

Rural Resilience and Transformation in Asia (Post-Pandemic):  
Challenges, Pathways, and Investments  
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(2021-2022)



From 2021-2022, what was your organization's  
**MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT\*\*** in terms of:

I. Empowering Rural Peoples' Organizations (RPOs) in delivering effective services to their members, influencing policymakers, and contributing to rural transformation.

*(Discuss who your partner-RPOs are. How do you support them in terms of organizational/production/economic development, especially in strengthening their positing in the value chains? So far, what are the result of your interventions?)*

The partner RPOs are mainly farmers organizations, but we also support other organizations that provide services directly or indirectly link policy formation and contributing to rural transformation. The activities include regular support for AFA members (TWADA and TDFA) in Taiwan mainly for AFA related events (consultation, translation, for the preparatory meeting such as working group meeting, ExeCom Meetings, arranging membership payment issues, accompanying women farmers joining virtual meetings. We also deliver direct services to farmers and stakeholders through other partners such as associations, foundations, and international centers mainly through served as speakers in the training programs, jointly supervising student-interns conducting their semester-long training in farming related agribusiness as well as farmers organizations. The followings are some examples of services:

For instance in January of 2021, we identified suitable woman farmers from TWADA and TDFA for joining AFA Women Farmers Committee meeting held virtually on January 22. In August 2021, a consultation meeting to a young farmers group (a federated horticultural coop formed by young farmers) in Malaysia that was identified by the agricultural extension channel and alumni association of NPUST, which expressed their interest about joining AFA. The consultation meeting was organized by the Rural Development Foundation of Taiwan (Aug 17).

In April 2022, I was invited by district (township level) farmers association for an annual event of pineapple growers competition for their best practice in the field as well as the product delivery. The products from more than 40 farmers in the area were blind-evaluated on the venue for sensory, measured

by brit scale; they need to pass chemical residual test as well. Then 10 finalists were selected for onsite visit to check farm management practice and documentations of the production process.

## II. Leading priority Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (RDPE) agenda at the national, regional & global spheres

*(Discuss your key policy advocacy work and results so far. Discuss as well if there are any public and/or private program that you were able to access or take part of.)*

Dr. Wen-Chi Huang was invited to deliver a speech about Experience Sharing of Experience of Regional Agricultural NGO Participation on the occasion of the Bilateral Forum on Rural Development and Dialogue of Young Farmers in Taiwan and Malaysia on Sept 24, 2021.

Dr. Wen-Chi Huang was invited by the Taiwan National Association of Small and Medium Size Enterprises to deliver talks for two training sessions to young farmers intended to participate in the special funding for young farmers project on Farm Financial Management on July 13 and Dec 1, 2022.

Dr. Wen-Chi Huang was invited to be one of the panelist during the 2021 International Wetland Convention on Oct 19. Her paper with a doctoral student won the second place in the paper competition. (Rahman, Moh. Shadiqur & **Huang\*, Wen-Chi**. 2021. The welfare effect of fishermen group participation on smallholder fishermen in East Java of Indonesia, Proceedings for the 2021 International Wetland Convention in Taiwan, pp. 23-28. Organized by Construction and Planning Agency, Ministry of the Interior (CPAMI), Executive Yuan. Oct 19-20. This paper received the "Excellent Award" for paper competition of the conference)" Dr. Shadiqur finished his doctoral program the following year and is now working at the UB.

Dr. Wen-Chi Huang supervised an international student (from Malaysia) in January 2021 to conduct internship at the Agricultural Policy Center of the Agricultural Research Institute in Taiwan focusing on the Green Deal of EU. She supervised an international student (from The Gambia) in August-Sept 2022 to conduct internship at the Ministry of Agriculture in The Gambia through the two former advisees who work in the Ministry.

## III. Innovating in offering value and data-driven programs & services to RDPE stakeholders towards sustainability

*(Discuss the internal capacity strengthening and innovations that you have carried out to improve your services to partners and to achieve your organizational goals/targets.)*

Public Speech as Trainers/Keynote Speaker:

1. (Global Level) Speakers/Lecturers for International Trainings (for an average of participant from 24 countries; more than 40 participants each time) Organized by International Center for Land Reform Policy

- (1) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2021, Farmers Associations, The 148 Regular Session on Agricultural Development and Policy, International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training) , Sep. 20-Oct. 14, Module I: International Marketing and Global Market ,Virtual via Microsoft Teams
- (2) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2022, Farmers Associations and Women Participation, The 152 Regular Session on Agricultural Development and Policy, International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training), July 14-Aug 10, Module I: International Marketing and Global Market, Virtual via Microsoft Teams
- (3) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2022, Agribusiness, The 152 Regular Session on Agricultural Development and Policy, International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training), July 14-Aug 10, Module I: International Marketing and Global Market, Virtual via Microsoft Teams

2. International Academic cooperation with three university in East Java, Indonesia (via Zoom)

- (1) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2021, Workshop on Strengthening the Case Based Learning Curriculum: Experience from Taiwan, The Team Based Project Course Curriculum Workshop, Faculty of Economics, State University of Malang, Delivered on Aug 20
- (2) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2021, Responding to Social Change: Farmers Organizations in Selective Asian Countries, Invited Guest Lecturer under the 3 in 1 program 2021/2022 Sociology on 29 October and 3 November 2021, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Brawijaya.

- (3) Huang, Wen-Chi. 2022. COVID 19 Pandemic Impact for Food Security: Family Farming and Agribusiness Solution. Keynote speech for the 1st International Conference on Environmental Health, Socioeconomic, and Technology 2022 (ICEHST 2022): Impact of Environmental Health Quality Towards Socioeconomics and Technology Development for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals 2030 , University of Islam Lamongan, Indonesia Aug 10-11.
- (4) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2022, Smart Farming for Sustainability, International Speaker, International Conference of Business, Economics, and Sustainable Sciences (BESS): Transformation and Strategy for Economics, Business and Environment with Smart Growth, Productive Employment and Decent Work to Achieve Sustainable Welfare, Malang, Indonesia, Oct 11-12, online. State University of Malang, Delivered on Oct. 11.
- (5) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2022, International Trade in the Fisheries and Marine Sector. 3 in 1 Program, "Policy And Strategy For International Trade Of Fisheries Development," Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science, University of Brawijaya, Nov 8
- (6) Huang, Wen-Chi, 2022, Fishery Situation and Policy in Taiwan. 3 in 1 Program on "Policy And Strategy For International Trade Of Fisheries Development," Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science, University of Brawijaya, Nov 15.

3. Agricultural Policy related Forums/Panel Discussion in Taiwan for activities Organized by the Rural Economics Association of Taiwan (REST):

(1) In Oct 2022, Dr. Wen-Chi Huang shared her research on country of origin labelling requirement for processed food in Japan during the panel discussion on implication for agricultural policy formation in Taiwan.

(2) Invited as a discussant about urban agriculture for the policy research conference on July 8, 2022.

#### **IV. Other key significant achievements**

*(Discuss if there are any other major achievements that you wish to highlight.)*

In 2021, Dr. Wen-Chi Huang received the lifetime award of outstanding teaching at NPUST. She was the first winner of such award. It is awarded to instructors who has received three time outstanding teaching award at the university level in NPUST; the winner of the each of the outstanding teaching need to show at least threes of new performance achievements.

In 2021, Dr. Wen-Chi Huang received recognition from the Agricultural Education Association of Taiwan for "Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award."

Presentations in Conferences:

Dabo, Fanta S., **Huang, Wen-Chi** & Huang, Chao-Chin. 2022. Recognition of Ecotourism in the Local Community in The Gambia, The 23rd Sustainable Development Management Conference NPUST, May 27

Forthcoming: Renewal of MoU between NPUST and AsiaDHRRA

*\*\* Please include in your discussion above how you have address/respond to cross-cutting concerns/issues such as territorial rural development, climate resilience and agroecology, rural youth and women, and agricultural digitalization.*