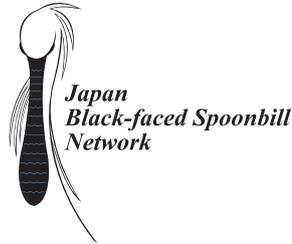


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Dear Mayor Chen,  
The Mayor of Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

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We are deeply concerned currently-planned 1-4 road through the Jiading Wetland, which will affect to the conservation of the Black-faced Spoonbill.

The Jiading Wetland is the important habitat of an endangered species of the Black-faced Spoonbill. The international census of the Black-faced Spoonbill reported 154 birds in 2013, and 212 birds in 2014 were counted at the Jiading Wetland, showing a gradual increase of roosting population at the wetland. Many kinds of migratory birds were also inhabited at the wetlands.

Although we know that this road plan has established before the Black-faced Spoonbill inhabited at the Jiading Wetland, the eyewitness that the many Black-faced Spoonbill visited to this wetland indicates that the Jiading Wetland is excellent and beautiful wetland environment.

I think Mayor Chen, who is eager to protect natural environment, has already understand the situation. Ecosystem of wetlands, which would once be destroyed by the 1-4 road construction, would be very difficult to reconstruct again. Please reconsider what should remain for the sake of children of Kaohsiung City.

If you decide to maintain the Jiading wetland environment, it will be sure that you will have great administration from all over the world as a mayor who protects symbol bird of Asia, the Black-faced Spoonbill. The Jiading Wetland is superior place for children to learn natural environment and suitable for eco-tour.

Black-faced Spoonbill Network of Japan recommends Mayor Chen to reconsider the following issues.

- 1) Change the Kaohsiung 1-4 road plan to the alternatives road plan which does not cross the Jiading Wetland.
- 2) Establish the master plan for conservation of the Black-faced Spoonbill at the Jiading Wetland in collaboration with citizen of Kaohsiung City.

We deeply hope your decisive resolution on this matter.

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