

## Taiwan highlights three factors for successful fight against COVID-19

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Why is Taiwan so well under control of the corona crisis despite its geographic proximity to China? Taiwan's former vice president Chen Chien-jen has some answers.

"In my opinion, three important factors have contributed to this: being careful with COVID-19, taking immediate action in different situations, and planning ahead in the face of a crisis," Chen said in a [webcast](#) program published by the Talent Circulation Alliance and the American Institute was produced in Taiwan recently.

For example, Taiwan learned of the situation in Wuhan, where the corona virus first appeared at the end of 2019, through a bulletin board system in Taiwan, and immediately checked passengers coming from that city, Chen said.

Taiwan also immediately began taking measures to prevent hospital infections, improved contact tracking, and quarantined people who had close contact with confirmed cases, said epidemiologist Chen Chien-jen.

In addition, the involvement of the Central Epidemic Command Center in coordinating government policies, requesting face masks and providing medical supplies contributed to Taiwan's success against COVID-19, Chen added.

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Chen, who was Taiwan's Minister of Health in 2003 during the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak, also highlighted the importance of talent mobility in working together to prevent the epidemic.