

National Development Council Press Release Chinese Taipei joins the Global CAPE to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the enforcement of Data Protection and Privacy Laws with international partners

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To enhance the protection of individuals' personal data, the National Development Council (NDC) coordinated Global CAPE entry application by 16 domestic Privacy Enforcement Authorities (PEAs), namely the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Digital Affairs, the National Science and Technology Council, the Financial Supervisory Commission, the Public Construction Commission, Executive Yuan, the Fair Trade Commission and the National Communications Commission. In March, 2024, notice of the verification and approval of the application was received from the administrator of the Global CAPE—The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. In the future, enhanced cross-border cooperation in the enforcement of Data Protection and Privacy Laws with international partners can be expected as a result of this agreement, enhancing the protection of Taiwanese people's personal data.

The Global Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) Forum endeavors to promote trusted data flows and eliminate unnecessary barriers in digital trade. As the global trend of digitalization continues to accelerate, demand for cross-border data transmission has increased sharply. Personal data

infringement incidents often involve overseas factors, requiring mutual assistance and cooperation between jurisdictions to effectively combat illegal activities and prevent the worsening of infringement. For this reason, the Global CBPR Forum established the Global CAPE in October, 2023 and invited PEAs not limited to those of Forum members, to facilitate cooperation on enforcement jurisdiction and policies among each Participant.

In addition to Chinese Taipei, several other jurisdictions, including the United States, Japan, Canada, the United Kingdom, South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Mexico, Dubai International Financial Center, and Bermuda, have also joined Global CAPE. This opens up opportunities for Taiwan's PEAs to collaborate with international partners on cross-border enforcement related to privacy complaints, data protection, data sharing, and professional exchanges. Such collaboration will enhance the protection of information privacy and align with international legal standards, fostering cross-border digital trade and boosting Taiwan's digital economy.

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