

Developments in the Law in 2010: Constitutional Law

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Abstract

This note looks into Taiwan's constitutional development in 2010 from the angles of constitutional interpretations, legislative enactments, and major social events, portraying the landscape of constitutional adjudication, human rights protection and allocation of government powers.

This note finds significant developments on either government structure or human rights protection in the targeted year. Particular highlights include privacy debate and legislation, cross-Strait agreement and constitutional check and balance, and government reform. The mere finding that constitutional interpretations rendered in this year were all in the area of human rights, without any case dealing with separation of powers, reflects quite squarely current political landscape.

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