A Comparative Study of the Treatment Provided to Former President Chen in Taichung Prison

Former President Chen was transferred to Taichung Prison on April 19, 2013, and as of January 4, 2015, he has received the following special medical care and treatment within the facility:

Inmate Treatment	Regular Prison Inmate	Former President Chen
Guard Manpower and Expense	 Daytime: In the standard cell block, one officer is assigned to guard 120 to 140 inmates. Nighttime: Six officers are assigned to one duty spot. The six officers are divided into two shifts to alternately attend to day and night shift duties guarding 440 to 520 inmates. Cost: NT\$984 per inmate per month. 	 One day- aide guard six night-duty guard aides; assignment of two guards is regularly maintained. Guard salary is calculated at NT\$50,000 per month per person. NT\$50,000 × 7 = NT\$350,000 Cost: NT\$350,000 per inmate per month
Nursing Care	One nurse is assigned to attend to	Six to eight nurses on duty shifts are
Manpower	one hospital ward accommodating	assigned to attend to one person.
(Caregiver)	five inmates.	
Meal Provisions	The kitchen provides three meals a day. Meal expense per person per month is NT\$1,800.	Former President Chen distrusted the prison-provided food and so all three meals taken were delivered to his consumption; however, the kitchen is still obliged to prepare his meals.
Cell Space (including living amenities and bathroom facilities within the cell)	Inmate population of Taichung Prison as of December 31, 2014 is 5,510 inmates. Total cell space area is 3,484 pings (or 11,517.24 m²); that is, an average of around 0.63 ping per person (or 2.09 m²).	 Cell area space is 48.5 pings (or 160 m²); the sleeping quarters cover 9.2 (or 30.41 m²) pings of which. The remaining space contains the storage space for his personal belongings and rest area of his nurses and guards. The guest receiving and other living spaces measure 39.5 pings

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		 (or 130.58 m²). 3. Outdoor exercise grounds measure 155 pings (or 512.4 m²). 4. The Taichung Prison medical ward area occupies around 243 pings (or 803.3 m²).
Inhouse Medical Care of Prison Facilities	In-house outpatient doctor consultation under government support/inmates' personal expense is provided to inmates upon receipt of the inmates' reports and requests.	 A designated staff measures and records blood pressure, pulse rate, and other health data daily. Pei-Te Hospital and Taichung Veterans General Hospital organized a medical team and arranged special outpatient checkups, in-hospital medical tests, and medical care. The Taichung Veterans General Hospital sends a doctor to Taichung Prison on three occasions to conduct the overnight sleep physiological observation. A total of 212 outpatient checkups had been provided.
Medical Treatment on Inmate's Expense	Medical treatment is conducted at the designated hospital of prison authorities.	Inmate chooses own doctor. A total of seventeen medical treatments had been received as follows: 1 psychiatric treatment; two orthopedic treatments; 1 dental treatment; and thirteen neurological treatments.
Escorted hospital checkups and medical treatment	Provided upon requirement of circumstances	 Escorted medical examination at the Taichung Veterans General Hospital on four occasions: (1) 08.03.2013: underwent a brain magnetic resonance imaging and angiography examination

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		and an urodynamic
		examination.
		(2) 01.18.2014: underwent a brain
		magnetic resonance imaging
		and angiography examination
		(3) 03.29.2014: underwent a nerve
		conduction test, an MRI scan
		of the cervical, thoracic, and
		lumbar vertebrae, and a spinal
		puncture procedure
		(extraction of 30 cc. of spinal
		fluid).
		(4) 12.24.2014: underwent a brain
		magnetic resonance imaging
		and angiography examination
		2. Escorted treatment at Taichung
		Veterans General Hospital on two
		occasions:
		(1) 12.13 to 12.31.2013: underwent
		a urodynamic test, transrectal
		ultrasonography of the
		prostate, and a tonsillectomy
		with uvula flap reconstructive
		surgery.
		(2) 03.31 to 04.06.2014: Suffered
		headache; underwent a brain
		magnetic resonance imaging
		examination and MRI
		examination of the cervical,
		thoracic, and lumbar
		vertebrae; hospitalized for
		further observation.
		3. Escorted to hospital for medical

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		examination:
		Two advance guards and six
		guard escorts are mobilized every
		time to ensure his safety. Outside
		perimeter security and traffic
		control matters are maintained
		through the assistance of
		Taichung City Police Bureau and
		the guard police of Taichung
		Veterans General Hospital.
		4. Hospitalization under escort:
		Six guard personnel divided into
		two shift s had been assigned.
		Three personnel are responsible
		for the daily escort duties. Police
		officers and guard polices of
		Taichung Veterans General
		Hospital provide assistance in the
		security guards of the entrance of
		hospital and patient ward.
	Inmates are given 30 minutes of	A special yard is provided for
	outdoor exercise time daily as a	strolling, exercise, pond fish tending,
Exercise time	rule; however, on rainy days, this	and vegetable planting. Exercise time
	privilege could not be provided.	and specific location are determined
		by former President Chen himself.
	Inmates classified in the same class	Former President Chen was allowed
	(progressive treatment Class 3) as	to receive family member visitors
Visitors	former President Chen are not	during holidays; a total of 461
VISITOIS	granted visitation rights during	visitations have been granted.
	holidays; visitation is limited to one	
	visitor every four days.	
Telephone calls	Telephone calling privilege is	Former President Chen was allowed
	granted upon presentation of special	to receive 35 phone calls so far; that
	reasons after prison authorities	is, not including phone conferences

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	deem requested calls are indeed	with family.
	necessary.	
	1. Class 3 or higher inmates may	1. A total of sixty letters have been
	send out one letter every four	mailed.
Correspondences	days.	2. Allowed to receive unlimited
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	number of mails.	

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