Important Implementation Results of May, 2018

Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau, Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan

- 1.On 21 May, the Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee of the Legislative Yuan reviewed article by article amendments to "Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act". After coordination, the Committee integrated 75 articles, passed 67 articles and reserved 8 articles. The articles will be submitted to political parties for consultations and discussions.
- 2. On 31 May, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ministry of Finance, and the EPA's relevant departments and offices were invited to attend the "Inter-Ministerial Meeting for the (Drafted) National Chemical Substances Control Action Plan" convened by the EPA. Based on the National Chemical Substances Control Policy Guidelines approved by the Executive Yuan, the EPA collected practices of other ministries to study and draft the "National Chemical Substances Control Action Plan". Relevant discussions and implementation negotiations were carried out for the mechanisms to follow.
- 3. To implement toxic chemicals disaster prevention and rescue activities, and enhance disaster response units' capability of acting on emergency toxic chemical disasters, three sessions of "Toxic Substances Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Mobilization Seminar" and four sessions of "Toxic Substances Joint Prevention and Rescue Team Training" were held in May. Through these sessions, all participants took part to discuss and exchange ideas on relevant issues.