The Policy Suggestions for the Reform of the Control System in Taiwan

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This research project intends to study the origin, history, structures and functions of the control power in Taiwan, and specifically how it operates in the real politics. This project is also interested in the comparative study of the western ombudsman system and the control system in the three-power system and the five-power system, respectively. More importantly, this project intends to render policy suggestions to the government for the reform of the control system in Taiwan.

The five-power system is the unique invention by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who found faults of the western three-power system which embedded the examination power in the executive branch and the control power in the legislative power. Instead, Dr. Sun took the examination power and the control power away from the three-power system and made them independent from the three-power government. The control power is designed to supervise the government and its officials to see if they are violating the laws or dereliction of duties. If they are, they may be corrected or impeached. By doing so, Dr. Sun wished to establish a clean and efficient government.

However, since it's inception, the control power system has faced constant criticism as not functional or unfitted. Some even propose to abolish the control yuan. Hence, this project attempts to interview the relevant persons in the government system to seek opinions and views on the operation of the control system and its impacts on the government system. This project will also try to find out all the possible reform proposals of the control system and will make some policy recommendations to the government.