

(Translation)
The Presidential and Vice Presidential Records and Artifacts Act

Promulgated on January 20, 2004

Article 1

This Act is prescribed for the purpose of properly archiving, maintaining and managing Presidential and Vice Presidential records and artifacts and protecting such national property.

Article 2

Academia Historica shall be the authority administering the enforcement of this Act.

Article 3

The records and artifacts as referred to in this Act shall mean various records and artifacts, other than archives, which are generated by the Presidents and Vice Presidents in various activities, including textual and non-textual materials and articles such as letters, manuscripts, personal notes, diaries, memoranda, speech manuscripts, photos, video tapes, audio recordings, textual and audio-and-video compact disks, orders of merit, and preservable gifts (valued at over NT\$3,000 each) ("artifacts").

Article 4

During his/her term of office, the President or Vice President shall hand over all his/her artifacts to Academia Historica for management.

Presidential or Vice Presidential artifacts of government agencies or institutions, which have preservation value, shall be handed over to Academia Historica for management.

Anyone who is criminally liable for delaying the handing over any artifacts under any of the preceding paragraphs or failing to complete the handover in a satisfactory manner shall be turned over to the law enforcement agencies for investigation and prosecution.

Presidential or Vice Presidential artifacts of private individuals or organizations, which have preservation value, may be handed over to Academia Historica for management.

Academia Historica shall prescribe rules governing the handover procedures under the preceding paragraphs.

Article 5

The Office of the President shall make a list of general (non-confidential) artifacts to be handed over indicating basic particulars such as names, contents, dates, quantities and attachments. Once every half year, Academia Historica shall send a representative to collect artifacts on the list.

Where artifacts are confidential, the division under the Office of the President in charge of the handover shall seal such artifacts in special envelopes, apply the proper seal to close the envelopes, indicate on the covers information such as names, start and end dates, classification of confidentiality, term of confidentiality, and the date of sealing, and hand over such artifacts once every year to Academia Historica for archiving in their original forms. Where the term of confidentiality of an artifact cannot be ascertained, an explanatory note shall be added. As soon as the term of confidentiality of an artifact expires, the artifact shall be automatically declassified and be classified as a non-confidential artifact.

Article 6

Academia Historica shall periodically produce catalogs of Presidential and Vice Presidential artifacts under its management and publish such lists on its website, government gazettes or newspapers.

Article 7

If needed for academic research, access to Presidential and Vice Presidential artifacts under Academia Historica's management shall be made available to the general public.

To request viewing, copying or reproducing any artifacts under the preceding paragraph, a written application indicating the reasons shall be filed with Academia Historica.

Academia Historica may reject an application under the preceding paragraph if the rejection is necessary for protecting public interests or a third party's legitimate interests.

Article 8

This Act applies to former Presidents and former Vice Presidents as well.

Article 9

The enforcement rules of this Act shall be prescribed by the competent authority.

Article 10

This Act shall come into force from the date of promulgation.