

Can Community Foundations Respond to the Needs of Current Philanthropic Development in Taiwan?

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Abstract

Despite a long history, traditional philanthropic practices in Chinese culture are rarely discussed, and the institutionalization of philanthropic mechanisms is relatively neglected. This contributes an underdeveloped philanthropic community in comparison to the country's lively array of grass-roots and community-based organizations. The recent decentralization of the governmental structure in Taiwan indicates a need for greater community-focused development planning and resource mobilization. The community foundation model may serve as one solution to these needs. Ms. Ho reviews the evolution, formation, and roles of community foundations in the United States and, after identifying the key factors that correspond to the current needs of Taiwan's philanthropic development, recommends applicable community-foundation-like operations.

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