## Major Tasks of the Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau, Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan in October 2021

- 1. On October 8 and 15, the TCSB and the Ministry of Education jointly held the online awards ceremony and achievements presentation for the "Green Chemistry Application and Innovation Awards", "2020 Annual Green Chemistry Innovation Competition for Senior High Schools" and "2nd Annual Green Chemistry Innovation Competition for Colleges and Universities." In addition to publicizing the recipients' efforts in the field of green chemistry, it promoted the concept and the work of green chemistry, encouraging more people to join the field of green chemistry.
- 2. On October 13, the central government and local governments were invited to hold a "Central Emergency Operation Center Inauguration Exercise for Toxic Disasters." In conjunction with the national toxic chemical disaster prevention and rescue exercises, it simulated a major toxic incident at a petrochemical plant in Linyuan Industrial Zone of Kaohsiung City, setting up a central response center, a forward coordination office, and the EPA's emergency response team, to integrate the central and local response modes and improve the joint toxic disaster prevention and rescue system.
- 3. On October 19, a "National Toxic Chemical Substance Disaster Prevention and Rescue Exercise" was held in cooperation with the Kaohsiung City Government to simulate a toxic chemical spill from a petrochemical plant in the area. In addition, the collaboration mechanism between the toxic disaster mutual aid groups and various agencies was activated through on-site drills to demonstrate

and enhance the response capacity of local governments in the prevention and rescue of toxic chemical substance disasters, and to raise the ability of transport operators of toxic substances to respond to incidents.