

Defence for the Taiwanese people: A Study on Tan Se-ing's career in the legal system (1918-1992)

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Abstract

This article explored Tan Se-ing's careers in the legal system as time changes. Tan Se-ing's career in the legal system can be divided into four stages: (1) In the 1920s, he was born in Dounan Town, Yunlin County and got a good education in Japanese.

(2) In the 1930s, after finishing studies in Tainan Senior High School, he went to Taipei High School under the old system of education (臺北高校). After that, he attended the Imperial University of Tohoku. He paid attention to the modernization of the civil service system in Japan and hoped it could save Taiwan; and passed the Judicial Examination of High Civil Service (高等文官考試司法科). (3) After the World War II, he encountered with February 28 Incident (二二八事變), and decided to become a judge. (4) After the 1970s, Tan Se-ing returned to Justice of the Constitutional Court, and frequently wrote Dissenting Opinions in Constitutional Courts in order to maintain the people's rights.

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