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said Professor Ning Yin-bin of
Central University,
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Chi Hwei-wen (center) tells of her experiences as a sex worker at a press conference yesterday. The launch of her book was supported by National Central University Professor Josephine Ho (left) and *United Evening News* columnist Tsai Shi-ping (right).

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Shui-bian revoked licenses of the capital's more than one hundred legal prostitutes, leading to protests from parlor owners and clashes in the capital's council chamber. Some New Party and KMT councilors moved to block the city's ruling, proposing a two-year period for adjustment.

"People now think that because I

support legal prostitution I am against Chen Shui-bian," said Professor Ning. "I don't care about Chen Shui-bian, we are a social movement ... Politicians come and go. We don't have a political agenda."

The publication of the ethnographic study was hailed as a great step forward by *United Evening*

News columnist Tsai Shi-ping, as well as representatives from Taiwan's gay community.

"At least there's a new voice concerning sex work out there in the marketplace," Ning told the *China News*. "Before now they were just portrayed as dupes. But this is not the whole picture of their life."