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To whom it may concern:

I write in recommendation of Erik Olsson, who has been our intern since October of last year. Originally he came in four afternoons a week, and starting this semester, due to his new class schedule, it became two afternoons a week.

He has been a great help to us, especially in the World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) program. He began by taking care of a substantial amount of the accounting for the Second Biennial Meeting (which took place in September 2007), and he also took charge of updating the WFDA website, including both the program activities and the regional "democracy developments" section. He also drafted several editions of the WFDA E-paper. In addition, he helped to maintain a separate website for the Initiative and Referendum Institute-Asia program. He also assisted with the administration of some of our major events held here in Taipei, notably the award ceremony for the Asia Democracy & Human Rights Award in December and the inaugural Global Forum for New Democracies meeting in January. The latter was attended by Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian and five former heads of state from El Salvador, Poland, Romania, South Africa, and South Korea.

We are all very pleased with Erik. He has demonstrated an excellent work attitude and professionalism. More importantly, he has shown great interest in and sensitivity to the political aspects of our work. For example, his choice of articles to include on the website has been almost perfect, and he has chosen the correct tone of the pieces he has written for the E-paper. This is very much appreciated, and it distinguishes him from most of the interns we have had.

In sum, I would definitely recommend Erik for further studies or professional development.

Sincerely,

Bo Tedards

Director of International Cooperation