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The National Well-being Indicators in R.O.C. (Taiwan)

For recognizing the limits of GDP as a measure of people's lives, President Ma announced in Jan. 2012 to develop a well-being measurement beyond economic growth.

Since the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) "Your Better Life Index(BLI)" includes topics we define as essential, the National Well-being Indicators(NWI) in R.O.C.(Taiwan) adopt its 11 topics, including both material living conditions (housing, income, jobs) and quality of life matters (community, education, environment, civic engagement, health, life satisfaction, safety and work-life balance). Taking into account both purposes of international comparison and domestic characteristics, the NWI embraces two sets of indicators—international indicators and domestic indicators within each topic.

The international indicator set for compiling composite index is based completely on the BLI indicators, to allow for consistent comparison with OECD member and partnership countries. The domestic one is for a better indication of public sentiment, which has been developed through multiple meetings with scholars, professionals and government officials. It will observe our nation in 38 indicators, rather than the OECD's original 24, as covering more specific aspects of our people's lives. No composite index will be added up for the domestic indicators.

Of the total 62 indicators, data for most will be compiled by DGBAS and related agencies. Information on civic engagement and governance,

however, which directly involves the government, will be gathered with the help of the Academia Sinica to enhance credibility.

The outcome of National Well-being Indicators will first be launched by the end of August, 2013, appended with indicator attributes if decomposable. The domestic indicators are still in the experimental stage, so DGBAS is open to discussion on them.

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Topics	International Indicators	Domestic Indicators
Housing conditions	Rooms per person	Average dwelling space per person (pin)
	Housing expenditure	Ratio of house price to income
	Dwelling with basic facilities	Ratio of rent to income
		Satisfaction with present dwelling
		Satisfaction with dwelling surrounding environment-quality
Income and Wealth	Household disposable income (PPP)	Consumption expenditure per capita
	Household financial wealth (PPP)	Annual change rate of median disposable income per capita
		Ratio of income share of highest 20% to that of lowest 20%
		Subjective evaluation of material
		Ratio of relative poverty
Jobs and Earnings	Employment rate	Ratio of part-time, temporary or dispatched workers
	Long-term unemployment rate	Unemployment rate of age 15 to 24
	Personal earnings (PPP)	Satisfaction with Jobs
	Job security	
Social connections	Quality of support network	Frequency of socializing with friends
		Frequency of socializing with relatives
		Time spent volunteering
		Trust in others
		Satisfaction with family relationship
Education and skills	Educational attainment	Lifelong learning
	Years in education	
	Students skills in maths, reading and science	
Environmental quality	Air pollution	Average green spaces per person in the urban area
	Water quality	

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Topics	International Indicators	Domestic Indicators
Civic engagement and governance	Voter turnout	Participation in political activities
	Consultation on rule-making	Confidence in national government
		Confidence in judicial system and courts
		Confidence in media
		Satisfaction with democratic life
		Satisfaction with the freedom of speech
Health status	Life expectancy	Self-reported limitations in daily activities
	Self-reported health	Caregiver's burden
		Healthy life expectancy by age
		Percentage of rejection cases in food inspection and test
Subjective Well-Being	Life Satisfaction (Cantril Ladder)	Life Satisfaction
		Characteristics contribute to Taiwan's Well-being
Personal security	Homicide rate	Victim of domestic violence
	Assault rate	Occurrence of residential burglary
		Mortality from accidents
		Feeling of security
Work and life balance	Employees working very long hours	Commuting time
	Time devoted to leisure and personal care	Satisfaction with allocation of time

Note : 1.The international indicators are based completely on OECD Your Better Life Index.

2.No total score will be added up for the domestic indicators.