

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

North Carolina Governor Stein visits Taiwan

President Lai Ching-te received North Carolina Governor Josh Stein at the Presidential Office, October 31, welcoming the first visit by a governor from the state in 25 years.

In his remarks, the President praised North Carolina's highly skilled workforce and Research Triangle Park, noting alignment between the areas in which it concentrates and Taiwan's own strengths. He also thanked North Carolina for approving Taiwan's Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language in the state's Seal of Biliteracy framework and for five consecutive years of General Assembly resolutions supporting Taiwan's international participation.

In corresponding remarks, Governor



Stein expressed condolences for Typhoon Ragasa victims while recalling Taiwan's generous contribution after a devastating storm hit North Carolina. He further praised Taiwan's energy and spir-

it of innovation, before noting the strong economic overlap between his state and Taiwan's trusted industries, and expressing enthusiasm for growing commercial ties to bring both peoples closer together.

Taiwan's APEC representative concludes successful mission

Lin Hsin-i, senior adviser to President Lai Ching-te and Taiwan's Capital chairman, successfully completed his mission as Taiwan's representative at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, which concluded November 1.

At an international press conference, Lin outlined achieving three objectives, namely, highlighting Taiwan's economic resilience efforts, sharing pioneering industry experience, and promoting people-centred artificial intelligence development. He also showcased Taiwan's semiconductor supply chain expertise and AI applications in healthcare and meteorology, including early dementia detection and improved

typhoon prediction accuracy. Representative Lin held bilateral meetings with US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to discuss technological cooperation and supply chain security, and met with Japanese Prime Minister Takaichi Sanae. He also took the opportunity to emphasise complementary roles between Taiwan and South Korea in semiconductor and high-tech industries, noting mutual benefits from enhanced cooperation.



Foreign and sports ministries promote sports diplomacy

Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung and Sports Minister Lee Yang held a meeting, November 5, highlighting the government's commitment to strengthening cooperation mechanisms for international sporting events and promoting equality in sports.

The ministers discussed several cooperative initiatives, including an athlete cultivation project for Pacific allies through sending coaches and training programmes. They also considered supporting Taiwan-

ese athletes and raising Taiwan's profile for the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya and 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Both ministries will send a delegation to participate in the International Working Group on Women and Sport summit in Birmingham, July 2026. Foreign Minister Lin emphasised the concept that everyone is a diplomat, pledging that MOFA and its overseas offices will continue supporting athletes to form a "Team of Teams" advancing the country's sports diplomacy.

Taiwan places 10th in global digital competitiveness ranking

Taiwan ranked 10th amongst 69 economies in the World Digital Competitiveness Ranking, released November 4 by the Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development, the Ministry of Digital Affairs said.

Taiwan excelled in future readiness, rising three places to third globally, and placed first worldwide in IT and media stock market capitalisation. The country ranked second in R&D expenditure and personnel per capita, and second in company agility. The ministry stated results highlight successful digital infrastructure policies and Taiwan's information communication technology sector strength.



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