



## President Tsai's National Day remarks



President Tsai Ing-wen on the morning of October 10 attended the ROC's 112th Double Tenth National Day Celebration in the plaza fronting the Presidential Office Building, and delivered an address titled "A calm and confident Taiwan: Moving our country forward, making the world a better place." It is my duty as president to safeguard our national sovereignty and the democratic and free way of life of the 23 million people of Taiwan; seeking peaceful coexistence, with free, unrestricted, and unburdened interactions between people across the strait. Taiwan, and furthermore both sides across the strait, should be enabled to contribute to regional peace and stability. Let me reiterate that "peace is the only option across the strait. Maintaining the status quo, as the largest common denominator for all sides, is the critical key to ensuring peace."

## Yushan Forum 2023 in Taipei

Lots of friends of Taiwan took part in the 7th Yushan Forum which just

drew to a close in Taipei. Nauru President Russ Kun praised Taiwan's tech and innovation sector, as well as its crucial role in trade and regional security. He also thanked Taiwan for its cooperative efforts and expressed his support for Taiwan's international participation. Japan Representative and Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council Ch-airman Furuya Keiji stated the council's support for Taiwan's accession to international organizations, including the WHO and the CPTPP, as well as echoing the words of the late great Prime Minister Abe Shinzo, "If Taiwan has a problem, then Japan has a problem."

He also called for unity among countries which uphold democratic values to safeguard Taiwan and global security. Former Australia Prime Minister Scott Morrison MP stated "Taiwan's future is uniquely central to global peace and security, and we all understand that that future is under constant threat," while emphasizing the importance of stepping up Taiwan's resilience and deterrence while maintaining the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

## Lithuanian Speaker visit Taiwan

The delegation led by Speaker of the Lithuanian Seimas Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen, which includes government officials and business representatives, visit from October 22-25.



Speaker Čmilytė also received a medal from the Legislative Yuan before giving a speech there. The delegation also take part in a Fintech forum and visit Taiwan's Ultrafast Laser Technology Research and Innovation Center.

## Taiwan opens Milan office

Buongiorno Milano! Taiwan has made its debut in Italy's Moral Capital of Milan! The office commenced operations October 16.

A plethora of VIPs showed up to a celebratory reception to mark the opening, including Vice President of the Italian Senate Gian Marco Centinaio, who visited Taiwan in June and Vice Chair of the Italian Chamber of Deputies committee on foreign and European Community affairs Paolo Formentini.