

# TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

## Delegation of intelligence chiefs visit Taiwan

President Lai Ching-te met with a delegation of Latin American and Caribbean intelligence and security chiefs, September 26, emphasising the importance of strengthening joint defence and intelligence-sharing mechanisms amongst allies.

President Lai highlighted the increasingly complex international security environment, noting that challenges including foreign infiltration, digital manipulation, disinformation and cyberattacks pose significant threats to democratic systems. In turn, he stressed that Taiwan continues to enhance its self-defence capabilities and build whole-of-society resilience while being at the forefront of threats from China.



Paraguay's National Secretariat of Intelligence Minister Marco Alcaraz warned of China's expanding influence in Latin America through large-scale investments and secret information-gathering tactics.

He emphasised the need for greater cooperation and exchanges amongst allies, expressing confidence that Taiwan and Paraguay will further deepen bilateral co-operation.

### Taiwan's allies, partners support UN bid

Ten allied and like-minded countries spoke on Taiwan's behalf during the 80th United Nations General Assembly's general debate in New York at the end of September, praising the country's technological achievements and commitment to sustainable development goals.

Leaders from Palau, the Marshall Islands, Eswatini, Saint Lucia and Tuvalu all emphasised that Resolution 2758 does not preclude Taiwan's meaningful UN participation. Likewise, Paraguay's President warned Taiwan's exclusion undermines institutional legitimacy, while Czech President Petr Pavel cautioned that disrupting the Taiwan Strait

status quo could threaten global security.

Separately, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned China's September 30 position paper on Resolution 2758, characterising it as misleading the global community and creating a false legal basis for potential military action.



### FM Lin addresses Warsaw Security Forum

Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung delivered a speech at the 12th Warsaw Security Forum, September 29, becoming Taiwan's first foreign minister to address the event at the invitation of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation.

Minister Lin emphasised that global democratic supply chains have been redefined by the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the convergence of authoritarian regimes. He stressed the importance of like-minded countries uniting to restructure supply chains, describ-

ing Taiwan as the backbone of the global tech ecosystem and a pivotal force driving technological advancement in the artificial intelligence age.

Lin urged partners to jointly establish non-red supply chains to ensure industrial survival and democratic continuity. He further outlined Taiwan's Five Trusted Industry Sectors initiative to expand European co-operation and highlighted the Taiwan Culture Year in Europe programme, aiming to forge a golden triangle of culture, technology and democracy.

### Ambassador Shieh: "Taiwan is the Answer"

Ambassador Shieh Jhy-wey declared "Taiwan is not a question. Taiwan is the answer" as he hosted the ROC (Taiwan)'s 114th National Day Reception in Belgium, September 30.

Over 300 guests attended the celebration, including political leaders from the EU and Belgium, Members of the European Parliament, and Federal Senators and Representatives. MEP Michael Gahler and Belgian Representative Els Van Hoof also delivered remarks expressing support for Taiwan.

The event featured a performance by Taiwanese circus artist Chang Shu-huan and a Taiwan Night Market Food Street, allowing guests to enjoy authentic Taiwanese flavours.



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