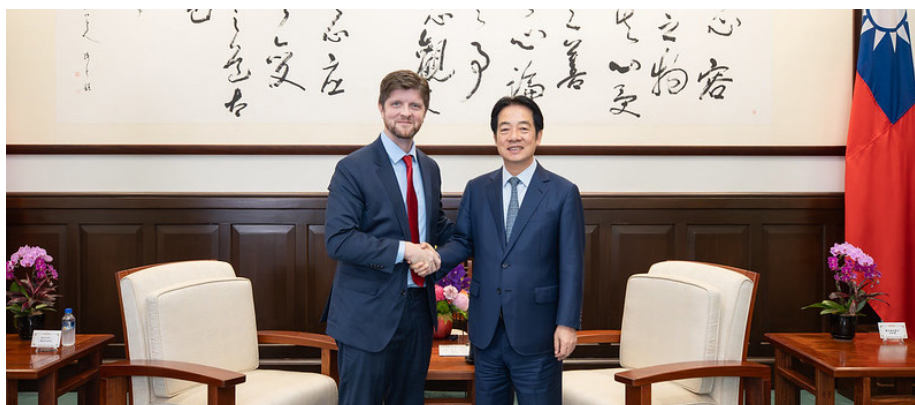


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President Lai gives interview to US radio programme

President Lai Ching-te reaffirmed Taiwan's determination to ensure national security while working with democratic countries to maintain regional peace during an interview with "The Clay Travis and Buck Sexton Show," broadcast October 7.

President Lai emphasised that Taiwan and the People's Republic of China (PRC) are not subordinate to each other, and that Taiwan is not a part of the PRC. He further outlined his Four Pillars of Peace action plan, which includes raising defence spending to 3.32% of GDP by next year, enhancing economic resilience, deepening cooperation with dem-



ocratic partners, and pursuing dialogue with China based on parity and dignity. The President also expressed anticipation of continued support from Pres-

ident Donald Trump, warning that if Beijing annexed Taiwan, it would impact US interests and alter the rules-based international order.

EU challenges China's interpretation of UN Resolution 2758

The European Union stated that UN Resolution 2758 concerns switching representation and does not mention Taiwan, prompting strong objections from China, October 7. An EU spokesperson noted the resolution is only 150 words long and the word "Taiwan" does not appear, adding that it switched representation from "representatives of Chiang Kai-shek" to the People's Republic of China. The EU spokesperson also emphasised

China's special responsibility as a UN Security Council permanent member in upholding the rules-based international order, including the prohibition of the use of force and maintenance of international peace.

The US State Department similarly stated last week that China is intentionally mischaracterising the resolution as part of broader coercive attempts to isolate Taiwan from the international community.

MOFA launches "Resilient Taiwan" National Day film

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched a short film, October 2, spotlighting Taiwan's accomplishments ahead of Double Ten National Day. The four-minute film titled "Resilient Taiwan" showcases progress in sport, technology, sustainable development, cultural diversity and national defence. In this vein, it features iconic landmarks, national sports victories, Taiwan's role in the global high-tech supply chain, and green energy advances.

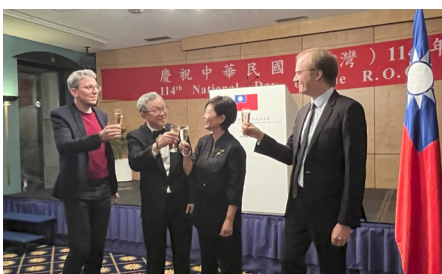
The film further highlights military capabilities including the indigenous submarine Hai Kun and Han Kuang exercises. Available on MOFA's social media platforms, it is subtitled in 13 languages including Chinese, English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Thai.

Taiwan celebrates National Day in Luxembourg

Ambassador Shieh Jhy-wei hosted Taiwan's 114th National Day reception in Luxembourg City, October 2, welcoming over 140 guests from politics, academia, business and industry. During his speech, Ambassador Shieh delivered remarks in Mandarin, English, French, German and Luxembourgish. The Ambassador drew on his experience as a soccer player in his remarks, emphasising the importance of teamwork and Taiwan's determination to advance hand in hand with European partners. Also speaking at the event, Luxembourg MP Sven Clement reiterated his strong support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organisations and highlighted bilateral friendship on the

eve of the new Grand Duke's accession. Meanwhile, Yves Berna, President of the Luxembourg-ROC Taiwan Association, fondly recalled his first visit to Taiwan and welcomed increasing youth exchanges between the two countries.

Guests enjoyed Taiwanese dishes with a Luxembourgish twist, including charcoal-grilled tofu, Taiwanese buns and roast suckling pig.



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