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TRO builds upon Wales links in Wrexham



From left to right: Ian Lucas, Ken Skates and Shyang-Yun Cheng

On 16th-17th June the TRO's Interim Ambassador, Shyang-Yun Cheng visited Wrexham in northern Wales to consolidate ties with the region. Invited by Ian Lucas, MP for Wrexham, the TRO delegation conducted meetings with a wide range of figures from local government and local businesses.

During the two day visit, TRO staff met with the Vice-Chancellor of Glyndwr University to discuss educational collaboration between the UK and Taiwan, while also holding talks with major businesses located in the region, including Airbus at Broughton, as well as health-food and cable manufacturing companies.

The delegation proceeded to brief

representatives from the devolved Welsh government, local government and business leaders on what Taiwan has to offer, drawing upon its economic development, trade and investment opportunities and providing an overview of UK-Taiwan bilateral relations. Businesses were also invited to attend a trade exhibition in Taiwan.

The visit marked the continuity of the TRO's Regional Outreach Programme established by former Ambassador Chih-kung Liu, who retired in early June. With both Glyndwr University and Airbus expressing particular interest in further co-operation, the visit constitutes a significant stride forward in Taiwan's links with Wales.

Interim Ambassador attends IPM workshop

On 6th June the TRO's Interim Ambassador, Shyang-Yun Cheng attended the International Partnership and Mobility (IPM) workshop held by the University of Exeter and the National Taiwan University.

The workshop, which was held at the British Academy and chaired by the Hon. Justice Blair, the Lord Chief Justice of the Commercial Court was assigned the theme of 'Creating a Legal and Regulatory Framework for Interconnections between Stock Exchanges: A Comparative Study of the UK and Taiwan.'

Mr Cheng, who was invited by Dr Joseph Lee of the University of Exeter Law School, delivered a speech on Taiwan's Financial Strategies in the UK and the EU, in which he discussed Taiwan's capital markets and their international links, emphasising the importance of financial integration and inter-connection between stock exchanges.

Mr Cheng finished by stating his confidence that financial integration will continue and Taiwan will increase its involvement in global engagement.



Taiwan sees mixed results in 2016 Times Asia University Rankings

Ten Taiwanese Universities have made it into the Times' list of the top 100 Asian Universities, which was released on Monday by The Times' Higher Education magazine. While the figure marks a small decline from 2015's figure of 11, the country's highest-ranked National Taiwan University (NTU) climbed to 15th spot, having finished 17th in 2015.

The National University of Singapore took the No. 1 spot from the University of Tokyo, which fell to seventh place this year. China, excluding Hong Kong and Macau, leads all other countries with 22 institutions in the top 100 list.

Phil Baty, the Times magazine's editor of university rankings, said that Universities in Taiwan need to work on a global level and come up with researches that have greater influence.

Aside from NTU, Taiwan's institutions ranked among the best 100 universities in Asia include National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (28th), National Chiao Tung University (31st), National Tsing Hua University (35th), National Cheng Kung University (41st), Taichung-based China Medical University (joint 46th), National Taiwan Normal University (joint 68th), National Yang-Ming University (joint 70th), National Sun Yat-Sen University (joint 73rd) and National Central University (joint 94th).

The performance of the universities was measured using 13 indicators in five main categories -- teaching, research, citations, international outlook and industry income, which refers to a university's ability to reinforce industry with innovation, according to the magazine's website.

EVA Air earns 5-star Skytrax rating



Taiwan's EVA Airways Corp. earned a five-star rating for the first time in its history by air travel research group Skytrax, according to the Taoyuan City-based carrier June 15.

Skytrax CEO Edward Plaisted said the recognition makes EVA the UK headquartered organization's eighth five-star international airline, joining All Nippon Airways Co. Ltd., Asiana Airlines Inc., Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., Hainan Airlines Co. Ltd. Garuda Indonesia, Singapore Airlines and Qatar Airways.

According to Skytrax, EVA was rated a four-star airline for eight consecutive years, and garnered its five-star status after outperforming in many of the 800-plus assessment areas such as airline lounges, airport services, cabin staff, in-flight entertainment, on-board catering and seat comfort. The organization's latest annual assessment involved more than 180 carriers worldwide.

Established in 1989 as Taiwan's first privately owned carrier, EVA is a regular winner of aviation industry and travel surveys. It ranked third in the 2016 global airline safety report by Germany-based aviation safety information provider Jet Airliner Crash Data Evaluation Centre, and has been named one of the world's top 10 safest airlines eight times since 2004 by Germany-headquartered airline industry magazine Aero International.

EVA and China Airlines are two Taiwan carriers operating international routes. There are four others offering domestic and cross-strait services. EVA is part of Taipei-based Evergreen Group, owner of the leading international shipping firm Evergreen Marine Corp. Its fleet of nearly 70 Airbus and Boeing jets flies to more than 60 destinations throughout Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania.



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