

= Hsu Tain @-@ tsair =

Hsu Tain @-@ tsair ( traditional Chinese : 許水發 ; simplified Chinese : 许水发 ; pinyin : Xǔ Tǐfā ; Wade ? Giles : Hsǔ Tí-fā @-@ tsái ; Pe ? h @-@ ?e @-@ j? : Khó ? Thiam @-@ chái ) , a Taiwanese politician who served as the mayor of Tainan City from 2001 to 2010 . Born in Tainan County ( now part of Tainan City ) , Hsu got his PhD candidacy in economics in the United States , where he started participating in the independence movement of Taiwan . He was placed on the black list of Kuomintang and was not allowed to return to Taiwan until 1990 .

When Hsu returned to Taiwan , he joined the Democratic Progressive Party ( DPP ) . Having been elected legislator three times , Hsu is considered a privy councilor to the DPP in the field of economics . He was nominated to run for the mayor of Tainan and was elected in 2001 . During his terms as mayor , Hsu worked on public projects and encouraged tourism . For example , a police unit was established to facilitate tourists in 2007 , and he also improved the environment of the city .

In 2009 , Hsu worked with the Tainan County government to push for a merger that would form a special municipality . The merger was set to take effect in December 2010 , giving Hsu one additional year in his mayoral term . During the DPP primary election for the nomination of a new Tainan mayor in May , he lost to William Lai by 12 % of the votes. After Lai elected mayor , Hsu later run for Lai 's seat as member of Legislative Yuan and finally elected .

= = Early years = =

After graduating from Duba Elementary School in Tainan County , Hsu attended Tsengwen Junior High School ( 曾文高級中學 ; now the Madou Junior High School ) , where he was a classmate of former President of the Republic of China ( Taiwan ) Chen Shui @-@ bian for four years . He then attended the Cheng Kung Senior High School . In 1976 , Hsu got his Master of Economics degree from the Chinese Culture University and started teaching banking the next year at the same school .

In 1982 , Hsu went to the United States as a Columbia University exchange scholar . In the same year , he joined the World United Formosans for Independence , and he also served as the literary editor for the Taiwan Tribune . As a result , he was placed on the Kuomintang 's black list and was unable to return to Taiwan . He then earned his PhD candidacy from New School for Social Research . In 1990 , Hsu was invited to a meeting by President Lee Teng @-@ hui and returned to Taiwan as a Taiwanese @-@ American professor . With the influence of then @-@ legislators Chen Shui @-@ bian , Peng Pai @-@ hsien ( 彭派 ) , Hung Chi @-@ chang ( 洪奇昌 ) , and Lu Hsiu @-@ yi , the government relented and removed the restriction for Hsu to exit and enter the country , finally issuing him a new passport .

Hsu started helping members of the World United Formosans for Independence return to Taiwan in 1991 . In 1992 , after being nominated by the Democratic Progressive Party ( DPP ) , Hsu was elected to become a member of the Legislative Yuan . In 1995 , he was not nominated by the DPP , but was still elected as an independent candidate . He lost the election for the office of mayor of Tainan in 1997 and instead became the secretary @-@ general of the New National Coalition ( 新國家聯盟 ) shortly after the establishment of the organization . He was re @-@ elected legislator in the 1998 legislative election . Hsu stepped out of the New National Coalition and rejoined the DPP shortly after his re @-@ election to the Legislative Yuan . He was nominated by the DPP Central Executive Committee as the party 's candidate for the Tainan mayoral race .

= = Tainan mayoralty = =

Hsu was elected mayor of Tainan in 2001 and was re @-@ elected to that post in 2004 . In his terms as mayor , he focused on projects to beautify the city , to set up cultural parks and to strive for major constructions . He worked to help the city profit from historical assets and restore Tainan 's former splendor . He made 2007 Tainan 's " year of culture and tourism " to promote Tainan 's tourism attractions . His major mayoral achievements were the renovation of the city transportation system and overseeing the city 's successful bids for the 2005 and 2006 Taiwan Lantern Festivals ,

the 2007 International Chihsi Arts Festival , and the 2007 National Games of Taiwan ( ????? ) . One of his major goals , the renovation of the Tainan Railway Station and National Cheng Kung University , is scheduled to be completed during his term in office and has earned him high compliments .

Hsu supported a merger between Tainan City and Tainan County to form a special municipality . The Executive Yuan passed a resolution to upgrade the city , and the official merger will occur in December 2010 . In January 2010 , Hsu declared his candidacy in the 2010 municipal election . During the DPP primary election in May , he lost to fellow Tainan politician William Lai by 12 % of the votes , ending his candidacy .

#### = = = Development = = =

During the DPP primary election for the nomination of presidential candidate , Hsu expressed that he " will not support the candidate that opposes the construction of an underground railway system in Tainan . " Then @-@ Premier Su Tseng @-@ chang promised that the construction would be financially supported by the central government if he were elected . As a result , Hsu openly supported Su in the primary election .

He also believes that in order to improve the competitive advantage of Taiwan , the government should review the distribution of resources between northern and southern Taiwan , with the purpose of balancing their development . Hsu , as a member of the Democratic Progressive Party , also supports the independence movement of Taiwan . Hsu thinks that the United Nations membership referendum is an important step for democracy . He participated in the " UN for Taiwan " rally on September 15 , 2007 .

While the National Central Library is located in Taipei , Hsu strongly supports the establishment of a regional branch in Tainan City . The branch might be established in Kaohsiung City , another southern city . Hsu , however , is confident about Tainan being chosen as the location for the new branch because of the transport convenience and academic resources of the region .

#### = = = Environment = = =

Under his term , the environment of the city greatly improved . Hsu started a program of having the city 's garbage trucks ring out brief English lessons in 2002 . He promoted the use of eco @-@ friendly chopsticks by requiring government officials and teachers to use their own reusable chopsticks when dining , expressing that the goal of the campaign is to reduce the use of disposable chopsticks by 100 @,@ 000 pairs per day .

During his second term in office , Tainan City became the first Taiwanese city to enter the Alliance for Healthy Cities of the World Health Organization . In addition , Tainan also became the first Taiwanese city to enter the Global Cities Dialogue . Hsu also believes that Tainan should become a city of international tourism and culture , and he is working towards that purpose . In September 2007 , he spoke to the 2007 Asia @-@ Pacific Cities Summit participants and stated that Tainan is blessed with natural , historic , cultural and humanistic characteristics , and that Tainan also possesses great conditions for high @-@ tech , trade and investment development .

Hsu worked to make Tainan a smoke @-@ free environment . After the successful ban of smoking in public areas such as shopping centers , he pushed through the ban of smoking in historical sites . The Chihkan Tower became the first smoke @-@ free historical site in Taiwan after the passing of the regulation in October 2007 . Other historical sites covered by the regulation include Tainan Confucian Temple , Fort Zeelandia , and Eternal Golden Castle .

In January 2008 , the government of Tainan started an operation to clean up dioxin @-@ contaminated soil around the site of a defunct factory of Taiwan Alkali Industrial Corp ( ???? ) . The Hsu administration was the first to take action since 1982 , when the government became aware of the mercury concentrations .

#### = = = Law enforcement = = =

Due to an accidental killing of a teenage girl while trying to shoot a psychotic suspect , the Tainan City Police Bureau made a decision to develop a special kind of baton in 2006 . When dealing with suspects without firearms , the police officers are expected to use the baton first in order to reduce accidents . To commemorate the girl who died , mayor Hsu named the baton after her .

In September 2007 , the Tourism Mounted Police Unit of Tainan ( Chinese : ??????? ) was established to attract tourists . The members of the unit wear green uniforms and ride bicycles around the city in the weekends . They facilitate tourists and at the same time try to reduce crime rate .

= = Criticism = =

After the DPP nominated Hsu as the 2001 Tainan mayoral race candidate , protests led by supporters of then @-@ incumbent mayor George Chang , who is also a member of the DPP , arose . The protesters called Hsu a betrayer of the party as he left the party in 1995 . They showed their disapproval of the party 's choice by burning their party membership cards .

The prevention of dengue fever in Taiwan was always most successful in Tainan City . In 2007 , however , outbreaks in the city was almost unstoppable . The fever outbreaks originally occurred only in Annan District , where the first case was reported in June . The health department failed to control the spread of the fever , and all six districts ended up having confirmed cases . There were also an outbreak in an old soldiers ' home . On August 22 , Mayor Hsu apologized for the disastrous outbreak of the dengue fever ; he announced that the health department would be reorganized and new officials would be appointed in six months .

= = = Mayoral scandals = = =

While then @-@ mayor of Taipei Ma Ying @-@ jeou was indicted for alleged misuse of " special allowance fund " , prosecutors dropped Hsu Tain @-@ tsair 's case in March 2007 . However , on April 10 , 2007 , Hsu was indicted by prosecutors for his alleged involvement in a construction scandal and violations of the Government Procurement Act ( Chinese : ????? ) . The scandal was broken by the Tainan City councillor Hsieh Long @-@ chieh ( ??? ) in May 2006 during a council meeting .

In April 2007 , Hsu was indicted by the Tainan prosecutors . In their statement of charges , the prosecutors accused Hsu of money grafting in an underground city construction project . According to Hsu , the prosecutors heavily used the testimonies of people who were convicted of crime . In August 2009 , Hsu was found not guilty by the Tainan District Court .

= = Electoral history = =