

Taiwan's top court rules in favour of same-sex marriage

Taiwan's top judges have decided **in favour of** same-sex marriage, **paving the way for it to become** the first place in Asia to do so.

已註解 [U1]: in favor of N 贊成/ 支持 N

已註解 [U2]: pave the way for N to VR 安排好 N 去做 VR

The highest court has **ruled on a constitutional challenge to current laws**, which say that marriage is between a man and a woman.

已註解 [U3]: rule on A to B 請求在 B 的範疇內解釋 A

The parliament **is now forced to** amend the laws or pass new ones.

已註解 [U4]: be forced to VR 被迫去 VR

Wednesday's decision came as the LGBT community faces **increasing persecution** in the region.

已註解 [U5]: persecution 迫害/ 煩擾

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The court's ruling that **the current ban on** same-sex marriages is unconstitutional means Taiwan's parliament will have to amend existing laws or **pass new legislation to** legalise such marriages.

已註解 [U6]: the ban on N 對 N 的禁令

已註解 [U7]: pass legislation to VR 通過立法去 VR

But it's still unclear how far parliament will go.

The LGBT community hopes legislators will simply amend the existing marriage laws to include same-sex couples, which would **grant** them the same rights enjoyed

已註解 [U8]: grant 人 with N 對人施以 N

by opposite-sex couples, including in adoption, parenting, inheritance, and making decisions for each other in medical emergencies.

已註解 [U9]: 遺產

They fear parliament won't do that and will instead pass a new law that recognises same-sex marriages and gives them only some rights, but not equal treatment in all matters.

Religious and parents groups opposed to the move say they will lobby parliament not to pass any laws on legalisation. They argue such an important matter that affects the whole of society shouldn't be decided by just a few grand justices, but by the people in a referendum.

已註解 [U10]: be opposed to N 反對 N

已註解 [U11]: referendum 公民投票

Both sides will now focus their attention on persuading the legislators.

已註解 [U12]: focus attention on N 聚焦在 N 之上

Self-ruled Taiwan, which China claims sovereignty over, is known for its liberal values and holds the biggest annual gay pride event in the region.

已註解 [U13]: sovereignty 統治權

已註解 [U14]: be known for N 以 N 著名

Momentum for marriage equality has been building since last year, when President Tsai Ing-wen, who is openly supportive of the move, came to power.

已註解 [U15]: momentum 動力

已註解 [U16]: be supportive of N 支持 N

已註解 [U17]: come to power 執政/ 掌權

But the debate has prompted a backlash, with mass protests by conservatives in recent months.

已註解 [U18]: backlash 強烈的反對

Now that the 14-judge panel has ruled in favour of the legal challenge, the parliament, known as the Legislative Yuan, will begin the process of amending the laws.

They can now either legalise same-sex marriage or introduce new separate civil partnership legislation.

A bill to legalise same-sex marriages is already making its way through parliament, but that process has slowed because of opposition from traditionalists, who do not want Taiwan to become the first place in Asia to allow such weddings.

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已註解 [U19]: make A's way through B A 一路來到 B

已註解 [U20]: opposition 反對