

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

VP Hsiao delivers speech at IPAC annual conference in the European Parliament

Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim delivered a speech at the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China's annual summit, November 7, becoming the first Taiwanese vice president to address the European Parliament.

Accompanied by Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung, Vice President Hsiao gave a speech titled "Taiwan: A Trusted Partner in a Volatile World," highlighting Taiwan's importance as a thriving democracy, critical global economic player, and responsible international partner. She further emphasised that the integrity of both the international system and global prosperity depend on a strong and free Taiwan.

The Vice President also expressed grat-



itude to IPAC for its long-standing support while calling for deepened trade and technological cooperation, enhanced whole-of-society resilience collaboration, and greater support for Taiwan's in-

ternational participation. She received a standing ovation from over 50 European Parliament lawmakers and international legislators, along with approximately 100 civic sector and media representatives.

MOFA thanks G7 foreign ministers for their support of cross-strait peace

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed the joint statement issued by the Group of Seven foreign ministers reaffirming the importance of cross-strait peace and stability following their meeting, November 12, in Niagara, Canada. The ministers encouraged peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues through dialogue, opposed unilateral status quo changes through force, and supported Taiwan's meaningful international participation. Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung noted this marks the fourth time this year that G7 foreign ministers have reiterated such sentiments.

Separately, five allies backed Taiwan's par-

ticipation in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change during COP30 in Brazil, November 6-7. Palauan President Surangel Whipps Jr. said climate solutions require Taiwan's participation and technology, while Eswatini's Prime Minister Russell Dlamini stressed leaving no one behind. Similarly, Marshall Islands Foreign Minister Kalani Kaneko emphasised Taiwan's right to speak at COP meetings.



Taiwan Studies Day held in Brussels

The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium hosted the Taiwan Studies Day in Brussels, supported by the Ministry of Education, to strengthen academic collaboration between Taiwan and European universities. During the event, Ambassador Jhy-wey Shieh emphasised that Taiwan's experience navigating geopolitical realities whilst fostering innovation offers valuable lessons for small nations globally. Speakers from universities including Leiden University, UCLouvain, Ghent University and KU Leuven also introduced their Taiwan Studies programmes, highlighting academic cooperation and cultural exchange projects.



Taiwan-Netherlands Economic Dialogue held in The Hague

The Taiwan-Netherlands Economic Dialogue was held in The Hague, November 11, underscoring both sides' commitment to deepening the trade partnership.

Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Cynthia Kiang briefed participants on Taiwan's economic outlook and major trade policies, pledging to leverage expertise in high-tech manufacturing, R&D, and supply chain management to

help domestic businesses expand operations. She also held talks with overseas Taiwanese enterprises and visited major Dutch semiconductor companies, encouraging expanded investment in Taiwan.

The Netherlands is Taiwan's second-largest European Union trade partner and largest EU investment source. Bilateral trade volume reached approximately US\$14.7 billion (€12.6 billion) in 2024.

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