



Headline News

President Ma urges Beijing to embrace democracy

On 4 June, the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Incident, ROC President Ma Ying-jeou said that mainland China will not endear itself to the Taiwanese people by providing benefits to Taipei, but by being kind to its political dissidents and tolerant of different opinions. In so doing, Ma said, Beijing could not only raise its leaders' moral stance and legacy but also narrow the gap in thinking between the people of the two sides of the Taiwan Strait. With today's higher living standards, and the higher education people now have, mainland China is capable of developing a society with freedom of expression, an independent judiciary, and a government that protects human rights and the rule of law, he added.



That evening, over 1,000 people joined a candlelight vigil in Taipei to mark the anniversary, calling on the mainland Chinese Government to acknowledge the wrongfulness of the June 4th Incident and release jailed dissidents. The participants, many of them students from Taiwan, mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau, gathered at the National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall to pay tribute to the victims.

International News

ROC Premier visits El Salvador & Los Angeles

As a special envoy on behalf of President Ma Ying-jeou, ROC Premier Jiang Yi-huah attended the inauguration of El Salvador President Sánchez Cerén on 1 June. Before the

ceremony, Jiang met with Sánchez and expressed the hope that his presence at the inauguration will bolster cooperation between the two countries. Sánchez told Jiang that the friendship between the Republic of China and El Salvador remains solid. Jiang also took the opportunity to talk to several of the other foreign guests, such as Spain's Crown Prince Felipe.

From 2 to 3 June, Jiang had a stopover in Los Angeles, where he hosted a luncheon for several American politicians. Among the guests were members of the House of Representatives Judy Chu, Alan Lowenthal and Linda Sánchez. Also attending were Lessing Gold, co-Chair of the World Trade Committee of the World Trade Center Los Angeles, and Raymond Burghardt, Chairman of the American Institute in Taiwan. According to Burghardt, the meeting allowed for very good discussion on strengthening economic and trade relations between the US and Taiwan. Jiang returned to Taiwan on 4 June.

Economic News

Asia's largest computer show displays newest trends in Taipei

Computex, Asia's largest computer show, kicked off in Taipei on 3 June, showcasing technology trends such as applications associated with the "Internet of Things," touch applications, wearable devices, mobile computing and cloud services. According to Wang Chih-kang, Chairman of the Taiwan External Trade Development Council, one of the organizers, "Computex Taipei is the barometer of global ICT prosperity ... it triggers future global markets and technologies." The annual event is expected to generate business of over US\$25 billion this year, which represents some 20 percent of the country's US\$110 billion in ICT product exports, Wang said at the opening ceremony. Vice

President Wu Den-yih and Economics Minister Chang Chia-juch also attended the ceremony, touting Taiwan's innovation and design capability.



In addition to new product launches, some 100 workshops, seminars and forums previewing trends that are likely to emerge in the second half of the year were featured at the technology extravaganza event that ended 7 June.

Information

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