8 (Digital Economy and Technological Innovation)

1. The government shall promote emerging industries including digital trade, cross-border e-commerce, blockchain technology, artificial intelligence, and remote work, and develop digital citizen identity and digital diplomacy strategies.
 2. The government shall establish **International-Friendly Enterprise Indicators** and promote global industrial deployment.
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Article 9 (Friendly Enterprises and Financial Action Plans)

The government shall promote **World-Friendly Enterprise Indicators**, establish financial action plans incorporating ESG evaluations, cultivate socially responsible startups and industrial ecosystems, and promote financial literacy education.

Chapter IV: Social Participation and Cultural Internationalization

Article 10 (Support for Social Action)

Central and local authorities may subsidize non-profit organizations, youth groups, and community organizations to implement world citizenship action programs, including international volunteer services, cultural exchanges, friendly cities initiatives, and youth advocacy.

Article 11 (International NGOs and Humanitarian Cooperation)

The government shall encourage domestic organizations to collaborate with international non-profit organizations on global issues such as education, environmental protection, and humanitarian aid, expanding Taiwan's international contributions.

Enterprises and public-interest organizations are encouraged to participate in global public-interest technology, open innovation, and the sharing economy.

Article 12 (Cultural Diplomacy and International Image)

The Ministry of Culture shall promote **World Friendly Day** activities and international marketing of the **Taiwan Brand**, strengthening the global influence of cultural industries, film and media, and artistic performances.

Article 13 (Culture and Civic Participation)

1. The Ministry of Culture shall promote activities for **World Citizen Day (November 13)** and incorporate the spirit of **World Kindness Day** into annual cultural diplomacy agendas.
2. The government shall subsidize civil organizations to promote world citizenship actions, including World Citizen Plazas, public art, peace education, and cross-cultural exchanges.

3. Municipal governments may establish **World Citizen Boulevards** and **World Citizen Parks** as spaces for civic education and international cultural exhibitions.
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Chapter V: Organization, Governance, and Incentives

Article 14 (Promotion Committee)

The central competent authority shall establish a **World Citizen Promotion Committee**, consisting of scholars, youth representatives, education and cultural agencies, industry representatives, and non-profit organizations, responsible for interdepartmental coordination, policy planning, and evaluation.

Article 15 (Local Action Platforms)

Local governments shall establish **World Citizen Local Action Platforms** to implement local initiatives and regularly report outcomes to the central authority.

Article 16 (Incentive Mechanisms)

The government shall establish awards to recognize outstanding contributions, including:

- World Citizen Action Medal
 - World Friendly Ambassador Award
 - Friendly City Award
 - Model Education Institution Award
 - Other announced awards
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Chapter VI: Administrative Oversight, Evaluation, and Funding

Article 17 (Policy Evaluation)

The competent authority shall conduct policy evaluations every five years and revise strategies in response to international trends and domestic conditions.

Article 18 (Annual White Paper)

The World Citizen Promotion Committee shall publish the **World Citizen Action White Paper** annually during World Friendly Day week, detailing achievements, recommendations, and future action indicators.

Article 19 (Budget Allocation)

The government shall reasonably allocate budgets to ensure effective resource distribution and policy implementation.

Chapter VII: Supplementary Provisions

Article 20 (Effective Date)

This Act shall come into effect within one year of promulgation. Related supporting measures shall be completed within two years.