



British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group

Minutes from Taiwan APPG meeting on Tuesday 7th July 2015, 6pm

Present

Andrew Gwynne MP
Lord Truscott
Ben Howlett MP
Lord Steel
Lord Rogan
Nigel Evans MP
Sheryll Murray MP
Lord Alderdice
Gerald Howarth MP
Lord Northbrook
Lord Balfe
Michelle Donelan MP
Laurence Robertson MP
Lord Purvis

Apologies

Lord Kilcooney
Lord Dholakia
Jason McCartney MP
Lord Davies

Speakers

Chris Wood, FCO Representative British Office Taiwan
Gareth Ward, FCO

Both speakers addressed the group, with Mr Wood having last spoken to the group in late 2014, on the Presidential election in January 2016, with the President taking office in May.

The Speakers also covered the ongoing debate over the death penalty in Taiwan, climate change, trade and investment between the UK and Taiwan and the Taiwanese economy.

Chris Wood also covered the BIS run 'Great' campaign, which has resulted in 76% of all Taiwanese investment in the EU last year being in the UK.

Additional comments

Gareth Ward – Policy framework in place is helping UK-Taiwanese relations.
Nigel Evans – Those on July delegation looking forward to visiting Taiwan.
Andrew Gwynne – Assess how the political situation in Taiwan plays out in the wider region.
Lord Steel – Asked Chris Wood for an update on the prisoner exchange agreement.
Lord Truscott – Asked Chris Wood if American influence in the region is declining.

Meeting ended 6.52pm

Future dates

On Wednesday 15 July, the APPG and the Taiwan office in London will be holding a reception for parliamentarians in the IPU Room from 5pm to 7pm.



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On Monday 20 July there will be a briefing for those on the July delegation at 10 am in Room Q Portcullis House.

Future Delegations to Taiwan

19th September to 26th September 2015 (led by Lord Faulkner)