## **Control Yuan to investigate Chen skit**

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Control Yuan member Chen Shih-meng, right, and former Taipei Awakening Foundation director-general Yang Fang-wan speak during an interview in Taipei on Jan. 29.

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The Control Yuan is to investigate a skit staged by prosecutors in 2009 satirizing former president Chen Shui-bian (\$\Bar{\pi}\$), a performance that has raised doubts about the credibility of the nation's judicial system, Control Yuan member Chen Shih-meng (\$\Bar{\pi}\$) said yesterday.

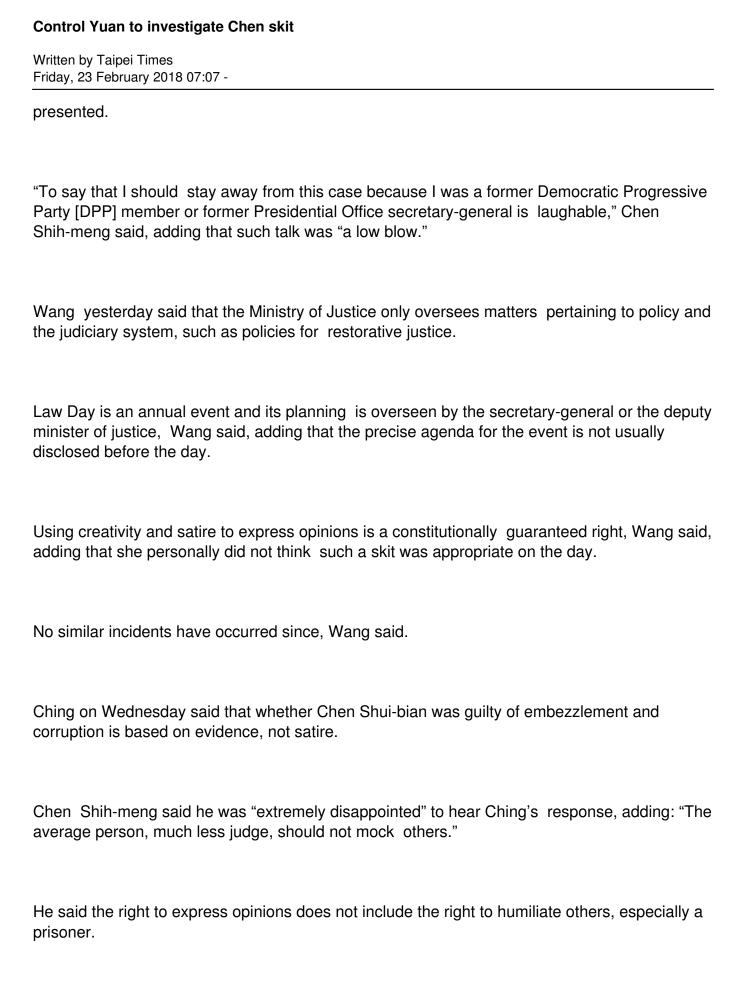
Chen Shih-meng said the skit, performed at a Law Day celebratory event, greatly affected social commentary and tarnished Taiwan's international image.

It also affected the former president mentally and physically, Chen Shih-meng said, adding that he would talk to Chen Shui-bian in person and ask him to make a statement about the humiliation he suffered.

Then-Taipei District Prosecutors' Office chief prosecutor Ching Chi-jen (□□□) and then-minster of justice Wang Ching-feng (□□□) turned a blind eye to the performance.

They are to be summoned for questioning over possible negligence of duty, Chen Shih-meng said.

Denying speculation that the investigation was launched because of his support for the former president, Chen Shih-meng said the public should question whether erroneous evidence was



"Can any prosecutor enact a skit to humiliate the defendant prior to giving a verdict?" Chen

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Shih-meng said, adding that such behavior is unimaginable in the US as it would be seen as interfering with the judicial process.

Chen Shih-meng said that the event was described by longtime Taiwan watcher Bruce Jacobs in an article carried by the Economist in 2009 as a "lack of discretion' in a remarkably tasteless recent incident."

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