

# TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

## Tsai receives Project 2049 Institute delegation

Taiwan will continue to work with the United States to safeguard regional peace and stability, President Tsai Ing-wen pledged, April 10, as she received a delegation from the Project 2049 Institute, a think tank based in Washington, DC.

Welcoming the visiting group, Tsai described those present as friends who deeply care about Taiwan, and paid tribute to the Project 2049 Institute for the valuable suggestions it has made on further strengthening Taiwan-US relations. The President also noted that the day of the meeting marked the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, and took the opportunity to thank the US administration, Congress, and private sector for continuing to work



with Taiwan to deepen the bilateral cooperation and friendship. While the US fulfills its security commitments to Taiwan, Taiwan is also taking steps to strengthen its self-sufficiency in national defence, demonstrating the determination to defend itself, Tsai added.

The delegation's leader, Chairman Ran-

dall Schriver, also spoke at the meeting, during which he expressed his thanks to President Tsai for taking the time to receive the group. He also paid tribute to the outgoing President, thanking her for her service, for her investment in the relationship with the US, and for her leadership on so many things.

## President-elect Lai names former DPP chair Cho Jung-tai as premier

President-elect Lai Ching-te confirmed the appointment of former Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) Chairman Cho Jung-tai as Taiwan's new premier at a press conference, April 10.

Cho will take up the post after the inauguration of President-elect Lai and Vice President-elect Hsiao Bi-khim on May 20. Discussing the appointment, Lai described Cho as being known for his communication skills and having a history of

prioritizing public interests ahead of individual or party differences. He also noted Cho's familiarity with central and local government issues, as well as administrative and legislative operations.

Addressing the topic of his new cabinet as a whole, the President-elect said it must be active and innovative to respond to the expectations of the people, and give top priority to issues that the government and opposition parties agree are beneficial to the country and society.

## Taiwan to deepen AI cooperation with Germany

National Science and Technology Council Minister Wu Tsung-tsung received a delegation from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, April 8, underscoring the commitment of both sides to deepening technological collaboration.

The visiting group, which was led by Kathrin Meyer, the head of the Ministry's Asia cooperation, included German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence Chief Executive Advisor Wolfgang Wahlster, who was appointed coordinator of a joint Taiwan-Germany AI initiative agreed last year.

Welcoming the delegation, Wu laud-

ed the establishment of the Taiwan AI Center of Excellence last year, stating that it has served as a critical platform to tackle related issues. Also speaking at the event, Wahlster praised Taiwan as a leader in semiconductor manufacturing and expressed the hope that both sides could work together to apply AI to advanced semiconductor production and self-driving cars.



## Ambassador Roy Lee attends MoU signing between IALI and MOL/TOSHA

Ambassador Roy Lee was invited by the Ministry of Labor (MOL) of Taiwan and the International Association of Labor Inspection (IALI) to participate virtually in the signing ceremony of the "Memorandum of Understanding between IALI and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the MOL of Taiwan regarding cooperation on promoting occupational safety and health, and labor inspection", serving as a witness and delivering a speech at the event, April 11.

The agreement aims to establish a bilateral cooperative relationship between the OSHA of the MOL of Taiwan and IALI to enhance cooperation in the fields of occupational safety and health, as well as labor inspection.

During the signing ceremony, which lasted for about an hour, Ambassador Roy Lee congratulated both parties on their efforts and success in concluding the memorandum of understanding.

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