# 2019 Gender Innovation Awards

### 1. The Origin

The project originated from the goal 5 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): gender equality. Gender equality is a global issue. Whether in Third world or in developed countries, women will face the problem of power inequality. Therefore, women are given the ability to be independent, so that they can make decisions on themselves-interest, and promote true gender equality.

# 2. The Purpose

As a benchmark for gender equality in Asia, Taiwan does not fall behind on gender issues. With the spirit of SDGs and social innovation energy, Taiwan holds the "Gender Innovation Awards" in the Asia-Pacific region. The first competition based on SDGs spirit is expected to connect with the international community, solving the problems that women force in the cultural context and create social impact on gender issues. Also, the efforts for gender and human rights issues in Taiwan can be seen by the international community.

Promoting social innovation through this activity is to link Taiwan's development with SDGs and share the common language of Taiwan's value with international community. This will also enhance strengths to Taiwan's social innovation, foster more youth to contribute to society, and connect with the power of the public sector, enterprises and non-profit organizations to expand the social ecosystem and make impact together.

#### 3. Approach

## 1. Application Eligibility

- 1.1. People aged 18 to 35, whose household registration is limited to the Asia-Pacific region<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.2. Organization: An organization that has not yet certificated or has been established for less than two years and needs to be established in the Asia Pacific region.

<sup>\*</sup> Asia Pacific is defined by 36 countries including China, Hong Kong, Macau and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Including Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Bhutan, Cambodia, the Cook Islands, North Korea, East Timor, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Vietnam.