

A Letter from Prof. Doek

The following comments are meant for the **Editor in Chief Ass. Prof. Chiung-chu Lin**.

First my thanks for sending me regularly numbers of the Taiwan Human Rights Journal. I do not always comment on the content of the number of the journal. But the content of the most recent one, Vol. 6, No 4 (December 2022) deserves some comments as far as I am concerned.

1. The article on the implementation UNCRC from the perspective of child care providers is of special interest for me. It is apparently based on the responses of 454 childcare providers. The recommendation of the study is that parents and childcare providers should play a key role in the protection and promotion of young children's rights and I fully agree with that recommendation. In order to play that role, it is necessary I think that they should be informed about and use the interpretations and recommendations of the UNCRC Committee's General Comment No 7 on Implementing Child rights in early childhood (UN Doc. CRC/C/GC/7/Rev. 1, 20 September 2006).
2. The article on Children's right to participation. Correct approach to use Lundy Model of Child participation in analyzing the governments implementation of that right. The article seems to be limited to a specific issue (submissions of proposals in children and youth councils.) But the suggestions of the study are broader with in my view are important for the participation of children in all kinds of settings important for them such as education, health care and in cultural activities. Ongoing raining of all professionals and volunteers working in these settings is crucial for an effective practice of participation of children. In that regard it is important to use the relevant General Comments of the CRC Committee such as No 12 on The rights of the child to be heard (UN Doc. CRC/C/GC/12, 1 July 2009), No 1 on The aims of education (UN doc. CRC/C/GC/1, 17 April 2001), No 4 on Adolescent health and development in the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child UN Doc. CRC/C/GC/4, 1 July 2003), No 20 (2016) on The implementation of the rights of the child during adolescence (UN Doc. CRC/C/GC/20, 6 December 2016), No 15 (2013) on The right of the child to the highest attainable standard of health (UN Doc. CRC/C/GC/15, 14 March 2013) and No 17 (2013) on The right of the child to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities, cultural life and the arts (Article 31) (UN Doc. CRC/C/GC/17, 18 March 2013).

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