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- **《A Study on the Current Situations, Dilemmas, and Response for Juvenile Drug Crime Prevention and Control Mechanism in Taiwan》**
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Thanks

Hello, guests.

First of all, I would like to thank the organizer for giving us this opportunity to present this presentation to all the guests here.

《**A Study on the Current Situations, Dilemmas, and Response for Juvenile Drug Crime Prevention and Control Mechanism in Taiwan**》 Thank you.

Through the data collection, reading and production of the special report, we have been able to grow and gain a deeper understanding of this topic, and we thank for your listening.

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Presenter -- (Self-introduction)



- My name is Li Wen Zeng and I come from Taiwan. Now mainly working as a juvenile crime investigator. I am currently serving in the juvenile police force of the Changhua County Police Department and have been working as a field juvenile delinquent investigator for many years.

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<https://byjus.com/biology/adolescence-and-drug-abuse/>

— Introduction

- **Author's work characteristics:** The author of this article has been handling various juvenile delinquency cases for a long time, and has been working mainly on juvenile drug investigation, and understands that drug crimes endanger national security and social order seriously.
- **Drug use has been on the rise around the world :** According to the United Nations World Drug Report 2020, drug use has been increasing worldwide, both in total and as a proportion of the world's drug-using population. In 2018, an estimated 269 million people accounted for 5.3% of the global population aged 15-64.

一、Introduction-1

- **Drug seizures in Taiwan are on the rise** : According to the Ministry of Justice's April 2009 drug case statistics, drug seizures have been on the rise over the last 10 years.
- **108 years of drug seizures are the highest in 10 years** : The 9,476.5 kilograms seized in 2008 was the highest in the past 10 years, And among them, Class 3 drugs accounted for the largest number of items. In addition, Class 4 drugs, the next largest category.

一、 Introduction-2



- **The seriousness of drugs** : The above statistics show the seriousness of drug use, with Level 3 and 4 accounting for most of the seizures.
- **Youth as the main source of population** : The importance of this study in the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency in Taiwan is evident from the fact that youth are the main source of third- and fourth-degree drug use.

二、The current situation of drug use among juveniles in Taiwan

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<https://health.ettoday.net/news/1503336?redirect=1>

- Characteristics of the work of the authors of this paper. The researcher has been working in the juvenile police force of Changhua County Police Department for a long time, handling various juvenile delinquency cases, among which youth drug investigation is the main task.
- Tertiary and quaternary drugs are sources of drug use among adolescents.

二、The current situation of drug use among juveniles in Taiwan-1



- **Students administering drugs :**
According to the "Summary Report of the Survey on Students' Illegal Drug Use Behavior" by the Ministry of Education in March 2020, among the illegal drugs that students admitted to using, ketamine is the most popular drug of the third grade, followed by new drugs (e.g., coffee packets).

Emerging drugs of abuse! 12/05/2021, Retrieved from <https://emottawablog.com/2015/10/emerging-drugs-of-abuse/>

二、The current situation of drug use among juveniles in Taiwan-2



Student drug use! 12/05/2021, Retrieved from <https://www.parenting.com.tw/article/5076030>

- **Official Statistics** : In addition, according to the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) Annual Report on Student Drug Abuse Statistics for the month of October 108, there were 608 cases of student drug abuse in Taiwan in the year 108, according to the Food and Drug Administration, MOHW (2020).

Drug Abuse Statistics for Students in Taiwan (100-109年)

單位：人數

學制別(c)	100年	101年	102年	103年	104年	105年	106年	107年	108年		109年		較去年1-8月增減 百分比(%) [(b-a)/a*100]
									8月	1-8月(a)	8月	1-8月 (b)	
國小	3	8	10	8	7	5	4	3	0	4	0	4	0.0
國中	598	855	641	582	600	361	260	164	6	131	8	125	-4.6
高中職	1,174	1,503	1,257	1,031	1,029	581	498	321	14	159	21	181	13.8
大專校院	35	66	113	79	113	59	260	140	8	61	20	84	37.7
合計(d)	1,810	2,432	2,021	1,700	1,749	1,006	1,022	628	28	355	49	394	11.0

資料來源：教育部。

三、**The dilemmas of the prevention and control mechanism of juvenile drug crimes in Taiwan**

- **The main purpose** :The main purpose of this paper is to investigate the current situation of the prevention and control mechanism of juvenile drug offenses in Taiwan and the difficulties encountered in prevention and control, and then to propose feasible countermeasures.
- **Research Methodology** :In the research design and methodology section of this paper, the research method is literature

三、The dilemmas of the prevention and control mechanism of juvenile drug crimes in Taiwan-1



Emerging drugs of abuse! 12/05/2021, Retrieved from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2013-10-emerging-drugs.html>

- The preliminary findings of this paper are as follows:
 - (1) **Emerging drugs emerge in endlessly** : New drugs are emerging all the time, and law enforcement officers have a difficult time determining whether they meet the definition of a drug under the Drug Endangerment Prevention Ordinance.
 - (2) **The role and function of the tutoring agency are still unclear** : The role and function of the juvenile counseling committee is still not clear.

三、The **dilemma** of the prevention and control mechanism of juvenile drug crimes in Taiwan-2



- (3) **Penalties for possession of Class 3 drugs** : The current penalty for possession of Class III drugs weighing 5 grams or more is a fine, which may not have a deterrent effect.
- (4) **Penalties for possession of Class 4 drugs** : Possession of Class IV drugs weighing 5 grams or more net is currently subject to a fine only.

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-03-30/coronavirus-inmates-hygiene-supply-shortage-la-jails>

四、Conclusion

- 一. **Strengthened judgment**
- 二. **Define the role of counselors**
- 三. **Increased penalties class 3 drugs**
- 四. **Increased penalties class 4 drugs**



四、Conclusion-1

- Conclusions and Recommendations:

(1) **Strengthened judgment** : Strengthen and enhance the ability of law enforcement officers and school staff to judge whether the nature of emerging drugs meets the definition of drugs in the Drug Hazard Prevention and Control Act.

(2) **Define the role of counselors** : To clarify and refine the roles, tasks, and functions of the juvenile counseling committee.

四、Conclusion-2

- (3) **Increased penalties for class 3 drugs** : To increase the penalty for possession of Class III drugs so that it has a deterrent effect.
- (4) **Increased penalties class 4 drugs** : To increase the penalty for possession of Class IV drugs to a deterrent effect.

四、Conclusion-3

Drug abuse is a major threat to national security and social order, and drug abusers cannot easily quit their addiction, resulting in long-term physical and psychological damage and the destruction of countless families.



THANK YOU!