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#### **Taiwan's National ChengChi University Newest addition to RISE Consortium - 9th March, 2010 -**

The 3rd International Conference on Ethics and Policy of Biometrics and International Data Sharing held in Hong Kong on January 4-5, 2010 not only extended the international dialogue on biometrics, data sharing, privacy and security issues already instigated by two earlier conferences, but also led to the addition of the National ChengChi University of Taiwan as a RISE Consortium member

Westfield, NJ - The recent 3rd International Conference on Ethics and Policies of Biometrics and International Data Sharing was a resounding success. The Conference took place in China on 4-5 January 2010, and was hosted by the Biometric Research Centre of the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, a member of the RISE Consortium.

In addition to deepening the understanding of global issues related to data protection and privacy, the RISE Consortium established a dialogue that resulted in the addition of a new consortium member: National ChengChi University of Taiwan, represented by Prof. Chi-Shing Chen from the College of Law. The RISE Consortium views the addition of the National ChengChi University of Taiwan as an extraordinary opportunity to extend the global dialogue on biometrics, data protection and ethics further within Asia. In addition, with National ChengChi University's addition, two new conference events have been added to the RISE project, which are being organized by Prof. Chen and his team. The first is a RISE conference to be held in Taipei in October 2010, and a subsequent workshop in Beijing in September 2011.

Beyond this advancement of the consortium's work, the 3rd International Conference provided a broad range of perspectives to the audience of policy makers, industrial players, and others in attendance. Many of the presentations can be viewed and downloaded from the Conference website at <http://www.comp.polyu.edu.hk/conference/iceb/>.

The next major event sponsored by the RISE consortium will be held in Brussels on March 25-26 2010. This high-level workshop will focus on "Ethical and Policy Implications of Global Mobility and Security." Speakers will include Mr. Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the European Commission, and Transport Commissioner; Mr. Jaak Aaviksoo, Estonian Minister of Defense and Mr. Peter Hustinx, European Data Protection Supervisor. For more information on this workshop and future events, visit the project website at: [www.riseproject.eu](http://www.riseproject.eu).

##### About National ChengChi University

Established in 1927, the National Chengchi University is noted for its humanities and social sciences disciplines and currently houses nine colleges. In 2010, National ChengChi University has been appointed as one of the National Contact Point for EU FP7 programs, in the area of security. Due to the increasing frequency of academic interaction between Taiwan and China, the College of Law established the Center for China Law Studies in 2003.

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#### About the RISE Project

The RISE (Rising pan-European and International Awareness of Biometrics and Security Ethics) project is a 6-month Coordination and Support Action (CSA) funded under FP7, SP-4 Capacities, Grant agreement number: 230389, which aims to promote pan-European and international awareness on ethical aspects of biometrics and security technologies. RISE's framing point is the new political landscape created by the Treaty of Lisbon of the European Union. The EU is now on the verge of a multifaceted reform of its decision-making rules for security which may have deep ethical and political implications. RISE will address these issues.

The RISE consortium includes the project coordinator, the Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship (IT) and project partners, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GR), Biometric Research Centre (CHINA), Center for Policy on Emerging Technologies (US), Cesagen (UK), Global Security Intelligence (US), European Biometric Forum (IR), NASSCOM - DSCI (INDIA), the University of Tartu (EE), and the National ChengChi University of Taiwan.

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