

TAIPEI REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UK

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MESSAGE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE

November has seen a number of promising developments for the Taipei Representative Office in the UK. I have enjoyed meeting and building partnerships with other members of the international community here in London.

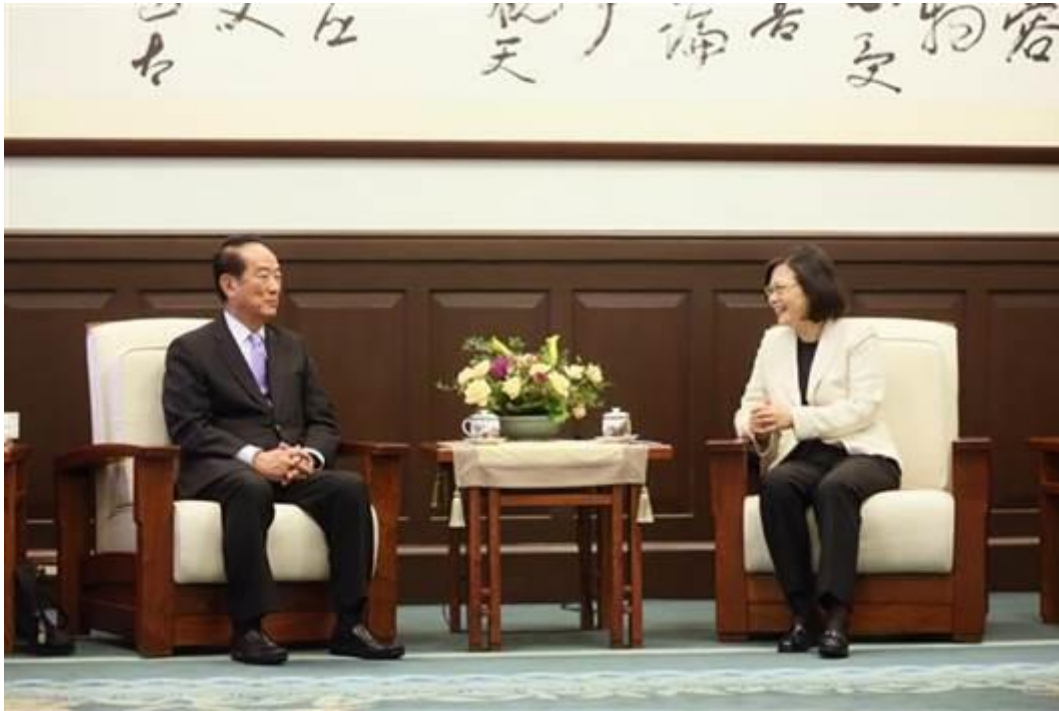
I was especially pleased to attend this year's World Travel Market London, during which I had the opportunity to promote Taiwan as a tourist destination at the world's leading event for the travel industry.

This month I shall also have the pleasure of welcoming four delegations from Taiwan; including members of the Mainland Affairs Council and the National Policy Foundation, as well as two science and technology teams. I also look forward to seeing the debut performance of Taiwan's outstanding dance company, Cloud Gate 2, here in London, which will no doubt impress the audience, and introduce many to Taiwan's thriving arts and culture industry.

With the 85th General Assembly of Interpol now concluded, I must stress again that Taiwan will continue its bid for future participation in Interpol. It is hoped that political considerations will not persist in hindering the collective security interests of the international community.

Representative David Y. L. Lin

PRESIDENT TSAI MEETS TAIWAN DELEGATION TO 24TH APEC ECONOMIC LEADERS SUMMIT



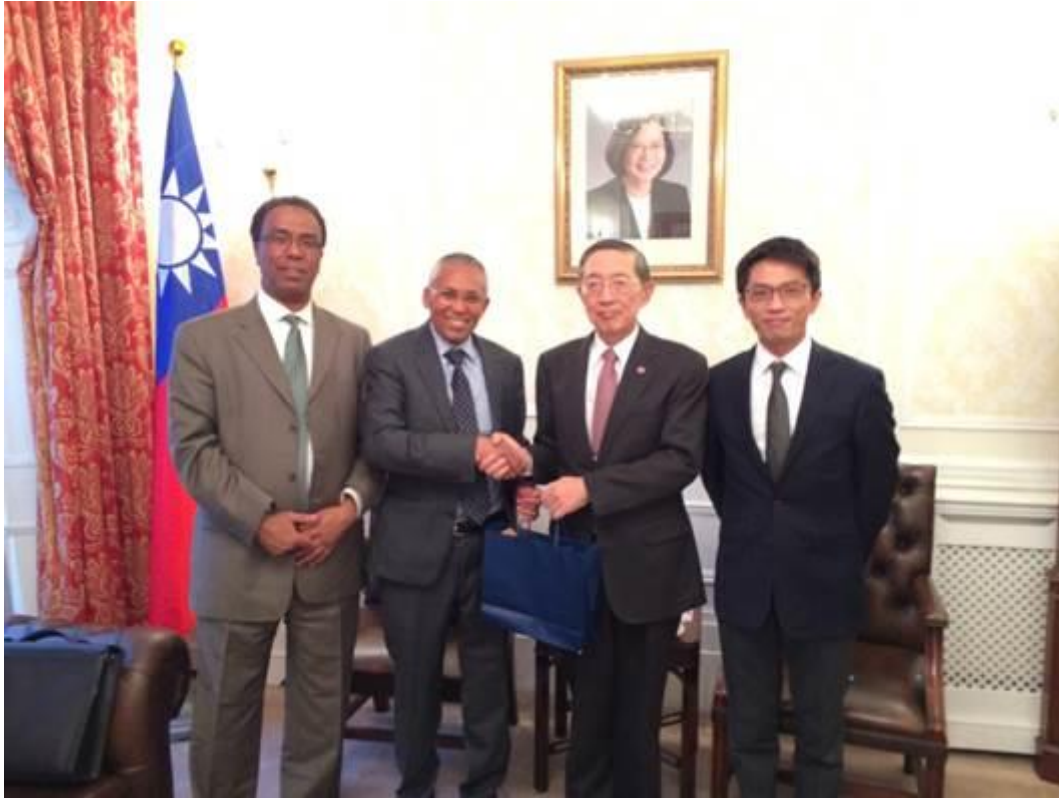
President Tsai Ing-wen has met with Taiwan's delegation to the upcoming 24th APEC Economic Leader's meeting, emphasising the importance of the summit convening in Lima from 19th-20th November.

During the meeting at the Office of the President, the president provided the delegation leader, James Soong, with three core objectives: to find business opportunities for Taiwan, to exchange views with the economic leaders on how they are dealing with recent political shifts, and to share Taiwan's experiences in economic development and transformation.

President Tsai paid credit to Soong's political experience and leadership abilities, thanking him for taking on the responsibility. The president concluded the conference wishing the delegation every success, expressing her gratitude for its contribution to Taiwan's international activities.

At a subsequent press conference in the Executive Yuan, Mr Soong, the chairman of the opposition People First Party, pledged that his delegation will work to provide Taiwan's SMEs with access to global markets, enhance trade ties with APEC members and boost Taiwan's international presence.

REPRESENTATIVE LIN DISCUSSES LINKS WITH SOMALILAND FOREIGN MINISTER



On 17th October, Representative David Lin met with the Foreign Minister of Somaliland, Dr Saad Ali Shire, during which they discussed the development of Taiwan's links with the Republic of Somaliland.

At present a number of cooperative projects exist between the two sides, with Taiwan having recently donated 50 computers to 5 Somaliland universities to foster the promotion of high-tech skills in Somaliland's education sector. Taiwan has also provided a scholarship for Somali students wishing to study in Taiwan, as well as a medical training programme to train Somalian doctors and nurses.

Dr Saad Ali Shire thanked Taiwan for its enduring support and friendship, while Representative Lin affirmed Taiwan's willingness to continue working with Somaliland to develop the range of cooperative projects between the two sides.

TAIWAN CALLS ON INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR INTERPOL PARTICIPATION



The Commissioner of Taiwan's Criminal Investigation Bureau, Liu Po-liang, has called for heightened international support for Taiwan's participation in Interpol, citing the country's willingness to participate in global police endeavours to fight crime.

Commissioner Liu stressed that growing internationalisation underlines the urgent need for Taiwan's involvement in the fight against transnational crime, especially in light of the country's status as a major transportation hub and an important economic and trade centre in the Asia-Pacific region.

As Taiwan was forced to withdraw from the organisation in 1984 due to political factors, Liu insisted that Taiwan's absence from Interpol significantly affects global security. He reiterated that Taiwan's exclusion constitutes a potentially dangerous loophole in the global security and counter-terrorism network which might attract international crime.

While Taiwan requires Interpol assistance, Interpol also requires Taiwan's participation to ensure a comprehensive global security network. Stating that politics should not override public security, Commissioner Liu affirmed that Taiwan is ready and willing to participate in global police endeavours to fight crime, and urged the international community to speak up and support Taiwan's participation in Interpol.

TAIWAN ESTABLISHES TASK FORCE TO COMBAT ILLEGAL FISHING



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For the purpose of addressing the international fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, Taiwan has established a cabinet-level 'Combating IUU Task Force', which will complement global efforts to prevent IUU fishing and prohibit IUU fish or fisheries products from entering into market.

Minister without Portfolio Jing-sen Chang has been appointed as the chairperson of the task force, whose members include deputy ministers of the Council of Agriculture (COA), foreign affairs, transportation and communications, finance, justice, economic affairs, and health and welfare, as well as the deputy director-general of the Coast Guard Administration.

The task force will be in charge of integrating and coordinating IUU prevention strategies, consulting and deliberating critical issues, as well as implementing relevant measures with the international community. Additionally, a subordinate Cross-Ministerial Working Group will be set up to assist the task force in adjusting relevant domestic regulations and coordinating relevant issues.

The COA believes that through responsible fisheries, a string of sophisticated management measures against IUU fishing can be established. This will help in the global efforts to maintain sustainability of marine resources.

REPRESENTATIVE LIN PROMOTES TAIWAN AT WORLD TRAVEL MARKET



On 8th November, Representative David Lin attended World Travel Market London, the leading global event for the travel industry.

Attended by more than 50,000 senior travel industry professionals, the event featured a 'Taiwan Pavilion', in which visitors were able to try a range of famous Taiwanese foods and witness a performance from a Taiwanese performing arts group.

Accompanied by a delegation from the Taiwan Tourism Bureau, the representative attended to promote Taiwan as a tourist destination, delivering a speech in which he lauded Taiwan's mystique, its natural beauty and its hospitable culture. Representative Lin also quoted statistics ranking Taiwan among the world's best travel destinations, with a 96% satisfaction rating from overseas visitors.

During the event, the representative also met His Excellency U Ohn Maung, the Union Minister of Myanmar's Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, and discussed tourism opportunities for Taiwan and Myanmar respectively.

CLOUD GATE 2 PREPARE FOR LONDON DEBUT



(Courtesy of Cloud Gate 2)

Cloud Gate 2, the sister company of Taiwan's internationally renowned Cloud Gate Dance Theatre, will perform in the UK for the first time at London's Sadler's Wells

Theatre, on 21st November.

Recently praised by the New York Times for its talent and skill, the group will perform three dances. The first, named *'Wicked Fish'*, sees the dancers mimic a shoal of fish, as puzzle-like choreography competes with its complex score, while *'The Wall'* examines ideas of protection and segregation, highlighting the physical and mental barriers built around us. Finally, Cheng Tsung-lung's *'Beckoning'* will feature a mysterious zigzag of body language, inspired by Taiwanese street-dancing rituals in an abstract work with a playful and poetic quality.

Among the three works, Cheng's *'Beckoning'* had its US premiere last month, receiving critical acclaims, with two full-houses at New York City Centre as the closing programme for the 2016 'Fall for Dance' Festival.

The performance forms part of Sadler's Well's *'Out of Asia 2'* dance line-up featuring many of the most talented dance artists companies from across Asia.

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