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President Tsai meets delegation from Center for Asia-Pacific Resilience and Innovation

President Tsai Ing-wen met with a delegation from the Center for Asia-Pacific Resilience and Innovation (CAPRI), May 6, as she thanked those present for their efforts in actively helping Taiwan deepen its connections with the international community.

The group, which included Board Chair Syaru Shirley Lin and former Virginia Governor James S. Gilmore, were in Taiwan for the organisation's second Annual Forum. According to President Tsai, the gathering brought together leaders, experts, and representatives of civil society groups from around the world to explore solutions for stimulating economic growth and enhancing disaster



resilience.

The President also paid tribute to CAPRI for being Taiwan's first international think tank focused on public policy research. As authoritarian expansion is on the rise,

she emphasised the increasing importance of the organisation in helping Taiwan to continue sharing its perspectives and increasing its visibility on the international stage.

MOFA video showcases Taiwan's medical expertise

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) released a short film, May 6, spotlighting Taiwan's capability to contribute to global health goals ahead of the 77th session of the World Health Assembly, which is due to take place from May 27 to June 1 in Geneva. The film, entitled "My Second Home", tells the true story of an Indonesian girl named Sherlyn diagnosed with biliary atresia as an infant, following the youngster through her successful operation

and ongoing monitoring check-ups. The narrative of the video is told through the perspective of the child's mother, MOFA said, noting its release just before Mother's Day.

Sherlyn's life-saving surgery at National Taiwan University was facilitated through Taiwan's New Southbound Cooperation Pact, which began in 2018. Chinese and English versions of the short are available on the Trending Taiwan YouTube channel.

Ambassador Lee visits KADOC-KU Leuven and Sint Andriesabdij Zevenkerken

Ambassador Roy Lee led colleagues on a visit to KADOC-KU Leuven and Sint Andriesabdij Zevenkerken in Bruges, May 6.

After being welcomed by Bart Raymaekers, President of the Scientific Committee of KADOC, the Ambassador also met Kim Christiaens, Director of KADOC. Together with a fellow researcher, they explained the history and work of the centre, as well as the historical artefacts of Dom Pierre-Célestin Lou (1871-1949), the first Foreign Minister of the Republic of China. Both sides also discussed the historical religious bond between Taiwan and

Belgium, and expressed anticipation for more exchanges and cooperation on the preservation of historical archives and academic research in the future.

Later, while visiting the world heritage site of Sint Andriesabdij Zevenkerken in Bruges, Ambassador Lee was accompanied by Abbot Dom Léon Van Luchene and Abbot Dom René Fobe, and admired the abbey's rich history and environment. The site is renowned for its significant role in Belgian and European Catholic history, as well as the important part it played in creating a strong bond between the European and Chinese Catholic communities.

Ambassador Lee attends opening of Taiwan art exhibition in Brussels

Ambassador Roy Lee attended the opening ceremony of the "Beauty of Taiwan Art Exhibition," May 3, at the Press Club Brussels Europe along with Brussels Representative Emmanuel De Bock.

Speaking at the event, jointly arranged by the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Belgium and the Formosan Arts and Technology Museum, Ambassador Lee thanked the organisers for choosing Brussels as one of the locations for the exhibition. The display, he said, showcases the beauty of Taiwan, the spirit of the island, and the strength of its technology.



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