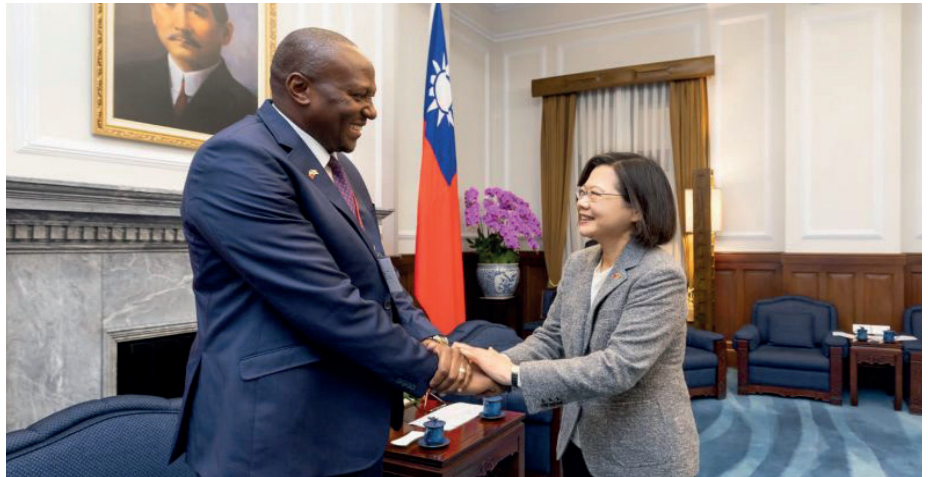


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Tsai receives Kingdom of Eswatini delegation led by PM Dlamini

President Tsai Ing-wen received a delegation from the Kingdom of Eswatini led by Prime Minister Russell Dlamini at the Presidential Office March 19 in Taipei, pledging to continue expanding the already robust ties across the board. Tsai welcomed Dlamini on behalf of the people, saying that the PM's visit, the first since he took office in November, along with one by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Pholile Shakantu earlier this year, will further deepen the friendship. According to the president, Taiwan and Eswatini have continued to expand cooperation in the areas of agriculture, energy, economy and trade, public health and women's empowerment in



recent years. Tsai thanked Eswatini for its long-standing support of Taiwan's international participation, including the prime minister's call for Taiwan's climate

change efforts to be recognized and for the country to have greater participation in related mechanisms during the U.N. COP 28 staged in Dubai last December.

MOFA thanks EP members for concern by China's unilateral alterations to flight routes

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) expressed sincere gratitude for a joint letter dated March 13 from members of the European Parliament addressing Salvatore Sciacchitano, president of the International Civil Aviation Organization's council, and high-ranking European Union officials. According to MOFA, EP vice president Jan-Christoph Oetjen along with 27 other MEPs wrote to Sciacchitano; Ursula von der Leyen, president

of the European Commission; Charles Michel, president of the European Council; and Josep Borrell, high representative of the EU for foreign affairs and security policy, to express their unease over China's unilateral changes to flight paths in the Taiwan Strait. The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium also sincerely thanked the EP members for raising awareness of China's salami-slicing tactics aimed at changing the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

Foreign Minister Wu meets Czech envoy for Ukrainian reconstruction

Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu met with Tomáš Kopečný, the Czech government's envoy for the reconstruction of Ukraine, March 18 in Taipei to exchange views on international aid projects to Ukraine. Wu stressed that Taiwan has actively provided necessary assistance to Ukraine since the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war. The cooperation between Taiwan and Czechia in assisting Ukraine is a force of good that sets

an example for other like-minded partners, he added. In response, Kopečný thanked Taiwan for its help to bring potable water to over 100,000 Ukrainians.



Officials fly flag for Taiwan at 2024 Summit for Democracy for Democracy

Minister of Digital Affairs Audrey Tang highlighted Taiwan's commitment to deepening global democratic resilience during the 2024 Summit for Democracy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said. Held March 18-20 in Seoul, Tang delivered an address via a prerecorded video for a roundtable discussion on the first day of the event Taiwan's belief in the power of technology and co-creation has helped it successfully counter cyberattacks and cognitive warfare, Tang said. Only by adhering to democratic ideals can the country find the best solutions to ethical, political and social challenges brought on by emerging technologies, she added.

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